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Crocodile Garments Limited Interim Report | 鱷魚恤有限公司中期報告



CORPORATE INFORMATION

Place of Incorporation Hong Kong

Board of Directors Executive Directors Lam Kin Ming (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) Lam Kin Ngok, Peter Lam Kin Hong, Matthew Wan Edward Yee Hwa

Non-executive Director Lam Suk Ying, Diana

Independent Non-executive Directors

Chow Bing Chiu Leung Shu Yin, William Yeung Sui Sang

Audit Committee Leung Shu Yin, William (Chairman) Chow Bing Chiu Yeung Sui Sang

Remuneration Committee Leung Shu Yin, William (*Chairman*) Chow Bing Chiu Yeung Sui Sang Wan Edward Yee Hwa

Authorised Representatives Lam Kin Ming Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa

Company Secretary Ko Ming Kin

Listing Information *Place of Listing* The Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

Stock Code

Board Lot 1,000 shares

Share Registrar and Transfer Office

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Registered PIE Auditor SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited Certified Public Accountants

Solicitors

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Principal Bankers

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The board of directors ("**Board**" and "**Directors**", respectively) of Crocodile Garments Limited ("**Company**") presents the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries ("**Group**") for the six months ended 31 January 2020 together with the comparative figures of the last corresponding period as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

		Six months ended	31 January
		2020	2019
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Notes	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Revenue	3	91,959	123,886
Cost of sales		(29,120)	(40,879)
Gross profit		62,839	83,007
Fair value (losses) gains on investment properties	12	(129,721)	51,262
Other income	4	2,583	2,582
Selling and distribution expenses		(65,224)	(65,393)
Administrative expenses		(29,071)	(29,214)
Other (losses) gains, net	5	(5,661)	4,321
Finance costs	6	(11,598)	(8,471)
Share of (loss) profit from an associate		(1,230)	3,202
(Loss) profit hofore tor	7	(177.002)	41.200
(Loss) profit before tax Income tax credit	7 8	(177,083) 406	41,296 314
(Loss) profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company Other comprehensive (expense) income		(176,677)	41,610
Item that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss: Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		(664)	2,234
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		(177,341)	43,844
	10	HK Cents	HK Cents
(Loss) earnings per share – Basic	10	(18.65)	4.39
– Diluted		N/A	N/A

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position *As at 31 January 2020*

As at 51 January 2020		31 January 2020 (Unaudited)	31 July 2019 (Audited)
	Notes	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment	11	113,078	114,482
Prepayment for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment Investment properties Right-of-use assets	12	1,759,419	2,490 1,889,349
Land lease prepayments Financial asset at fair value through profit		67,096	11,600
or loss ("FVTPL") Amount due from an associate Interest in an associate Rental and utility deposits		28,481 9,104 52,420 12,320	32,013 8,878 53,650 13,833
		2,041,918	2,126,295
Current assets Inventories Trade and other receivables, deposits and		55,576	48,437
Prepayments Financial assets at FVTPL Pledged bank deposits Bank balances and cash	13	27,937 157,679 36,900 85,323	28,353 163,826 37,559 105,570
Asset classified as held-for-sale		363,415	383,745 56,150
		363,415	439,895
Current liabilities Bank borrowings Margin loans payable Trade and other payables and deposits received Amounts due to related companies Lease liabilities Tax payable	14 15 19(b)	558,895 34,587 52,348 268 41,628 19,554	581,083 23,206 72,472 269 - 19,738
; ; ;		707,280	696,768
Liabilities associated with asset classified as held-for-sale		-	20,615
		707,280	717,383
Net current liabilities		(343,865)	(277,488)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,698,053	1,848,807
Non-current liabilities Bank borrowings Deposits received Provision for long service payments Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities	14	10,159 2,107 42,479 1,884	15,329 10,157 2,266
		56,629	30,042
Net assets		1,641,424	1,818,765
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	16	332,323 1,309,101	332,323 1,486,442
Total equity		1,641,424	1,818,765

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	Attributable to owners of the Company					
	Share capital HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Asset revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 31 July 2019 (Audited) and 1 August 2019	332,323	16,377	109,689	1,357,990	2,386	1,818,765
Loss for the period Other comprehensive expense: Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign	_	_	-	(176,677)	_	(176,677)
operations	_	(664)	_		_	(664)
Total comprehensive expense for the period		(664)		(176,677)		(177,341)
Transfer upon lapse of	_	_	_	1,401	(1,401)	
At 31 January 2020 (Unaudited)	332,323	15,713	109,689	1,182,714	985	1,641,424
At 31 July 2018 (Audited) and 1 August 2018	332,323	18,335	109,689	1,336,858	2,386	1,799,591
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income: Exchange differences arising	_	_	-	41,610	_	41,610
on translation of foreign operations	_	2,234	_	_	_	2,234
Total comprehensive income for the period		2,234	_	41,610	_	43,844
Dividend paid to owners of the Company	_		_	(9,475)	_	(9,475)
At 31 January 2019 (Unaudited)	332,323	20,569	109,689	1,368,993	2,386	1,833,960

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	Six months ended 31 January		
	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Operating activities Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(9,100)	92,780	
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Investing activities			
Interest received	493	566	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,786) 659	(3,000)	
Withdrawal (placement) of pledged bank deposits Net proceeds from disposal of asset classified as held-for-sale	35,997	(8,364)	
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	34,363	(10,798)	
Einanging activities			
Financing activities New bank loans raised	8,000	36,500	
Repayments to a related company	-	(1,993)	
Repayments of bank loans	(45,901)	(131,101)	
Increase in trust receipt loans	384	263	
Dividend paid	-	(9,475)	
Repayment of lease liabilities	(19,297)	-	
Advance from margin loans	11,381	17,286	
Net cash used in financing activities	(45,433)	(88,520)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(20,170)	(6,538)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	105,570	104,031	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(77)	794	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period			
represented by bank balances and cash	85,323	98,287	
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents Cash and bank balances	85,323	94,173	
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than 3 months when acquired	_	4,114	
	85,323	98,287	

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

(1) **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 January 2020 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 ("**HKICPA**"). In addition, the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements also comply with the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) ("**Companies Ordinance**") and the disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Listing Rules**").

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the investment properties and financial instruments which have been measured at fair values.

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") except otherwise indicated.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Company, the Directors have given careful consideration to the future liquidity of the Group in light of the fact that the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately HK\$343,865,000 as at 31 January 2020.

