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2021 INTERIM RESULTS

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Solid Half Year Performance

The Power Assets Group's businesses delivered consistently solid performance despite the prolonged impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic globally. The Group's unaudited profits attributable to the shareholders for the six months ended 30 June 2021 amounted to HK$2,509 million (2020: HK$2,262 million), an increase of 11%.

The Group's financial position remained strong with funds received from operations for the first six months of 2021 totalling HK$2,570 million (2020: HK$2,525 million).

Interim Dividend

The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of HK$0.78 (2020: HK$0.77) per share, payable on 14 September 2021 to shareholders whose names appear in the Company's Register of Members on 3 September 2021.

International Energy Investment Portfolio

United Kingdom Portfolio

The Group's operating companies in the UK, our largest market, once again met all key targets, continuing to achieve market-leading reliability and customer services despite challenging lockdown conditions. The portfolio recorded a total contribution of HK$1,122 million (2020: HK$842 million).

During the period, the Group recorded a tax credit in respect of deferred tax liabilities on intangible assets of a joint venture and a higher deferred tax charges as a result of the 6% increment in UK corporate tax rate.

A new five-year regulatory period for the UK electricity market will come into effect from April 2023. UK Power Networks (UKPN) conducted stakeholder engagement and developed a business plan which has been submitted to the regulator. As for Seabank Power Station, it maintained customary operating standards, with availability, efficiency and starting performance all exceeding expectations.

The regulatory resets for Northern Gas Networks (NGN) and Wales & West Utilities (WWU) would result in reduced contributions from these businesses. Both companies have submitted appeals to the Competition and Markets Authority to challenge the final determinations and the proceedings are in progress.

To support the government's policy objectives, NGN and its partners continued their research into the potential blending of hydrogen with existing gas assets. This included preparations for Phase Two of the Hydeploy project, which will provide a small community in the UK with a blend of up to 20% hydrogen in their gas supply.

Australian Portfolio

Our Australian businesses achieved satisfactory underlying results during the period. Regulatory resets for the electricity distribution networks caused a decrease in the contribution. The portfolio delivered a profit contribution of HK$630 million (2020: HK$663 million) to the Group.

SA Power Networks, our electricity distribution network in South Australia, continued to roll out connections to distributed energy resources, such as solar photovoltaics and batteries, across its market at a record pace. As for our Victorian distributors, the Australian Energy Regulator made its final determinations on their revised regulatory proposals in April, marking the end of the 2021-2026 regulatory reset process. The result will support major investments in our networks – Powercor, CitiPower and United Energy – to sustain reliable, safe and affordable electricity supplies while also building the digital automation needed to enable customer choices like rooftop solar, electric vehicles and batteries.

Our gas networks in Australia once again exceeded reliability targets, with Dampier Bunbury Pipeline compressor stations achieving over 99% reliability rating. Australian Gas Networks (AGN), collaboratively with Multinet Gas, progressed its major Hydrogen Park projects in South Australia (SA) and Gladstone as scheduled. The Hydrogen Park SA Project was commissioned in May 2021, marking the first time Australian renewable hydrogen is used for home supply. The project enables hydrogen to be blended with natural gas and delivered to 700 homes in Adelaide. In regards to the Gladstone project, pre-construction work is underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021.

Energy Developments Ltd secured a contract to build, own and operate the Jabiru Hybrid Renewable Power Station in the Northern Territory. The project will integrate 3.9 MW of solar generation and 3-MW/5-MWh of battery energy storage, with 4.5 MW of diesel generation to balance sustainability with reliability. Our electricity transmission network, Australian Energy Operations, now operates two separate terminal stations and transmission lines in Victoria connecting four wind farms; this business provided a steady income stream to the Group.

Other Portfolios

In Canada, Canadian Power Holdings (CPH) reported higher earnings due to increase in market prices in Alberta. The coal-to-gas conversion of the remaining 400-MW unit at Sheerness power plant was completed in early 2021. As for Husky Midstream, targets were achieved throughout the first half of 2021, following the completion of almost all approved major expansion projects in 2020.

The two waste-to-energy incineration plants in the Netherlands, operated by AVR-Afvalverwerking B.V. (AVR), delivered strong results during the period. AVR not only eliminates the adverse environmental impact caused by dumping, it also captures the carbon in its Duiven facility and utilises it for gainful commercial application.

Wellington Electricity Lines in New Zealand continued to deliver high levels of safety, reliability and service to its customers, while maintaining an efficient performance from network assets. The company is also implementing cost reflective pricing strategies to ensure customers are better informed on the cost of delivering electricity at peak times.

