Asia-express Logistics Holdings Limited 亞洲速運物流控股有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock code: 8620





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

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Mr. Chan Yu (Chief executive officer)

Non-executive Director

Mr. Choy Wing Hang, William

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Fu Lui

Mr. Chan Chi Ho

Ms. Chui Sin Heng

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Yip Chun Ming, Alex, CPA

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Mr. Chan Yu

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Chan Yu

Mr. Yip Chun Ming, Alex

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Fu Lui (Chairman)

Mr. Chan Chi Ho

Ms. Chui Sin Heng

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Chan Chi Ho (Chairman)

Mr. Fu Lui

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

		Six months ended 30 September		
	Notes	2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	
Revenue	4	175,934	184,270	
Other income	•	638	440	
Other gains and losses		484	(671)	
Employee benefits expenses		(23,056)	(23,209)	
Dispatch labour costs		(62,161)	(62,164)	
Transportation costs		(65,685)	(64,934)	
Warehousing operating costs		(13,978)	(15,840)	
Provision of impairment loss on trade receivables, net		(27)	(63)	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		(2,870)	(3,024)	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		(3,872)	(7,435)	
Other expenses		(3,164)	(3,097)	
Finance costs		(1,111)	(1,829)	
Share of results of an associate		1	(1)	
Profit before tax Income tax	5	1,133 —	2,443 —	
Profit for the period	6	1,133	2,443	
Other comprehensive income That may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations Share of other comprehensive income (expense) of an associate, net of related income tax		163 19	280 (42)	
Other comprehensive income for the period		182	238	
Total comprehensive income for the period		1,315	2,681	
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		1,133	2,443	
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		1,315	2,681	
Earning per Share (HK cents) Basic	8	0.21	0.47	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2024

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
NON CURRENT ACCETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	00.567	04.701
Property, plant and equipment 9	22,567	24,731
Interest in an associate	668	649
Right-of-use assets 9	22,749	24,616
Rental deposits 10	1,628	1,589
	47,612	51,585
CURRENT ASSETS Trade and other receivables 10	E0 710	40 407
	50,713	42,497
Rental deposits 10	38	158
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	892	1,459
Tax recoverable	173	166
Pledged bank deposits	5,001	5,000
Bank balances and cash	9,023	10,969
	05.040	60.040
	65,840	60,249
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables 11	38,786	37,288
Amount due to an associate	999	1,079
Bank borrowings 12	12,000	13,500
Lease liabilities	9,933	9,870
Tax payable	736	715
	62,454	62,452
NET CUIDDENT ASSETS//LIADII ITIES)	2 200	(0.000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	3,386	(2,203)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	50,998	49,382



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

At 30 September 2024

Notes	As at 30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Lease liabilities	10,109	9,857
Other payables 11 Deferred tax liabilities	523 2,584	2,585
	13,216	12,915
NET ASSETS	37,782	36,467
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital 13 Reserves	5,280 32,502	5,280 31,187
TOTAL EQUITY	37,782	36,467

The condensed consolidated financial statements on pages 5 to 21 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 28 November 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Chan Le Bon
Executive Director

Chan Yu *Executive Director*

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000 (Note a)	Retained losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2023 (audited)	4,800	37,304	1,876	(780)	2,448	(12,212)	33,436
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income			_ _	 238	_ _	2,443	2,443 238
Total comprehensive income for the period				238		2,443	2,681
Share placing (Note b) Issuance cost of shares placing	480	7,056 (203)	_	_ _	_ _	_	7,536 (203)
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	5,280	44,157	1,876	(542)	2,448	(9,769)	43,450
At 1 April 2024 (audited)	5,280	44,157	1,876	(625)	2,448	(16,669)	36,467
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income		_	_	— 182	_ _	1,133 —	1,133 182
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	182	_	1,133	1,315
At 30 September 2024 (unaudited)	5,280	44,157	1,876	(443)	2,448	(15,536)	37,782