In the opinion of the Directors, the Group will be able to continue as a going concern at least in the coming twelve months taking into consideration that the Group is able to renew banking facilities from various banks in full upon their maturity for the operation requirements of the Group based on the fair value of the related investment properties being pledged as security for the banking facilities, the past history of renewal and the good relationships of the Group with the banks.

Based on the aforesaid factors, the Directors are satisfied that the Group will have sufficient financial resources to meet in full its financial obligations as and when they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 July 2019 that is included in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Companies Ordinance.

The Company's independent auditor has reported on those financial statements. The independent auditor's report was unqualified; included a reference to material uncertainty related to going concern to which the independent auditor drew attention by way of emphasis of matter without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Companies Ordinance.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited by the Company's independent auditor but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

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(2) PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 January 2020 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2019.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**") issued by the HKICPA that are relevant for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements.

HKFRS 16	Leases
HK(IFRIC) – Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to HKAS 19	Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to HKAS 28	Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015 – 2017 Cycle

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current 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 and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 Leases ("**HKFRS 16**") for the first time in the current interim period. HKFRS 16 superseded HKAS 17 Leases ("**HKAS 17**"), and the related interpretations.

Key changes in accounting policies resulting from application of HKFRS 16

The Group applied the following accounting policies in accordance with the transition provisions of HKFRS 16.

Definition of a lease

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

For contracts entered into or modified on or after the date of initial application, the Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception or modification date. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

As a lessee

Short-term leases

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to leases those have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain an extension and termination option. Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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(2) **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Key changes in accounting policies resulting from application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessee (continued)

Right-of-use assets

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Except for short-term leases, the Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e. the date the underlying asset is available for use). Except for those that are classified as investment properties and measured under fair value model, right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The cost of right-of-use asset includes:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs incurred by the Group; and
- an estimate of costs to be incurred by the Group in dismantling and removing the underlying assets, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

Right-of-use assets in which the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term is depreciated from commencement date to the end of the useful life. Otherwise, right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property as a separate line item on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position. The right-of-use assets that meet the definition of investment property are presented within "investment properties".

Leasehold land and building

For payments of a property interest which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire property is presented as property, plant and equipment of the Group when the payments cannot be allocated reliably between the leasehold land and building elements, except for those that are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("**HKFRS 9**") and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

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(2) **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Key changes in accounting policies resulting from application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessee (continued)

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of a lease, the Group recognises and measures the lease liability at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at that date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable.

The lease payments include:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group; and
- payments of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate.

After the commencement date, lease liabilities are adjusted by interest accretion and lease payments.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use assets) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment; or
- the lease payments change due to changes in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate.

Lease modifications

The Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the leases increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

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(2) PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Key changes in accounting policies resulting from application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessee (continued)

Taxation

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 Income Taxes requirements to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. Temporary differences relating to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are not recognised at initial recognition and over the lease terms due to application of the initial recognition exemption.

As a lessor

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Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

Effective on 1 August 2019, the Group applies HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("**HKFRS 15**") to allocate consideration in a contract to lease and non-lease components. Non-lease components are separated from lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices.

Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits received are accounted under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments from lessees.

Lease modification

The Group accounts for a modification to an operating lease as a new lease from the effective date of the modification, considering any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the original lease as part of the lease payments for the new lease.

Transition and summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16

Definition of a lease

The Group has elected the practical expedient to apply HKFRS 16 to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC) – Int 4 Determining Whether an Arrangement contains a Lease and not apply this standard to contracts that were not previously identified as containing a lease. Therefore, the Group has not reassessed contracts which already existed prior to the date of initial application.

For contracts entered into or modified on or after 1 August 2019, the Group applies the definition of a lease in accordance with the requirements set out in HKFRS 16 in assessing whether a contract contains a lease.

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(2) **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Transition and summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessee

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 retrospectively with the cumulative effect recognised at the date of initial application, 1 August 2019. Any difference at the date of initial application is recognised in the opening retained profits and comparative information has not been restated.

When applying the modified retrospective approach under HKFRS 16 at transition, the Group applied the following practical expedients to leases previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17, on lease-by-lease basis, to the extent relevant to the respective lease contracts:

- i. relied on the assessment of whether leases are onerous by applying HKAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets as an alternative of impairment review;
- ii. elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases with lease term ends within 12 months of the date of initial application;
- iii. excluded initial direct costs from measuring the right-of-use assets at the date of initial application; and
- iv. used hindsight based on facts and circumstances as at date of initial application in determining the lease term for the Group's leases with extension and termination options.

On transition, the Group has made the following adjustments upon application of HKFRS 16:

As at 1 August 2019, the Group recognised additional lease liabilities and right-of-use assets at amounts equal to the related lease liabilities by applying HKFRS 16.C8(b)(ii) transition.

When recognising the lease liabilities for leases previously classified as operating leases, the Group has applied incremental borrowing rates of the relevant group entities at the date of initial application. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied is 3.5%.

	At 1 August 2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31 July 2019	120,445
Lease liabilities discounted at relevant incremental borrowing rates	(4,838)
Less: Recognition exemption – short-term leases	(13,004)
Lease liabilities as at 1 August 2019	102,603
Analysed as: Current Non-current	43,115 59,488
	102,603

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(2) **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Transition and summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessee (continued)

The carrying amount of right-of-use assets as at 1 August 2019 comprises the following:

	Notes	Right-of-use assets (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Right-of-use assets relating to operating leases recognised upon application of HKFRS 16 Reclassified from prepaid lease payments Adjustments on the rent-free period at 1 August 2019 Adjustments on the provision for onerous contracts at 1 August 2019	(a) (b) (c)	102,603 11,916 (937) (14,920)
		98,662
By class: Leasehold land Staff quarters Office Shop outlets		11,916 2,984 532 83,230
		98,662

Notes:

- (a) Upfront payments for leasehold lands in the People's Republic of China ("**PRC**") were classified as prepaid lease payments as at 31 July 2019. Upon application of HKFRS 16, the current and non-current portion of prepaid lease payments amounting to HK\$316,000 and HK\$11,600,000, respectively, were reclassified to right-of-use assets.
- (b) It represents the accrued lease liabilities for leases where the lessor has provided rent-free period, and was adjusted to right-of-use assets on transition to HKFRS 16.

(c) The provision for onerous contracts was made based on assessment of the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the lease agreement exceed the economic benefits expected to be received from garment and related accessories business. The provision was calculated based on discounted cash flows to the end of the lease period. As at 31 July 2019, the provision for onerous contracts was approximately HK\$14,920,000 and was adjusted to the right-of-use assets on transition to HKFRS 16.