Ratchaburi Power in Thailand maintained satisfactory operations. The plant is currently installing 1 MW of rooftop solar photovoltaics at the plant to cut emissions.

In Mainland China, electricity sold by our power plant in Jinwan (Guangdong province) increased by 58% in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year due to strong industrial demand. Our two wind farms in Dali (Yunnan province) and Laoting (Hebei province) performed well. These projects have enabled carbon emission to be reduced by 121,000 tonnes so far in 2021.

Investment in HK Electric Investments

In Hong Kong, HK Electric Investments delivered a profit contribution of HK$294 million (2020: HK$271 million) to the Group. With a slowly recovering economy and record high temperatures in April and May, the operating company – HK Electric – recorded a 1.9% increase in electricity unit sales for the first six months of the year compared to 2020.

Work on a range of capital projects under the 2019-2023 Development Plan to transition to a low-carbon generation regime progressed well. These included the construction of two new 380-MW combined cycle gas-fired generating units and an offshore natural gas storage terminal based on floating storage and regasification technology. These projects will successively come onstream over the course of the next two years. Alongside these extensive capital works, HK Electric maintained its excellent supply reliability rating of over 99.999% and either met or surpassed all its customer service standards.

A Unified Framework for Sustainability

The Group remained steadfast in our sustainability commitments by innovating to achieve carbon-neutrality goals with a focus on renewables and hydrogen-related projects across our operating regions.

Integrating sustainability principles and supporting local governments' carbon-neutrality initiatives remained a key focus during the period under review. A governance framework that aligns with the Group's environmental, social and governance (ESG) guidelines and policies was disseminated to all operating companies to ensure consistent performance regardless of market.

NGN and WWU in the UK, and AGN in Australia pioneered carbon reduction initiatives in their markets by moving forward with their projects to blend bio-gas or hydrogen into their distribution networks. Combined with the production of green hydrogen from renewable energy sources, this can lead to zero-carbon household heating where water vapour becomes the only emission.

In Canada, the completion of the coal-to-gas conversion of Sheerness power plant of CPH is expected to drive down emissions. During the period, CPH successfully acquired a 100% equity interest in the Okanagan Wind power project, which consists of two wind farms in British Columbia with a total capacity of 30 MW.

Outlook

While the pandemic and geopolitical tensions will continue to impact the global macro-economic landscape, the completion of regulatory resets for the Group's key operating companies has provided us with a stable framework for smooth operations. A key priority for the remainder of 2021 will be to prepare for the 2023 regulatory reset for UKPN.

We maintain our focus on and investment efforts in suitable high-quality opportunities that meet our strict criteria, and are looking at a diversified range of stable and well-regulated energy markets around the world that yield predictable revenues over the long term.

We are committed to innovating and working within our communities to make contributions to every region in which we operate to meet their carbon neutrality commitments under the Paris Agreement, as well as to support greater sustainability within our industries and provide a brighter and greener future for generations to come.

I would like to thank all my colleagues in the Power Assets Group for their diligence and commitment through these unprecedented times and extend my gratitude to our board of directors, shareholders and other stakeholders for their long-term support.

Fok Kin Ning, Canning
Chairman

Hong Kong, 4 August 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Capital Expenditure, Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group's capital expenditure and investments were primarily funded by cash from operations, dividends and other repatriation from investments. Total unsecured bank loans outstanding at 30 June 2021 were HK$3,602 million (31 December 2020: HK$3,640 million). In addition, the Group had bank deposits and cash of HK$3,328 million (31 December 2020: HK$5,427 million) and no undrawn committed bank facility at 30 June 2021 (31 December 2020: HK$ Nil).

Treasury Policy, Financing Activities and Debt Structure

The Group manages its financial risks in accordance with guidelines laid down in its treasury policy, which is approved by the Board. The treasury policy is designed to manage the Group's currency, interest rate and counterparty risks. Surplus funds, which arise mainly from dividends and other repatriation from investments, are generally placed in short-term deposits denominated primarily in Australian dollars, Hong Kong dollars, pounds sterling and United States dollars. The Group aims to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for refinancing and business growth, whilst maintaining a prudent capital structure.

The Group's financial profile remained strong during the period. On 28 December 2020, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the "A" long-term issuer credit rating and the "Stable" outlook of the Company, unchanged since September 2018. As at 30 June 2021, the net debt position of the Group was HK$274 million (31 December 2020: net cash position of HK$1,787 million) with a net debt to net total capital ratio of 0.3%.