Notes:

- (a) Amount represents statutory reserve of the subsidiaries of the Company established in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). According to the relevant laws in the PRC, the subsidiaries in the PRC are required to transfer at least 10% of its net profit after taxation, as determined under the relevant accounting principles and financial regulations applicable to enterprises established in the PRC, to a non-distributable reserve fund until the reserve balance reaches 50% of its registered capital. The transfer to this reserve must be made before the distribution of a dividend to owners. Such reserve fund can be used to offset the previous years' losses, if any, and is non-distributable other than upon liquidation.
- (b) On 16 May 2023, placing of new Shares under the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to an ordinary resolution of the Company passed at the Company's annual general meeting held on 22 August 2022 was completed in accordance with the terms of the placing agreement dated 28 April 2023. An aggregate of 48,000,000 placing shares have been successfully placed to not less than six independent third parties at the placing price of HK\$0.157 per placing share.



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,390	13,897	
NET CASH FROM IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	318	12,195	
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(4,853)	(21,980)	
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,145)	4,112	
CACH AND CACH FOUNTAL ENTO AT THE DECIMAING OF THE DEDICE	10.000	0.700	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	10,969	3,739	
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	199	363	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD,			
REPRESENTED BY BANK BALANCES AND CASH	9,023	8,214	

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION, GROUP REORGANISATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 2 January 2018 under the Companies Act, Cap. 22 (Act 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands and its shares (the "**Shares**") have been listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange on 20 April 2020 (the "**Listing**"). The addresses of the Company's registered office and principal place of business are disclosed in the section headed "Corporate Information" of this interim report.

The immediate holding company of the Company is 3C Holding Limited ("**3C Holding**"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and ultimately controlled by Mr. Chan Le Bon and Mr. Chan Yu.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Group are the provision of air cargo terminal operation services, transportation services and warehousing and other value-added services in Hong Kong and the PRC.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("**HK\$**"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules. The condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.



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3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs

In the current period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting year beginning on 1 April 2024. HKFRSs comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards; Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS"); and Interpretations. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies, presentation of the Group's financial statements and amounts reported for the current period and prior periods. The Group has not applied the new HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of these new HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new HKFRSs would have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents the amounts received and receivable for services provided in the normal course of business.

An analysis of the Group's revenue for respective period is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Air cargo terminal operation services — Ground handling — Ancillary delivery Transportation services Warehousing and other value-added services	50,376 14,669 46,872 64,017	44,244 11,914 52,101 76,011
Wallondaling and other value added services	175,934	184,270

The Group's operating segment is determined based on information reported to the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM"), being the management of the Group, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. For management purpose, the Group operates in one business unit based on its services and its operating segments are the provision of air-cargo terminal operation services, transportation services and warehousing and other value-added services. The CODM monitors the revenue, consolidated results, assets and liabilities of its business unit as a whole and regularly reviews financial information prepared in accordance with the accounting policies which conform with HKFRSs and consistent with those used in the preparation of this report, and without further discrete information. Accordingly, no analysis of segment information other than entity-wide information is presented.

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4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

During both periods, the Group derived its revenue from the provision of the air cargo terminal operation services, transportation services and warehousing and other value-added services to its customers and the revenue was recognised as a performance obligation satisfied over time as the customers receive and consume the benefits of the Group's performance as it occurs.

The aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) was nil as at the end of both reporting periods during the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2024.

Geographical information

The Group's operations are mainly located in Hong Kong and the PRC.

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of the operation. For revenue generated from cross-border transportation services, it is presented based on the location where the contract is negotiated and effected.

		Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	
Hong Kong The PRC	170,298 5,636	177,674 6,596	
	175,934	184,270	



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4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographical information (Continued)

Information about the Group's non-current assets (excluding rental deposits) is presented based on the geographical location of the assets:

As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Hong Kong	44,315	48,088
The PRC	1,669	1,908
	45,984	49,996

Information about major customers

Revenue from customers of corresponding periods contributing over 10% of the Group's revenue are as follows:

		hs ended tember	
	2024 2023 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 (unaudited) (unaudited)		
Customer A Customer B	74,812 46,317	64,984 67,756	

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5. INCOME TAX

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, 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%.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as there is unused tax losses to offset the assessable profit arising in or derived from Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

PRC EIT is calculated at 25% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods. Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, one of the Company's PRC subsidiaries is entitled to 10% PRC EIT for both periods as the subsidiary is qualified as small entities for a reduced tax rate.

6. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):			
Auditor's remuneration	383	325	
Directors' remuneration	840	828	
Other staff costs:			
Salaries, discretionary bonuses and other benefits	20,705	20,940	
Retirement benefits scheme contributions	1,461	1,441	
Provision for long service payments	50	_	
	23,056	23,209	
Government subsidies received	(483)	_	

7. DIVIDEND

No dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was paid, declared or proposed by the Board.



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8. EARNING PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earning per Share is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Earning: Earning for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basic earning per Share	1,133	2,443
Number of shares: Weighted average number of ordinary Shares for the purpose of basic earning per Share	528,000,000	515,934,427

No diluted earning per Share for both periods was presented as there were no potential ordinary Shares in issue.

9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group acquired approximately HK\$768,000 of motor vehicles, HK\$84,000 of leasehold improvements, HK\$22,000 of office equipment and HK\$27,000 of furniture and fixtures (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$285,000 of leasehold improvements, HK\$356,000 of machinery, HK\$13,000 of office equipment and HK\$34,000 of furniture and fixtures). During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group disposed motor vehicles with carrying value of approximately HK\$118,000 and machinery of approximately HK\$35,000 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: motor vehicles with carrying value of approximately HK\$324,000 and leasehold improvement of approximately HK\$232,000).

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group recognised right-of-use assets for the motor vehicles with carrying value of approximately HK\$4.0 million, (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$2.9 million of right-of-use assets for the motor vehicles and approximately HK\$9.1 million for the warehouses).

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10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade receivables Less: allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL")	45,711 (941)	37,956 (912)
	44,770	37,044
Rental and other deposits Other receivables and other prepayments (note) Prepayments to suppliers	3,405 3,173 1,031	3,599 2,590 1,011
Total trade and other receivables Less: non-current rental deposits Less: current rental deposits	52,379 (1,628) (38)	44,244 (1,589) (158)
·	50,713	42,497

Note: For the six months ended 30 September 2024, included in the amount was an other receivable due from a sub-contractor of approximately HK\$409,000 (for the year ended 31 March 2024: approximately HK\$559,000), of which the Group paid on behalf of such sub-contactor for a personal injury claim involved in August 2019.

The Group generally allows a credit period ranging from 30 to 60 days to its customers. For certain customers, the Group requests advance payments before its rendering of express delivery services and no credit period is granted by the Group.



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10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for ECL, presented based on the invoice dates, which approximate the revenue recognition dates:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Within 30 days	39,971	25,454
31 to 60 days	3,656	10,689
61 to 90 days	663	576
More than 90 days	480	325
	44,770	37,044

Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits by customer. Credit limits attributed to customers and credit terms granted to customers are reviewed regularly. The majority of the trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired have no history of default on repayments.

The Group determines the ECL for individually significant trade debtors and collectively using a provision matrix with appropriate groupings based on shared credit risk characteristics of customers as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024 and taking into account the financial condition of the customers and historical settlement pattern with no history of default in the past, and the forward-looking information.

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11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	At 30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade payables Accruals Refundable deposits received from customers Provision for long service payments Other payables Other taxes payables	29,994 8,218 102 523 431 41	28,793 8,129 100 473 245 21
Total trade and other payables	39,309	37,761
Analysis for reporting purpose as Non-current liabilities Current liabilities	523 38,786 39,309	473 37,288 37,761

The general credit period on trade payables ranges from 15 to 60 days. Certain suppliers request upfront payment before delivery of services and no credit period has been granted to the Group.