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(2) **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (continued)

Impacts and changes in accounting policies of application on HKFRS 16 Leases (continued)

Transition and summary of effects arising from initial application of HKFRS 16 (continued)

As a lessor

In accordance with the transitional provisions in HKFRS 16, the Group is not required to make any adjustment on transition for leases in which the Group is a lessor but account for these leases in accordance with HKFRS 16 from the date of initial application and comparative information has not been restated.

- (a) Upon application of HKFRS 16, new lease contracts entered into but commence after the date of initial application relating to the same underlying assets under existing lease contracts are accounted as if the existing leases are modified as at 1 August 2019. The application has had no impact on the Group's condensed consolidated statement of financial position at 1 August 2019. However, effective 1 August 2019, lease payments relating to the revised lease term after modification are recognised as income on straight-line basis over the extended lease term.
- (b) Before application of HKFRS 16, refundable rental deposits received were considered as rights and obligations under leases to which HKAS 17 applied. Based on the definition of lease payments under HKFRS 16, such deposits are not payments relating to the right-of-use assets and were adjusted to reflect the discounting effect at transition. The management considers the impact of the discounting effect as insignificant to the condensed consolidated financial statements.
- (c) Effective on 1 August 2019, the Group has applied HKFRS 15 to allocate consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease components. The change in allocation basis has had no material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current period.

The following adjustments were made to the amounts recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position at 1 August 2019. Line items that were not affected by the changes have not been included.

	Carrying amounts previously reported at 31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Adjustments (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Carrying amounts under HKFRS 16 at 1 August 2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Non-current Assets Land lease prepayments Right-of-use assets	11,600	(11,600) 98,662	98,662
Current Assets Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments	28,353	(316)	28,037
Current Liabilities Trade and other payables and deposits received Lease liabilities	72,472	(15,857) 43,115	56,615 43,115
Non-current Liabilities Lease liabilities	_	59,488	59,488

Note: For the purpose of reporting cash flows from operating activities under indirect method for the six months ended 31 January 2020, movements in working capital have been computed based on opening statement of financial position as at 1 August 2019 as disclosed above.

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(3) SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the executive directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods or services delivered or provided and nature of operations.

The Group has three operating segments, namely i) garment and related accessories business, ii) property investment and letting business, and iii) securities trading. The operating segments are managed separately as each business line offers different products and services and requires different business strategies.

Segment revenues and results

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The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segments:

For the six months ended 31 January

		and related es business		vestment and business	Securiti	es trading	To	otal
	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue from external customers	63,377	95,418	28,582	28,468	-	-	91,959	123,886
Other income from external customers	1,961	1,354	129	662	_	-	2,090	2,016
Group's total revenue and other income	65,338	96,772	28,711	29,130	-	-	94,049	125,902
Reportable segment (loss) profit	(43,627)	(5,789)	(109,255)	77,923	6,022	(4,059)	(146,860)	68,075
Unallocated corporate income							493	566
Unallocated corporate expenses							(19,118)	(18,874)
Finance costs							(11,598)	(8,471)
Loss (profit) before tax							(177,083)	41,296

Note: The income excludes bank interest income and other interest income.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 2. Segment (loss) profit represents the (loss from) profit earned by each segment without allocation of bank interest income, interest income on advances to independent third parties, certain gain on financial assets at FVTPL, finance costs and corporate expenses. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

(4) OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2020	2019
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Royalty income	366	358
Bank interest income	73	146
Interest income on amount due from an associate	226	340
Interest income in advance to independent third parties	420	420
Others	1,498	1,318
	2,583	2,582

(5) OTHER (LOSSES) GAINS, NET

	Six months ended 31 January		
	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
- Net reversal of provision for doubtful debts on trade and other receivables	2,733	9,994	
Write-off of trade and other receivables	-	(159)	
Loss on disposal of asset classified as held-for-sale	(538)	-	
Net gain (loss) on financial assets at FVTPL	2,490	(5,948)	
Exchange gain, net	6	87	
Impairment loss in respect of right-of-use assets	(10,000)	-	
Others	(352)	347	
	(5,661)	4,321	

(6) FINANCE COSTS

Six months ended	Six months ended 31 January		
2020	2019		
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
11,598	8,471		

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(7) (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's (loss) profit before tax has been arrived at after charging:

Six months ended 31 January		
2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
6,088	5,970	
22,260		
_	159	
28,720	40,542	
Six months ended	31 January	
2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> 6,088 22,260 	

Deferred tax	(406)	(314)
	(105)	(21.4)
Income tax credit	(406)	(314)

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No current tax has been provided for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: Nil) as the Group either has unused tax loss available to offset against assessable profits or there was no estimated assessable profit for the period.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax ("**EIT Law**") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the Group's PRC subsidiaries is 25% from 1 January 2008 onwards.

(9) **DIVIDEND**

Current tax

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed during the six months ended 31 January 2020. The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend (six months ended 31 January 2019: Nil).

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(10) (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company for the period is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2019 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
(Loss) Earnings (Loss) profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share	(176,677)	41,610
	Six months endee	d 31 January
	2020 (Unaudited)	2019 (Unaudited)
Number of shares Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic (loss) earnings per share	947,543,695	947,543,695
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: – Share options	_	_
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted (loss) earnings per share	947,543,695	947,543,695

For the periods ended 31 January 2020 and 2019, the computation of diluted (loss) earnings per share did not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options as the exercise prices of those share options are higher than the average market prices of the Company's shares.

(11) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
At the beginning of the period/year	114,482	123,033
Additions	5,276	5,977
Depreciation provided for the period/year	(6,088)	(12,021)
Impairment loss recognised in profit or loss		
for the period/year	_	(1,360)
Exchange realignment	(592)	(1,147)
At the end of the period/year	113,078	114,482

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(12) INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
At the beginning of the period/year (Decrease) increase in fair value recognised	1,889,349	1,888,489
in profit or loss	(129,721)	57,414
Transfer to asset classified as held-for-sale	_	(56,150)
Exchange realignment	(209)	(404)
At the end of the period/year	1,759,419	1,889,349

All of the Group's properties interests held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purposes are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

The fair values of the Group's investment properties as at 31 January 2020 and 31 July 2019 has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out on the respective dates by Messrs. Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited, an independent qualified professional valuer not connected to the Group.

As at 31 January 2020, certain investment properties, including the investment properties classified as held-for-sale, of approximately HK\$1,737,400,000 (31 July 2019: HK\$1,922,650,000) of the Group were pledged to banks to secure the bank loans granted to the Group.