The profile of the Group's external borrowings as at 30 June 2021, after taking into account interest rate swaps, was as follows:

(1) 100% were in Australian dollars;

(2) 100% were bank loans;

(3) 100% were repayable after 1 year but within 5 years; and

(4) 100% were in fixed rate.

The Group's policy is to maintain at least a significant portion of its debt at fixed interest rates. Interest rate risk is managed by either securing fixed rate borrowings or by using interest rate derivatives.

Currency and interest rate risks are actively managed in accordance with the Group's treasury policy. Derivative financial instruments are used primarily for managing interest rate and foreign currency risks and not for speculative purposes. Treasury transactions are only executed with counterparties with acceptable credit ratings to control counterparty risk exposure.

The Group's principal foreign currency exposures arise from its investments outside Hong Kong. Foreign currency transaction exposure also arises from settlement to vendors which is not material and is managed mainly through purchases in the spot market or utilisation of foreign currency receipts of the Group. Currency exposures arising from investments outside Hong Kong are, where considered appropriate, mitigated by financing those investments in local currency borrowings or by entering into forward foreign exchange contracts or cross currency swaps. The fair value of such borrowings at 30 June 2021 was HK$3,602 million (31 December 2020: HK$3,640 million). The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts and cross currency swaps at 30 June 2021 was a liability of HK$47 million (31 December 2020: liability of HK$78 million). Foreign currency fluctuations will affect the translated value of the net assets of investments outside Hong Kong and the resultant translation difference is included in the Group's reserve account. Income received from the Group's investments outside Hong Kong which is not denominated in Hong Kong dollars is, unless otherwise determined, converted into United States dollars on receipt.

The contractual notional amounts of derivative financial instruments outstanding at 30 June 2021 amounted to HK$34,195 million (31 December 2020: HK$35,010 million).

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had given guarantees and indemnities totalling HK$416 million (31 December 2020: HK$438 million).

Employees

The Group continues its policy of pay-for-performance and the pay levels are monitored to ensure competitiveness is maintained. The Group's total remuneration costs for the six months ended 30 June 2021, excluding directors' emoluments, amounted to HK$11 million (2020: HK$12 million). As at 30 June 2021, the Group employed 13 (31 December 2020: 13) employees. No share option scheme is in operation.

POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LIMITED
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
For the six months ended 30 June 2021
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	**2021** **$ million**	2020 $ million
Revenue	5	**615**	601
Other net income		**21**	176
Other operating costs		**(67)**	(76)
Operating profit		**569**	701
Finance costs		**(63)**	(32)
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures		**1,607**	1,068
Share of profits less losses of associates		**466**	584
Profit before taxation	6	**2,579**	2,321
Income tax	7	**(70)**	(59)
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		**2,509**	2,262
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted	8	**$1.18**	$1.06

POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LIMITED
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the six months ended 30 June 2021
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2021	2020
	$ million	$ million
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	**2,509**	2,262
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures and associates	**1,235**	87
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	**(316)**	(14)
	919	73
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Exchange differences on translating operations outside Hong Kong, including joint ventures and associates	**1,491**	(1,916)
Net investment hedges	**144**	1,919
Cost of hedging	**19**	120
Cash flow hedges:		
Net movement of hedging reserve related to hedging instruments recognised during the current period	**101**	(96)
Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures and associates	**1,002**	(991)
Income tax relating to items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	**(310)**	260
	2,447	(704)
	3,366	(631)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	**5,875**	1,631

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
At 30 June 2021
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	**(Unaudited) 30 June 2021 $ million**	(Audited) 31 December 2020 $ million
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment and leasehold land		**16**	17
Interest in joint ventures	9	**62,374**	59,147
Interest in associates	10	**26,516**	26,405
Other non-current financial assets		**1,100**	1,100
Derivative financial instruments		**597**	704
Deferred tax assets		**80**	111
Employee retirement benefit assets		**6**	6
		90,689	87,490
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	11	**552**	635
Bank deposits and cash		**3,328**	5,427
		3,880	6,062
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	**(3,606)**	(3,603)
Current portion of bank loans and other interest-bearing borrowings		**-**	(3,642)
Current tax payable		**(129)**	(161)
		(3,735)	(7,406)
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		**145**	(1,344)
Total assets less current liabilities		**90,834**	86,146
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans and other interest-bearing borrowings		**(3,602)**	-
Derivative financial instruments		**(698)**	(1,181)
Deferred tax liabilities		**(104)**	(57)
Employee retirement benefit liabilities		**(143)**	(142)
		(4,547)	(1,380)
Net assets		**86,287**	84,766
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		**6,610**	6,610
Reserves		**79,677**	78,156
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		**86,287**	84,766

POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LIMITED
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the six months ended 30 June 2021
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company					
$ million	**Share capital**	**Exchange reserve**	**Hedging reserve**	**Revenue reserve**	**Proposed/ declared dividend**	**Total**
Balance at 1 January 2020	6,610	(6,118)	(2,114)	82,781	4,333	85,492
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2020:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	2,262	-	2,262
Other comprehensive income	-	123	(827)	73	-	(631)
Total comprehensive income	-	123	(827)	2,335	-	1,631
Final dividend in respect of the previous year approved and paid	-	-	-	-	(4,333)	(4,333)
Interim dividend *(see note 13)*	-	-	-	(1,643)	1,643	-
Balance at 30 June 2020	6,610	(5,995)	(2,941)	83,473	1,643	82,790
Balance at 1 January 2021	**6,610**	**(4,154)**	**(3,459)**	**81,415**	**4,354**	**84,766**
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2021:						
Profit for the period	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,509**	**-**	**2,509**
Other comprehensive income	**-**	**1,654**	**793**	**919**	**-**	**3,366**
Total comprehensive income	**-**	**1,654**	**793**	**3,428**	**-**	**5,875**
Final dividend in respect of the previous year approved and paid	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(4,354)**	**(4,354)**
Interim dividend *(see note 13)*	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(1,665)**	**1,665**	**-**
Balance at 30 June 2021	**6,610**	**(2,500)**	**(2,666)**	**83,178**	**1,665**	**86,287**

POWER ASSETS HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

1. Review of unaudited interim financial statements

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

2. Basis of preparation

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2020 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2021 annual financial statements. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3.

The preparation of the interim financial statements in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The interim financial statements and selected explanatory notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2020 that is included in the interim financial statements as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Company's auditor has reported on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

3. Changes in accounting policies

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements:

- Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16, *Interest rate benchmark reform - phase 2*
- Amendments to HKFRS 16, *COVID-19-related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021*

The adoption of the amendments above has no material impact on the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

4. Segment reporting

The analyses of the principal activities of the operations of the Group during the period are as follows:

	2021						
		Investments					
$ million	**Investment in HKEI**	**United Kingdom**	**Australia**	**Others**	**Sub-total**	**All other activities**	**Total**
For the six months ended 30 June							
Revenue							
Revenue	**-**	**292**	**275**	**48**	**615**	**-**	**615**
Other net income	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**3**	**12**	**15**
Reportable segment revenue	**-**	**292**	**275**	**51**	**618**	**12**	**630**
Results							
Segment earnings	**-**	**292**	**275**	**45**	**612**	**(48)**	**564**
Depreciation and amortisation	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(1)**	**(1)**
Bank deposit interest income	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**
Operating profit	**-**	**292**	**275**	**45**	**612**	**(43)**	**569**
Finance costs	**-**	**35**	**(111)**	**13**	**(63)**	**-**	**(63)**
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures and associates *(Note)*	**294**	**794**	**480**	**503**	**1,777**	**2**	**2,073**
Profit before taxation	**294**	**1,121**	**644**	**561**	**2,326**	**(41)**	**2,579**
Income tax	**-**	**1**	**(14)**	**(57)**	**(70)**	**-**	**(70)**
Reportable segment profit	**294**	**1,122**	**630**	**504**	**2,256**	**(41)**	**2,509**

$ million	Investment in HKEI	Investments: United Kingdom	Investments: Australia	Investments: Others	Investments: Sub-total	All other activities	Total
	2020						
For the six months ended 30 June							
Revenue							
Revenue	-	268	247	86	601	-	601
Other net income	-	-	-	3	3	126	129
Reportable segment revenue	-	268	247	89	604	126	730
Results							
Segment earnings	-	268	247	81	596	60	656
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)
Bank deposit interest income	-	-	-	-	-	47	47
Operating profit	-	268	247	81	596	105	701
Finance costs	-	38	(83)	13	(32)	-	(32)
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures and associates *(Note)*	271	537	510	332	1,379	2	1,652
Profit before taxation	271	843	674	426	1,943	107	2,321
Income tax	-	(1)	(11)	(47)	(59)	-	(59)
Reportable segment profit	271	842	663	379	1,884	107	2,262

Note: Included net amount of share of deferred tax charges on change in corporate tax rate of the United Kingdom and share of tax credit in respect of deferred tax liabilities on intangible assets amounting to $551 million (2020: $780 million).