For the six months ended 30 September 2024

11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The following is an aging analysis of trade payables, presented based on the invoice date, at the end of each reporting period:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
0–30 days	9,350	10,494
31–60 days	8,254	11,397
61-90 days	6,817	2,048
Over 90 days	5,573	4,854
	29,994	28,793

12. BANK BORROWINGS

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Secured bank loans:		
Variable interest rate	12,000	13,500
	12,000	13,500
Carrying amounts that contain a repayable on demand clause and shown		
under current liabilities and total bank borrowings	12,000	13,500

The bank loans as at 30 September 2024 carry variable interest rate of 1.8% (31 March 2024: ranged from 1.8% to 2.2%) above Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate ("**HIBOR**"). The average effective interest rate of the Group was approximately 6.24% per annum as at 30 September 2024 (31 March 2024: approximately 6.84% per annum). The bank loans as at 31 March 2024 and 30 September 2024 were secured by the pledged bank deposits and corporate guarantee provided by the Company.

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13. SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY

Details of movements of share capital of the Company are as follows:

	Number of Shares	Share capital HK\$
Ordinary Shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised:		
At 1 April 2023, 31 March 2024 and 30 September 2024	10,000,000,000	100,000,000
Issued and fully paid: At 31 March 2024 (audited) and 30 September 2024 (unaudited)	528,000,000	5,280,000
	At 30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	At 31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (audited)
Presented in the consolidated financial statements	5,280	5,280



For the six months ended 30 September 2024

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

(a) Compensation of key management personnel of the Company

During the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

		Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	
Salaries, discretionary bonuses and other benefits Retirement benefits scheme contributions	642 18	630 18	
Total	660	648	

(b) Guarantees provided by a related party

Certain leased motor vehicles of the Group are guaranteed by Mr. Chan Yu, a director of the Company.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The Group is an established air cargo ground handling services provider in Hong Kong. Our air cargo ground handling services principally cover (i) air cargo terminal operation; (ii) transportation; and (iii) warehousing and other value-added services. We utilise our full suite of services to deliver integrated solutions to global express carriers, air cargo terminal operators, freight forwarders and corporates domestically and regionally. The Group has over 20 years of experience in the air cargo ground handling services industry with our headquarter located in Hong Kong.

During the six months ended 30 September 2024 (the "**Period**" or the "**Current Period**"), the Group recorded a decrease in revenue of approximately 4.5% as compared to that for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (the "**Corresponding Period**" or the "**Last Period**"). Profit also declined by approximately 53.6%, from approximately HK\$2.4 million in the Last Period to approximately HK\$1.1 million in the Current Period.

The decline in revenue was primarily attributable to the reduced sales from one of our top five customers, which underwent a restructuring process during the Period. While this has presented a temporary challenge to the Group, the Group has taken proactive measures to diversify its customer base and strengthen its relationships with other stakeholders such as its service providers. The impact of this temporary setback was partially offset by the increased sales from another top five customer of the Group. The growth with such customer was supported by the favorable terms of a renewed contract, which provided improved pricing and contributed positively to the Group's overall revenue. Furthermore, the ongoing recovery in economic activity, especially in the logistics and e-commerce sectors, presents significant growth opportunities. However, persistent uncertainties and instabilities remain, largely driven by the escalation of geopolitical tensions and conflicts worldwide. These challenges continue to create volatility in the global economic landscape, impacting investor confidence, supply chain dynamics, and international trade flows.