(13) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Notes	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables Less: Allowance for doubtful debts	(i) & (ii)	14,828 (9,524)	14,643 (9,574)
		5,304	5,069
Other receivables Less: Allowance for doubtful debts		49,198 (36,863)	51,040 (40,010)
		12,335	11,030
Deposits and prepayments		22,618	28,577
		40,257	44,676
Less: Rental and utility deposits shown under non-current assets		(12,320)	(13,833)
Less: Prepayment for acquisition of property, plant and equipment shown under non-current assets		_	(2,490)
		27,937	28,353

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(13) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (continued)

Notes:

(i) Other than cash sales made at retail outlets of the Group, trading terms with wholesale customers are largely on credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. Invoices are normally payable within 30 days of issuance, except for certain well-established customers, where the term is extended to 90 days. Each customer has been set with a maximum credit limit. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by senior management.

(ii) The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful debts), presented based on the invoice date which approximated the respective revenue recognition date as at the end of the reporting periods:

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> ′000	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables:		
0 to 90 days	3,782	4,297
91 to 180 days	656	597
181 to 365 days	866	175
	5,304	5,069

(14) BANK BORROWINGS

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'</i> 000	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Bank loans, secured	549,157	587,058
Trust receipt loans, secured	9,738	9,354
	558,895	596,412
Carrying amount repayable:		
On demand or within one year	558,895	581,083
Beyond one year, but not exceeding two years	-	2,297
Beyond two years, but not exceeding five years	-	5,529
Beyond five years	-	7,503
	558,895	596,412
Less: Amounts shown under current liabilities	(558,895)	(581,083)
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	-	15,329

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(15) TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND DEPOSITS RECEIVED

The following is an aging analysis of trade payables as at the end of the reporting periods, based on the date of receipt of goods, and the details of balances of deposits received, other payables and accruals:

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade payables:		
0 to 90 days	10,253	13,435
91 to 180 days	871	235
181 to 365 days	651	951
Over 365 days	1,278	903
	13,053	15,524
Other deposits	18,668	19,758
Provision for onerous contracts	-	14,920
Payable for acquisition of unlisted equity investment	1,342	1,342
Other payables and accruals	29,444	31,085
	62,507	82,629
Less: Deposits received shown under non-current liabilities	(10,159)	(10,157)
	52,348	72,472

The credit period for purchase of goods is between 30 and 90 days. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are settled within the credit timeframe.

(16) SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	HK\$'000
Issued and fully paid: At 1 August 2018, 31 July 2019		
and 31 January 2020	947,543,695	332,323

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(17) EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The Company has a share option scheme ("Share Option Scheme") which was adopted on 15 December 2015 whereby the Directors are authorised, at their discretion, to invite employees of the Group, including directors of any subsidiary in the Group at a consideration of HK\$1 to take up options to subscribe for shares of the Company. On and subject to the terms of the Share Option Scheme and the requirements of the Listing Rules, the Directors shall be entitled, at any time and from time to time within ten years commencing on the Adoption Date (as defined in the Share Option Scheme) and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit, to grant options to subscribe at the Subscription Price (as defined in the Share Option Scheme) for such number of shares in the Company as the Directors may determine.

(a) The following share options were outstanding under the Share Option Scheme as at 31 January 2020:

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Category of participants	At 1 August 2019	Lapsed during the period	At 31 January 2020	Date of grant of options (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price of options per share (HK\$)
Directors	2,900,000	(2,900,000)	-	16/01/2017	16/01/2017 to 15/01/2020	0.994
	2,900,000	-	2,900,000	27/03/2018	27/03/2018 to 26/03/2021	0.842
	5,800,000	(2,900,000)	2,900,000			

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(b) Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model. The inputs into the model were as follows:

	Granted on
	27 March 2018
Grant date share price	HK\$0.820
Exercise price	HK\$0.842
Expected volatility	61.82%
Expected life	3 years
Expected dividend yield	0%
Risk free rate	1.646%

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(17) EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

(b) Fair value of share options and assumptions (continued)

Expected volatility was determined by using the historical volatility of the Company's share price over the previous three years. The expected life used in the model has been adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability and behavioural considerations. Risk free rate was determined with reference to the yield to maturity of Hong Kong Exchange Fund Bills and Notes with tenor close to the expected life of the options.

The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value of the share options are based on the management's best estimate. The value of an option varies with different variables of a number of subjective assumptions. Any change in the variables so adopted may materially affect the estimation of the fair value of an option.

At the date of approval of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the Company had a total of 2,900,000 underlying shares comprised in share options outstanding under the Share Option Scheme, which represented approximately 0.31% of the Company's total issued shares as at that date.

(18) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value

This note provides information about how the Group determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities.

The Group's financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The fair values of the Group's investments in listed securities have been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices at the end of the reporting periods. The fair value of unlisted investments was based on the value quoted by the brokers at the end of the reporting periods.

There were no transfers between the three levels during both period/year.

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(18) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value (continued)

Fair value hierarchy as at 31 January 2020 and 31 July 2019

	Level 1 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
As at 31 January 2020 (Unaudited)				
Listed investments	27.222			25 222
- Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	37,322	-	-	37,322
- Equity securities listed outside Hong Kong	21,668	-	-	21,668
– Debt securities listed in Hong Kong – Debt securities listed outside Hong Kong	24,340 12,101	-	-	24,340 12,101
 Perpetual securities listed outside Hong Kong Perpetual securities listed outside Hong Kong 	21,498	-	-	21,498
Unlisted investments				
– Equity securities	-	7,149	28,481	35,630
– Debt securities	_	33,601	-	33,601
	116,929	40,750	28,481	186,160
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As at 31 July 2019 (Audited) Listed investments				
– Equity securities listed in Hong Kong	49,156	_	_	49,156
– Equity securities listed outside Hong Kong	25,396	_	_	25,396
 Debt securities listed in Hong Kong 	7,213	_	_	7,213
- Debt securities listed outside Hong Kong	12,695	_	_	12,695
- Perpetual securities listed in Hong Kong	4,780	_	_	4,780
- Perpetual securities listed outside Hong Kong	15,023	-	_	15,023
Unlisted investments				
 Equity securities 	_	7,190	32,013	39,203
– Debt securities	-	42,373	-	42,373
Other current liability included in liabilities				
associated with asset classified as held-for-sale				
- Other current liability	-	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
	114,263	49,563	17,013	180,839

The Directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

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(19) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Transactions with related parties

In addition to the transactions and balances as detailed elsewhere in these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties during the period:

		Six months ended 31 Januar	
	Notes	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2019 (Unaudited <i>HK\$'000</i>
Rental expense and building management fees:			
– Lai Sun Textiles Company Limited	(i), (ii), (iii) & (vi)	1,820	1,820
Rental expenses:			
– Guangzhou Tianhe Baitao Culture and			
Entertainment Square Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (vi)	17	486
– Honor Lamp Investments Limited – Guangzhou Besto Real Estate Development	(i), (ii), (v) & (vi)	-	398
Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (v)	-	201
Lease principal paid:			
– Guangzhou Tianhe Baitao Culture and			
Entertainment Square Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (vi)	437	-
– Honor Lamp Investments Limited – Guangzhou Besto Real Estate Development	(i), (ii), (v) & (vi)	399	-
Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (v)	213	-
Interest expense on lease liabilities:			
– Guangzhou Tianhe Baitao Culture and			
Entertainment Square Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (vi)	14	-
– Honor Lamp Investments Limited – Guangzhou Besto Real Estate Development	(i), (ii), (v) & (vi)	21	-
Company Limited	(i), (ii) & (v)	8	-
Company secretarial fee:			
– Lai Sun Development Company Limited	(ii) & (iii)	476	487
Rental income and building management fee:			
– Big Honor Asia Limited	(i) & (ii)	1,130	1,064
Interest income:		22.6	
– Mass Energy Limited	(iv)	226	340

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(19) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Transactions with related parties** (continued)

Notes:

- (i) Dr. Lam Kin Ming has control over this company.
- (ii) Dr. Lam Kin Ming is one of the key management personnel members of this company.
- (iii) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, a younger brother of Dr. Lam Kin Ming and one of the key management personnel members of the Company, has control over this company.
- (iv) Mass Energy Limited is an associate of the Group.
- (v) Ms. Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa, a daughter of Dr. Lam Kin Ming and one of the key management personnel members of the Company, has control over this company.
- (vi) Ms. Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa is one of the key management personnel members of this company.

(b) Outstanding balances with related parties

Amounts due from related party

	31 January		Maximum a outstanding du period/year	uring the
	31 January	31 July	31 January	31 July
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Related company Lai Fung Holdings Limited *			_	11

* Dr. Lam Kin Ming and Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew are the directors of Lai Fung Holdings Limited.

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(19) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(b) Outstanding balances with related parties (continued)

Amounts due to related parties

	31 January 2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 July 2019 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Related companies Big Honor Asia Limited	- 268	10 259
Lai Sun Development Company Limited	200	259
	268	269

Note: The amounts due to related companies are trade in nature, unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(c) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	Six months ended 31 January		
	2020	2019	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000	
Short-term employee benefits	6,726	6,944	
Post-employment benefits	36	36	
	6,762	6,980	

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to pay an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: Nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Financial Performance

For the period under review, the turnover of the Group tumbled by 26% to HK\$91,959,000 (2019: HK\$123,886,000) and the gross profit dropped by 24% to HK\$62,839,000 (2019: HK\$83,007,000).

The operating atmosphere of the "Garment and related accessories business" segment of the Group deteriorated materially during the six months ended 31 January 2020 in the midst of the continuous massive social event in Hong Kong and the Coronavirus epidemic during the Lunar New Year period, and as a result the revenue plunged by 34% to HK\$63,377,000 (2019: HK\$95,418,000). Being a mitigation, the Group continued to rationalise its retail network by closing down underperforming shops and negotiate with landlords for rent concessions to enhance its operational efficiency. Finally, the "Garment and related accessories business" segment recorded a loss of HK\$43,627,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: HK\$5,789,000).

Under such a difficult situation, the Group's "Property investment and letting business" segment played an important role of stabilisation by generating steady rental income of HK\$28,582,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: HK\$28,468,000). However, the revaluation of the investment properties held by the Group recorded fair value losses of HK\$129,721,000 as at 31 January 2020 (2019: gains of HK\$51,262,000).

Albeit the global capital markets persisted to be highly volatile, accredited to the Group's prompt reorganisation of the investment portfolios on hand, the "Securities trading" segment made a profit of HK\$6,022,000 in the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: loss of HK\$4,059,000).

Taking into account the performances of the above three business segments with the share of loss of an associate of HK\$1,230,000 (2019: gain of HK\$3,202,000) and the exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations of loss of HK\$664,000 (2019: gain of HK\$2,234,000), the total comprehensive expense attributable to the owners of the Company was HK\$177,341,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: income of HK\$43,844,000).

"Garment and Related Accessories Business" Segment

Hong Kong and Macau

The relentless social event in Hong Kong seriously disturbed the Group's "Garment and related accessories business" segment as being forced to shorten business hours or even close up shops. The tense sentiment also deterred numerous tourists from visiting Hong Kong. Worsened by the escalation of the Sino-United States trade war, the absurd warm weather during the fall/winter season and the outbreak of Coronavirus, the consumer spending ability and desire were nosediving.

To tide over the above tough conditions, the Group endeavoured to offer high value-for-money apparel under the prestige brand "Crocodile" to maintain market adaptiveness, mindful of prevailing customer cautious spending manner. The Group pursued to restrain the inventory level to avoid any excessive stock which would jeopardise its gross margin when stock clearance became necessary; rationalise its retail network through the closure of underperforming stores or relocation; and bargain with its landlords for rent concessions. As at 31 January 2020, the Group operated 20 (2019: 18) "Crocodile" shops and 7 (2019: 6) "Lacoste" shops.

Besides, the Group has been implementing stringent cost control measures on sales and marketing activities and back-office structure.

"Garment and Related Accessories Business" Segment (continued)

The Mainland of China ("Mainland")

The consumer spending power in the Mainland has been dampened by various reasons, namely the intensifying trade disputes with the United States, the consequentially slowing growth in economy, the weakening in its currency and the sweeping Coronavirus.

Attributed to the ongoing effort on restructuring of its own sales channels, the Group weathered the above adversity. As at 31 January 2020, there were a total of 14 (2019: 16) shops in the Mainland, including self-operated shops of 6 (2019: 6) and those operated by the Group's consignees and franchisees of 8 (2019: 10). The revenue of this segment was HK\$4,464,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: HK\$5,899,000).

In respect of the Group's licensing business of the brand "Crocodile", the royalty income was HK\$366,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: HK\$358,000); and there was a net reversal of provision for doubtful debts due from licensees of HK\$2,733,000 (2019: HK\$9,994,000).