5. Revenue

Group revenue represents interest income from loans granted to joint ventures and associates, dividends from other financial assets and engineering and consulting services fees.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 **$ million**	2020 $ million
Interest income	**615**	601
Share of revenue of joint ventures	**9,003**	7,956

6. Profit before taxation

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	$ million	$ million
Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:		
Finance costs - interest on borrowings and other finance costs	**63**	32
Depreciation	**1**	2

7. Income tax

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	$ million	$ million
Current tax	**26**	34
Deferred tax	**44**	25
	70	59

Taxation is provided for at the applicable tax rate on the estimated assessable profits less available tax losses. Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences under the liability method using tax rates applicable to the Group's operations in different countries.

8. Earnings per share

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of $2,509 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (2020: $2,262 million) and 2,134,261,654 ordinary shares (2020: 2,134,261,654 ordinary shares) in issue throughout the period.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020.

9. Interest in joint ventures

	30 June 2021 $ million	31 December 2020 $ million
Share of net assets of unlisted joint ventures	**49,355**	46,531
Loans to unlisted joint ventures	**12,742**	12,329
Amounts due from unlisted joint ventures	**277**	287
	62,374	59,147
Share of total assets of unlisted joint ventures	**145,912**	141,570

10. Interest in associates

	30 June 2021 $ million	31 December 2020 $ million
Share of net assets		
– Listed associate	**15,995**	16,160
– Unlisted associates	**6,809**	6,508
	22,804	22,668
Loans to unlisted associates	**3,628**	3,642
Amounts due from associates	**84**	95
	26,516	26,405

11. Trade and other receivables

	30 June 2021 $ million	31 December 2020 $ million
Trade debtors	**-**	-
Interest and other receivables	**497**	406
	497	406
Derivative financial instruments	**53**	226
Deposits and prepayments	**2**	3
	552	635

Trade with customers is carried out on credit and invoices are normally due within one month after issued. The ageing of trade debtors is based on invoice date and net of loss allowance.

12. Trade and other payables

	30 June 2021 $ million	31 December 2020 $ million
Due within 1 month or on demand	**74**	64
Due after 1 month but within 3 months	**8**	5
Due after 3 months but within 12 months	**3,262**	3,328
Creditors measured at amortised cost	**3,344**	3,397
Derivative financial instruments	**262**	206
	3,606	3,603

13. Interim dividend

The interim dividend declared by the Board of Directors is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 $ million	2020 $ million
Interim dividend of $0.78 per ordinary share (2020: $0.77 per ordinary share)	**1,665**	1,643

OTHER INFORMATION

Interim Dividend

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend for 2021 of HK$0.78 per share. The dividend will be payable on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 to shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 3 September 2021, being the record date for determination of entitlement to the interim dividend. To qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates should be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 3 September 2021.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's issued shares during the six months ended 30 June 2021.

Corporate Governance

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and recognises that sound and effective corporate governance practices are fundamental to the smooth, effective and transparent operation of a company and its ability to attract investment, protect the rights of shareholders and stakeholders, and enhance shareholder value. The Group's corporate governance policy is designed to achieve these objectives and is maintained through a framework of processes, policies and guidelines.

The Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021.

The Group is committed to achieving and maintaining standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with this commitment and in compliance with the Corporate Governance Code, the Audit Committee has reviewed the procedures for reporting possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters. In addition, the Company has established the Policy on Inside Information and Securities Dealing for compliance by all employees of the Group.

Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the Group's code of conduct regulating directors' securities transactions. All Directors have confirmed following specific enquiry that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021.

Board Composition

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors	:	Mr. FOK Kin Ning, Canning (Chairman), Mr. TSAI Chao Chung, Charles (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. CHAN Loi Shun, Mr. Andrew John HUNTER, Mr. Neil Douglas MCGEE and Mr. WAN Chi Tin
Non-executive Directors	:	Mr. LEUNG Hong Shun, Alexander and Mr. LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor
Independent Non-executive Directors	:	Mr. IP Yuk-keung, Albert, Ms. KOH Poh Wah, Mr. LUI Wai Yu, Albert, Mr. Ralph Raymond SHEA and Mr. WU Ting Yuk, Anthony