Looking ahead, the Group remains cautiously optimistic about its future performance. While the restructuring of one of the Group's top five customers has temporarily impacted our sales during the Period, we are confident that our efforts to diversify and strengthen partnerships with other key stakeholders will mitigate this effect in the long run. The Group will continue to align its strategies with market trends, focusing on innovation, operational efficiency and customer satisfaction to sustain long-term growth. By deepening our market presence and enhancing our service capabilities, the Group aims to deliver sustainable value to its customers, stakeholders and shareholders.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Our Group's revenue was principally generated from (i) air cargo terminal operation services; (ii) transportation services; and (iii) warehousing and other value-added services. We provide our services to express carriers, air cargo terminal operators, freight forwarders and direct customers comprising corporates and individual customers. Our revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration or receivable and represents amounts receivable for services provided in the normal course of business. Please refer to note 4 of the condensed consolidated financial statements for the breakdown of our revenue by services segments during the Period.



Our overall revenue decreased by approximately HK\$8.3 million or 4.5% from approximately HK\$184.3 million for the Last Period to approximately HK\$175.9 million for the Current Period. Such decrease was mainly contributed by the decrease in sales from one of the Group's top five customers, which decreased by approximately HK\$21.4 million or 31.6% from approximately HK\$67.8 million in the Last Period to approximately HK\$46.3 million in the Current Period. Despite the decreased sales from one of the Group's top five customers, our sales from the provision of air cargo terminal operation services has increased by approximately HK\$8.9 million or 15.8% during the Period, which partially offset the decreased sales from our transportation services and warehousing and other value-added services.

Other income

Other income increased by approximately HK\$0.2 million or 45.0% to approximately HK\$0.6 million for the Current Period as compared to that of approximately HK\$0.4 million for the Last Period. Other income for the six months ended 30 September 2024 mainly represented the government subsidies received upon disposal of qualified commercial motor vehicles, which amounted to approximately HK\$0.5 million. Whereas, other income for the six months ended 30 September 2023 mainly represented bank interest income, which amounted to approximately HK\$0.4 million.

Other gains and losses

Other gains and losses mainly represented the exchange gain and loss and the net gain and loss on change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Our Group recorded a net gain of approximately HK\$0.5 million and a net loss of approximately HK\$0.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Employee benefits expenses

Employee benefits expenses consisted primarily of wages and salaries, retirement benefits scheme contributions and other allowances and benefits. The employee benefits expenses remained relatively stable, amounted to approximately HK\$23.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and approximately HK\$23.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023, respectively. Such slight reduction in employee benefits expenses aligns with the Group's strategic objective of enhancing its cost control measures.

Dispatch labour costs

The dispatch labour costs represented the amount paid to our dispatched work agencies for the provision of our air cargo ground handling and warehousing services. It remained relatively stable, amounted to approximately HK\$62.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023, respectively. As part of our ongoing business evaluation, the Group will continue to monitor the manpower requirements in response to changing market dynamics. This proactive approach enables us to align the workforce with evolving demands, ensuring optimal resources allocation and operational effectiveness.

Transportation costs

Transportation costs slightly increased by approximately HK\$0.8 million or 1.2% to approximately HK\$65.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 as compared to that of approximately HK\$64.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. Such increase was mainly due to the increase in service fees paid to external transportation service providers for the ancillary delivery of goods under our air cargo terminal operation services, as the business volume of such business segment has increased in the Current Period.

Warehousing operating costs

Warehousing operating costs decreased by approximately HK\$1.9 million or 11.8% to approximately HK\$14.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 as compared to that of approximately HK\$15.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. Such decrease was mainly contributed by the decreased business volume of the warehousing services segment during the Current Period.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

For the Current Period, the depreciation of property, plant and equipment amounted to approximately HK\$2.9 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$0.2 million or 5.1% as compared to that of approximately HK\$3.0 million for the Last Period. Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in the depreciation expenses of motor vehicles and leasehold improvements after the disposal of certain motor vehicles during the Period and certain leasehold improvements during the second half of the year ended 31 March 2024.