Seasonality

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As its track record shows, the sales and results of the "Garment and related accessories business" segment bears heavy correlation with seasonality. In general, more than 50% of this segment's annual sales are derived from the first half of the financial year in which fall/winter collections of higher values and margins are rolled out, coupling with festive holidays – Christmas, New Year and Lunar New Year.

"Property Investment and Letting Business" Segment

The Group's investment property portfolio remained intact since 31 July 2019 save for the disposal of an investment property situated at Hennessy Road, Hong Kong as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 18 June 2019 ("**Disposal**").

The investment properties of the Group in Hong Kong and the Mainland generated rental revenue for the six months ended 31 January 2020 of HK\$27,933,000 (2019: HK\$27,949,000) and HK\$649,000 (2019: HK\$519,000), respectively. As the global economy ran out of steam, especially the Mainland, and the social unrest raged in Hong Kong, the revaluation of the investment properties held by the Group ticked fair value losses of HK\$129,721,000 as at 31 January 2020 (2019: gains of HK\$51,262,000), with the fair value losses of HK\$129,100,000 (2019: gains of HK\$51,000,000) on investment properties in Hong Kong and losses of HK\$621,000 (2019: gains of HK\$262,000) in the Mainland.

"Securities Trading" Segment

In most time span of the six months ended 31 January 2020, the global investment markets were on tenterhooks waiting mainly for the results of the Sino-United States trade negotiation and "Brexit" destination, amid the worse-than-anticipated deceleration of economic growths in the Mainland and the Euro-zone, and the expectation for the major central banks worldwide to adopt easing monetary policies.

Upon the entering into of the "Phase 1" agreement between the Mainland and the United States, and the return of a strong Conservative majority in the parliament after British general election, the respective risks of sharp escalation in the Sino-United States trade war tension, and Britain crashing out of the European Union without a deal were receding in mid-January 2020; and these had at that time offered a lift to global securities. Unfortunately, the all-of-sudden Coronavirus epidemic in late January 2020 shadowed the worldwide economy and financial market deeply.

"Securities Trading" Segment (continued)

In such complicated market circumstances, the Group took a prudent approach to diversify its portfolios of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss and focus more on securities of defensive nature. The Group's "Securities trading" segment recorded a profit of HK\$6,022,000 for the six months ended 31 January 2020 (2019: loss of HK\$4,059,000).

Prospects

The pandemic of Coronavirus fanned worries about the downward spiral of global economic activities. The emergency slashes of interest by the Federal Reserve of the United States to near zero signed the fear that the spreading virus would stoke a looming recession worldwide. But the financial markets still cannot escape from plummet, and fall into the biggest turbulence since the 2008 financial crisis.

Notwithstanding the signing of the "Phase 1" agreement between the world's two largest economies, and the accomplishment of "Brexit", yet it might be too soon to declare an all-clear on the political front. The Sino-United States conflicts go beyond trade and will remain even after the signing of the "Phase 1" agreement and in the "Phase 2" negotiations, and may accelerate during the United States election in 2020; and the British government inclined to take a hard line on bilateral trade talks after Brexit.

The Mainland has relied on a strong services sector to offset manufacturing weakness. However, a broader economic slowdown since past years has limited the sector's resilience needless to mention the setback of economic activities caused by Coronavirus. Hong Kong's economy has been hit hard, first by social events and now the Coronavirus as tourist arrivals slump and residents steer clear of shops.

All the above factors had led to economic uncertainty and deteriorating consumer sentiment in the markets where the Group operates.

The Group is cautious about the outlook of business of the "Garment and related accessories business" segment in the second half of the financial year in light of the ongoing dour economic climates and uncertainties. The Group continues to capitalise on its prestige brand "Crocodile" to foster its market standing and launch excellent value-for-money merchandises and remarkable shopping experience to our patrons. To have greater vitality in the rapid-changing operating conditions ahead, the Group will prudently manage its retail network and restrain pile up of inventories, to improve its cash and financial positions.

The Group will further streamline its workflow so as to bolster its logistic efficiency, and rein in various outlays such as staff costs and marketing and advertising expenses to optimise its cost structure in the challenging landscape.

The property market in Hong Kong is foreseen to be stagnant in general. In addition, another challenge for the "Property investment and letting business" segment of the Group comes from the pressure on rentals upon the increase in supply of office premises in Eastern Kowloon, Hong Kong where most on the Group's investment properties situated and the broad decrease in demand caused by the Coronavirus. To cope with this, the Group will polish the merits of its investment properties to attract and retain valuable tenants in order to secure steady and satisfactory rental income for the Group's operation as well as a solid support of their market values. The Group will also consider to realign the portfolio by disposing of non-core investment properties aimed at optimising the returns and improving the liquidity.

Prospects (continued)

The "Securities trading" segment has gone through the tumultuous investment market ambience for the past two years, and the Group will keep on its pragmatic stance in managing the portfolio of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss and increase the cash holding to achieve sustainable returns.

Contingent Liabilities

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As at 31 January 2020, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

Liquidity, Financial Resources, Foreign Exchange Risk Exposure, Gearing, Charges on Assets and Capital Commitments

The Group's financing and treasury activities are centrally managed and controlled at the corporate level. The main objective is to utilise the funding efficiently and to manage the financial risks effectively.

The Group maintains a conservative approach in treasury management by constantly monitoring its interest rate and foreign exchange exposures. Except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, letters of credit and trust receipt loans, the Group has not employed other financial instruments for the six months ended 31 January 2020.

The Group mainly earns revenue and incurs cost in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, United States dollars, Euro and Japanese Yens. The Group considers the foreign exchange risk is not high as the Group will consider the foreign exchange effect of the terms of purchase and sale contracts dealt with foreign enterprises and overseas investments, and will not bear unforeseeable foreign currency exchange risks.

Cash and cash equivalents held by the Group amounted to HK\$85,323,000 as at 31 January 2020 (31 July 2019: HK\$105,570,000) and were mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, United States dollars and Japanese Yens. The pledged bank deposits of approximately HK\$36,900,000 (31 July 2019: HK\$37,559,000) represent deposits pledged to banks to secure margin loans and are therefore classified as current assets. The cash and cash equivalent denominated in Renminbi as at 31 January 2020 were equivalent to HK\$20,314,000 (31 July 2019: HK\$38,714,000) which is not freely convertible into other currencies. However, under the Mainland's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange Renminbi for other currencies in respect of approved transactions through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business. On the other hand, the Group will consider to dispose of non-core investment properties and liquidate certain portions of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss in order to buttress the cash position when necessary.