Depreciation of right-of-use assets

The depreciation of right-of-use assets represented the depreciation of right-of-use of motor vehicles, office premises, warehouses and machinery. During the Period, the depreciation of right-of-use assets decreased by approximately 47.9% or HK\$3.6 million to approximately HK\$3.9 million as compared to that of approximately HK\$7.4 million for the Last Period. Such decrease was mainly contributed by the decrease in the depreciation of right-of-use assets of office premises and warehouse due to expiry of certain lease contracts of warehouse and office premises during the second half of the year ended 31 March 2024.

Other expenses

Our other expenses mainly included utilities expenses, insurance, professional fees and other miscellaneous operating expenses. For the Current Period, other expenses amounted to approximately HK\$3.2 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$67,000 or 2.2% as compared to that of approximately HK\$3.1 million for the Last Period. Such increase was mainly due to the general inflation in various miscellaneous operating expenses.

Finance costs

Our finance costs decreased by approximately HK\$0.7 million or 39.3% to approximately HK\$1.1 million for the Current Period as compared to that of approximately HK\$1.8 million for the Last Period, which was primarily due to the decrease in interest expenses for bank borrowings as we have repaid certain bank borrowings during the Period and resulted in a lower level of bank borrowings during the Period as compared with that in the Last Period.



Income tax

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax was made as there was unused tax losses available for offsetting against the assessable profits during the Current Period and the Corresponding Period.

Profit for the period

For the six months ended 30 September 2024, our Group recorded a profit of approximately HK\$1.1 million (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$2.4 million), which represented a decrease of approximately HK\$1.3 million or 53.6% as compared to that of the Last Period. The decrease in profit for the Period was mainly due to the significant decrease in sales from one of our top five customers, as it underwent a restructuring process during the Period. Despite the decrease in revenue generated from one of our top five customers, the impact of which was partially offset by the increased sales generated from another top five customer of the Group. This growth was underpinned by the favorable terms of the renewed contract, and recovery in economic activity which provided improved pricing and contributed positively to the Group's overall revenue.

Trade receivables and trade payables turnover cycle

The turnover days for trade receivables for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was approximately 42 days (for the year ended 31 March 2024: approximately 43 days), which remained relatively stable for both periods.

The turnover days for trade payables for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was approximately 38 days (for the year ended 31 March 2024: approximately 38 days), which remained relatively stable for both periods.

Borrowings

As at 30 September 2024, the Group's bank borrowings balance amounted to approximately HK\$12.0 million (as at 31 March 2024: approximately HK\$13.5 million) with variable interest rate. The average effective interest rate of the Group was approximately 6.2% per annum as at 30 September 2024 (as at 31 March 2024: approximately 6.8% per annum). The Group's bank borrowings were denominated in HK\$.

The Group's net gearing ratio is calculated by dividing total bank borrowings and lease liabilities by total equity. As at 30 September 2024, the Group's gearing ratio was approximately 84.8% (as at 31 March 2024: approximately 93.3%). Such decrease was primarily due to the decrease in bank borrowings during the Period.

Pledge of assets

Pledged bank deposits represented deposits pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group. The pledged bank deposits will be released upon the settlement of relevant bank borrowings. Bank deposits of approximately HK\$5.0 million as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, respectively, have been pledged to secure short-term bank loans and undrawn facilities.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 30 September 2024, the Group employed 192 (as at 31 March 2024: 190) full time employees. Staff cost (excluding Directors' emoluments) amounted to approximately HK\$22.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$22.4 million) and the Directors' emoluments was approximately HK\$0.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$0.8 million) included in the employee benefits expenses. We determine the employee's remuneration based on factors such as their performance, qualification, position, duty, contributions, years of experience and local market conditions. The Company has adopted a share option scheme to recognise and acknowledge the contribution of the Directors and other employees and other eligible parties who have made valuable contribution to the Group.