As at 31 January 2020, the total outstanding borrowings including margin loans of the Group amounted to HK\$593,482,000. The total outstanding borrowings comprised secured short-term bank trust receipt loans of HK\$9,738,000, secured short-term bank mortgage loans of HK\$1,074,000, secured margin loans of HK\$34,587,000 and secured short-term bank revolving loans of HK\$548,083,000. Short-term bank loans were repayable within a period not exceeding one year.

Interests on bank borrowings are charged at floating rates. The bank borrowings of the Group are denominated principally in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars and Japanese Yens. No financial instruments for hedging purposes were employed by the Group for the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Liquidity, Financial Resources, Foreign Exchange Risk Exposure, Gearing, Charges on Assets and Capital Commitments (continued)

As at 31 January 2020, the Group had pledged certain of its own-use and investment properties with carrying values of HK\$1,777,231,000 and created floating charges on its certain assets to its bankers to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

The Group's gearing revealed by the debt to equity ratio at 31 January 2020 was 36%, expressed as a percentage of total bank borrowings and margin loans payable of total net assets. Considering the worldwide economic fluctuations, the Group continues to be vigilant for business advancement and contain its gearing within a suitable range for controlling its risk exposure and finance costs.

Major Investments, Acquisitions and Disposals

Except for the Disposal which has been completed on 12 September 2019, the Group had no other significant investments, material acquisitions or disposals in the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

The total number of employees of the Group, including part-time sales staff, was 253 as at 31 January 2020 (2019: 281). Pay rates of the employees are largely based on industry practice and the performance of individual employee. In addition to salary and bonus payments, other staff benefits include share option scheme, subsidised medical care, free hospitalisation insurance plans, provident fund benefits, subsidised meals, staff discount on purchases, internal training for sales staff and external training programme subsidies.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Corporate Governance

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The Company has complied with all applicable code provisions set out from time to time in the Corporate Governance Code ("**CG Code**") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Listing Rules**" and "**Stock Exchange**", respectively) throughout the six months ended 31 January 2020 save for the deviations from code provisions A.2.1, A.4.1 and A.5.1 as follows:

Under code provision A.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

In view of the present composition of the Board, the in-depth knowledge of the Chairman (who is also the Chief Executive Officer) of the Company's operations and the garment and fashion industry in general, his extensive business network and connections, and the scope of operations of the Company, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Company for Dr. Lam Kin Ming ("**Dr. KM Lam**") to assume the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

Under code provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election.

None of the existing non-executive Directors ("NEDs", including the independent non-executive Directors ("INEDs")) is appointed for a specific term. However, all Directors are subject to the retirement provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, which require that the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation once every three years since their last election by shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") and the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election. In addition, any person appointed by the Board as a Director (including a NED) will hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in the case of filling a casual vacancy) or until the next following annual general meeting of the Company (in the case of an addition to the Board) and will then be eligible for re-election at that meeting. Further, in line with the relevant code provision of the CG Code, each of the Directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy has been/will be subject to election by the Shareholders at the first general meeting after his/her appointment. In view of these, the Board considers that such requirements are sufficient to meet the underlying objective of the said code provision A.4.1 and therefore, does not intend to take any remedial steps in this regard.

Under code provision A.5.1, a nomination committee comprising a majority of independent non-executive directors should be established and chaired by the chairman of the board or an independent non-executive director.

The Company has not established a nomination committee whose functions are assumed by the full Board. Potential new Directors will be recruited based on their knowledge, skills, experience and expertise and the requirements of the Company at the relevant time and candidates for the INEDs must meet the independence criterion set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The process of identifying and selecting appropriate candidates for consideration and approval by the Board has been, and will continue to be, carried out by the executive Directors ("**Executive Directors**"). Pursuant to the Mandatory Disclosure Requirement L.(d)(ii) of the CG Code, the Company has approved to adopt its nomination policy at its board meeting held on 28 January 2019 for improving transparency around the nomination process. As the above selection and nomination committee as set out in the CG Code have long been performed by the full Board effectively, the Board does not consider it necessary to establish a nomination committee at the current stage.

Securities Transactions by Directors and Designated Employees

The Company has adopted a Code of Practice for Securities Transactions by Directors and Designated Employees ("**Securities Code**") on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. The Company has made specific enquiry of all Directors and they have confirmed in writing their compliance with the required standard set out in the Securities Code during the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Share Option Schemes

On 15 December 2015, the Shareholders approved the adoption of a new share option scheme ("**2015 Scheme**") and the termination of the share option scheme which was adopted by the Company on 22 December 2006 ("**2006 Scheme**") to the effect that no more share options will be granted under the 2006 Scheme. Also as at 15 December 2015, no share option is valid and outstanding under the 2006 Scheme.

The 2015 Scheme which became effective on 18 December 2015 remains in force for a period of ten years commencing on its adoption date. The maximum number of the Company's ordinary shares ("**Shares**") issuable pursuant to the 2015 Scheme is 94,754,369 Shares, being 10% of the total issued Shares on the date of approval of the 2015 Scheme. Details of the 2015 Scheme are set out in the circular of the Company dated 13 November 2015.

The share options entitling the grantees to subscribe for 2,900,000 Shares lapsed on 16 January 2020. As at 31 January 2020 and the date of this Interim Report, the Company has a total of 2,900,000 underlying Shares comprised in share options outstanding under the 2015 Scheme (representing approximately 0.31% of the total issued Shares as at those dates); and the Company might grant further options under the 2015 Scheme to subscribe for a maximum of 91,854,369 Shares (representing about 9.69% of the total issued Shares as at those dates (947,543,695)).

Share Option Schemes (continued)

The movements of the share options granted under the 2015 Scheme during the six months ended 31 January 2020 are as follows:

	Nun	nber of unde	rlying Shares	comprised in	share options	6	
Category/Name of participants	Date of grant (dd/mm/yyyy) (Note 1)	As at 1 August 2019	Granted during the period	Lapsed during the period	As at 31 January 2020	Exercise period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price per Share (HK\$) (Note 2)
Directors							
Lam Kin Ming	16/01/2017	900,000	_	(900,000)	-	16/01/2017 – 15/01/2020	0.994
	27/03/2018	900,000	-	-	900,000	27/03/2018 – 26/03/2021	0.842
Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa	16/01/2017	2,000,000	-	(2,000,000)	-	16/01/2017 – 15/01/2020	0.994
	27/03/2018	2,000,000	_	-	2,000,000	27/03/2018 – 26/03/2021	0.842
Total		5,800,000	_	(2,900,000)	2,900,000		

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- 1. The above share options were vested on the date of grant.
- 2. The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in the case of rights or bonus issues, or other specific changes in the Company's share capital.

Save as disclosed above, no share options had been granted, exercised, cancelled, or lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2015 Scheme during the six months ended 31 January 2020. Further details of the 2015 Scheme are disclosed in Note 17 to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements.

Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests

The following Directors and chief executive of the Company who held office on 31 January 2020 and their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) were interested, or were deemed to be interested, in the following long or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong ("SFO")) on that date (a) as 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 and short positions, if any, which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO ("**Register of Directors and Chief Executive**"); or (c) as notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Securities Code; or (d) as otherwise known by the Directors:

Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares								
		Number	of Shares	Number of underlying Shares		Approximate percentage		
Name of Directors	Capacity	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Personal interests (Note 1)	Total	of total issued Shares (Note 2)		
Lam Kin Ming	Beneficial owner and owner of controlled corporation	19,003,000	472,200,000 (Note 3)	900,000	492,103,000	51.93%		
Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa (" Ms. Lam ")	Beneficial owner and owner of controlled corporation	5,532,500	1,500,000 (Note 4)	2,000,000	9,032,500	0.95%		
Wan Edward Yee Hwa	Beneficial Owner	610,000	Nil	Nil	610,000	0.06%		

(1) Interests in the Company

Notes:

- 1. These interests in underlying Shares represent the interests in share options granted to the Directors under the 2015 Scheme. Details of which are shown in the section headed "Share Option Schemes" of this Interim Report.
- 2. The total number of issued Shares as at 31 January 2020 (947,543,695 Shares) has been used in the calculation of the approximate percentage.
- 3. Rich Promise Limited ("**RPL**") beneficially owned 472,200,000 Shares, representing approximately 49.83% of the total issued Shares. Dr. KM Lam (the Chairman, an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company) was deemed to be interested in the same 472,200,000 Shares by virtue of his 100% shareholding interest in RPL.
- 4. Novel Voyage Development Limited ("NVDL") had purchased an aggregate of 1,500,000 Shares, representing approximately 0.16% of the total issued Shares, during the six months ended 31 January 2020. Ms. Lam (an Executive Director and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Company) was deemed to be interested in the same 1,500,000 Shares by virtue of her 50% shareholding interest in NVDL.

Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests (continued)

(2) Interests in Associated Corporation

RPL – the parent and ultimate holding company of the Company

		Personal	Corporate		Percentage of total issued
Name of Director	Capacity	interests	interests	Total	shares
Lam Kin Ming	Beneficial owner	1	Nil	1	100%

Long p	osition	in	the	ordinary	shares	of	RPL
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Save as disclosed above, as at 31 January 2020, none of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective close associates had, or was deemed to have, any interest in the long or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations, which was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the SFO, or recorded in the Register of Directors and Chief Executive or notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the Securities Code or otherwise known by the Directors.

Substantial Shareholders' and Other Persons' Interests

As at 31 January 2020, so far as it is known by or otherwise notified by any Director or the chief executive of the Company, the particulars of the corporations or individuals (one being an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company), who had 5% or more interests in the following long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO ("Register of Shareholders") or were entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, 10% or more of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company ("Voting Entitlements") (i.e. within the meaning of substantial shareholders of the Listing Rules) were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares								
Name	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of Shares and underlying Shares held	Approximate percentage of total issued Shares (Note 1)				
Substantial Shareholde	rs							
Rich Promise Limited	Beneficial owner	Corporate	472,200,000 (Note 2)	49.83%				
Lam Kin Ming	Beneficial owner and owner of controlled corporation	Personal and corporate	492,103,000 (Notes 2)	51.93%				
Other Persons								
Wykeham Capital Asia Value Fund (" WCAVF ")	Beneficial owner	Corporate	56,933,000 (Note 3)	6.01%				
Wykeham Capital Limited	Investment manager	Corporate	56,933,000 (Note 3)	6.01%				
Thomas Howel Gruffudd Rhys (" Mr. Thomas ")	Owner of controlled corporations	Corporate	56,933,000 (Note 3)	6.01%				

Notes:

- The total number of issued Shares as at 31 January 2020 (947,543,695 Shares) has been used in 1. the calculation of the approximate percentage.
- Dr. KM Lam was deemed to be interested in the 472,200,000 Shares owned by RPL by virtue 2. of his 100% shareholding interest in RPL. Please also refer to "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests" section above for further details.

Dr. KM Lam was personally interested in 19,003,000 Shares and was granted a share option by the Company to subscribe for a total of 900,000 Shares (details of which are shown in the section headed "Share Option Schemes" of this Interim Report).

Based on the disclosure of interests notices received by the Company, as at 31 January 2020, 3. Mr. Thomas was deemed to be interested in the 56,933,000 Shares owned by WCAVF by virtue of his 100% shareholding interest in Wykeham Capital Limited (which is the investment manager of WCAVF). The shareholding interest of WCAVF in the Company reduced to 44,117,000 Shares (representing approximately 4.66% of the total issued Shares) as at 19 March 2020.

Substantial Shareholders' and Other Persons' Interests (continued)

Save as disclosed above, the Directors are not aware of any other corporation or individual (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company) which/who, as at 31 January 2020, had the Voting Entitlements or 5% or more interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares as recorded in the Register of Shareholders.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the six months ended 31 January 2020, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed the Company's listed securities.

Update on Directors' Information

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, changes in the Directors' information since the disclosure made in the Company's 2018–2019 Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2019 are set out as follows:

- (1) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (a) has been re-appointed as a non-official member of the Trade and Industry Advisory Board for a term of two years from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021; and (b) ceased to act as a non-official member of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee with effect from 1 February 2020.
- (2) Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew ceased to act as a member of the Central Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Senior Police Call with effect from 31 December 2019.

Review of Interim Report

The Audit Committee of the Company currently comprises three INEDs, namely Messrs. Leung Shu Yin, William (Chairman), Chow Bing Chiu and Yeung Sui Sang. The Audit Committee has reviewed this Interim Report (including the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements) of the Company for the six months ended 31 January 2020, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Company and financial reporting matters.

Appreciation

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all members of the staff and management for their dedication and continuous support and look forward to sharing the prosperous future of Crocodile with them and all the Shareholders and customers.

By Order of the Board Lam Wai Shan, Vanessa Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 27 March 2020