The Group has also provided various training programmes to educate and remind the employees of the importance and correct practices for health and safety in the workplace.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the Period, the Group's operations and capital requirements were financed principally through a combination of cash flow generated from the operating activities and bank borrowings. The current ratio of the Group (calculated by dividing current assets by current liabilities) as at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024 were approximately 1.1 and 1.0 respectively. As at 30 September 2024, the Group had total bank balances and cash, which was mainly denominated in HK\$ and RMB of approximately HK\$9.0 million (as at 31 March 2024: approximately HK\$11.0 million). With available bank balances, cash and bank credit facilities, the Group has sufficient liquidity to satisfy its funding requirements.

EXPOSURE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATION

As the Group's revenue generating operations are mainly transacted in HK\$ and RMB, the Directors consider the impact of foreign exchange exposure to the Group is minimal. The management will consider hedging significant currency exposure should the need arise.

COMMITMENT

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not incur any significant capital commitments (as at 31 March 2024: nil).



CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The capital structure of the Company consists of equity attributable to owners of the Company which comprises issued share capital and reserves. There has been no changes in the capital structure of the Group during the Period. As at 30 September 2024, the Company had 528,000,000 Shares in issue.

The Directors will review the Group's capital structure regularly. As part of such review, the Directors will consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The Group will adjust its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, issuance of new Shares as well as the repayment of borrowings.

SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Segmental information is presented for the Group as disclosed in note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 September 2024, there was no significant contingent liabilities for the Group.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD, MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL, AND FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Group did not hold any significant investment nor did the Group carry out any material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the six months ended 30 September 2024. Save as disclosed in this interim report, the Group has no plans for other material investments or acquisitions of capital assets as at 30 September 2024.

DIVIDEND

No dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was paid, declared or proposed by the Board (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: nil).

DISCLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions 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 "**Model Code**"). The Company, having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, is not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions during the six months ended 30 September 2024. Pursuant to Rule 5.66 of the Model Code, the Directors have also requested any employee of the Company or director or employee of a subsidiary of the Company who, because of his office or employment in the Company or a subsidiary, is likely to possess inside information in relation to the securities of the Company, not to deal in the securities of the Company when he would be prohibited from dealing by the Model Code as if he was a Director.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION

As at 30 September 2024, the interests or short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO") (i) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code, were as follows:

Interests in the Company

Long positions in the ordinary Shares

Name of Director/ chief executive	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of Shares held (Note i)	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Chan Le Bon	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note ii)	330,120,000	62.5%
Mr. Choy Wing Hang, William ("Mr. William Choy")	Interest in a controlled corporation (Note iii)	29,880,000	5.7%



Notes:

- (i) All interests in the Shares are in long position.
- (ii) The Shares are owned by 3C Holding Limited. The entire issued share capital of 3C Holding Limited is owned as to 95% by Mr. Chan Le Bon and as to 5% by Mr. Chan Yu, respectively. Mr. Chan Le Bon is deemed to be interested in such number of Shares held by 3C Holding Limited.
- (iii) Diligent City Limited owns approximately 5.7% of the entire issued share capital of the Company. Mr. William Choy is deemed to be interested in such number of Shares held by Diligent City Limited as Mr. William Choy owns 100% of Diligent City Limited.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 September 2024, so far as the Directors are aware, the following persons (other than the Director and the chief executive of the Company) had or deemed or taken to have an interest and/or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were required to be recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions in the ordinary Shares

Name of shareholder	Capacity/Nature of interest	Number of Shares held (Note i)	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital
3C Holding Limited	Beneficial owner	330,120,000	62.5%
Diligent City Limited	Beneficial owner	29,880,000	5.7%
Ms. Leung Song	Interest of spouse (Note ii)	29,880,000	5.7%

Notes:

- (i) All interests in the Shares are in long position.
- (ii) Ms. Leung Song is the spouse of Mr. William Choy. Ms. Leung Song is deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. William Choy is deemed to be interested in under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2024, the Company has not been notified of any other persons (other than the Director or the chief executive of the Company) or entities who had or deemed or taken to have an interest or a short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme") was conditionally adopted by the written resolutions of the shareholders of the Company passed on 27 March 2020. Under the Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may, at their absolute discretion, at any time within a period of ten years commencing from the effective date offer to grant to any eligible persons, including director, employee, non-executive director, supplier, customer, person or entity providing research, development or other technological support, shareholder, adviser or consultant to the area of business or business development, and any other group or classes of participants who have contributed or may contribute by way of joint venture, business alliance or other business arrangement to the development and growth of the Group, options to subscribe for shares. The total number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme is not permitted to exceed 30% of the Shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. The number of Shares issued and to be issued in respect of which options granted and may be granted to any individual in any one year is not permitted to exceed 1% of the Shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders.

For the six months ended 30 September 2024, no share option has been granted, exercised, expired or lapsed and there is no outstanding option under the Scheme.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities (including the sale of treasury shares (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) (if any)) during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

No transaction, arrangement or contract of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries or its parent company was a party and in which a Director of the Company or an entity connected with any of them had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the period or at any time during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE WITH CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

For the six months ended 30 September 2024, there had been no contract of significance between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and a controlling Shareholder of the Company (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) or any of its subsidiaries, nor any contract of significance for the provision of services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries by a controlling Shareholder or any of its subsidiaries.



COMPETING INTERESTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Directors were not aware of any business or interest of the Directors, the controlling Shareholders, and their respective close associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflict of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group.

A deed of non-competition (the "**Deed of Non-competition**") dated 23 March 2020 was executed in favour of the Company (for itself and as trustee for each of its subsidiaries) by 3C Holding Limited, Mr. Chan Le Bon and Mr. Chan Yu (collectively the "**Controlling Shareholders**") regarding certain non-competition undertakings. Details of the Deed of Non-competition have been disclosed in the prospectus of the Company dated 31 March 2020 under the section headed "Relationship with Controlling Shareholders". The Controlling Shareholders have confirmed to the Company that during the Period and up to the date of this interim report, the Controlling Shareholders and their respective close associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) have complied with the undertakings contained in the Deed of Non-competition.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Directors consider that incorporating the core elements of good corporate governance in the management structure and internal control procedures of the Group would help to balance the interests of the Shareholders, customers and employees of the Company. The Board has adopted the principles and the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules to ensure that the Group's business activities and decision making processes are regulated in a proper and prudent manner in accordance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The Board has established an audit committee (the "Audit Committee"), a nomination committee and a remuneration committee with specific written terms of reference. During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules.

The Board believes that the balance of power and authority is adequately ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high-caliber individuals, with three of them being independent non-executive Directors.

CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INFORMATION

There were no changes in the Directors' information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 17.50(2)(a) to (e) and (g) of the GEM Listing Rules from the date of the last annual report to the date of this interim report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established the Audit Committee on 23 March 2020, with written terms of reference aligned with the provision of the code provisions set out in Appendix C1 of the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process, risk management and internal control procedures of the Group. As at the date of this interim report, the Audit Committee comprises Mr. Fu Lui (chairman), Mr. Chan Chi Ho and Ms. Chui Sin Heng, all of whom are independent non-executive Directors. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and this interim report of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2024. The Audit Committee is of the view that the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 complied with the applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosure has been made.

EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Board is not aware of any significant event requiring disclosure that has been taken place after 30 September 2024 and up to the date of this interim report.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim report is published on the Company's website (http://www.asia-expresslogs.com) and the website (www.hkexnews.hk) of the Stock Exchange.

The 2024/2025 interim report of the Company containing all the information required by the GEM Listing Rules will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company pursuant to Rule 18.03 of the GEM Listing Rules.

On behalf of the Board

Mr. Chan Le Bon

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 November 2024