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## King's Stone Holdings Group Limited

### 金石控股集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(formerly known as SILVER TIDE HOLDINGS LIMITED 銀濤控股有限公司)

(Stock Code: 1943)

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of King’s Stone Holdings Group Limited (the “**Company**”) presents the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 September 2024 together with the comparative figures in 2023, as follows:

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>	6	<b>103,297</b>	254,563
Cost of sales		<b>(130,937)</b>	(239,181)
<b>Gross (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(27,640)</b>	15,382
Other income and gains	6	<b>401</b>	2,980
Administrative expenses		<b>(35,266)</b>	(11,123)
Other losses		–	(9,133)
Finance costs	7	<b>(34)</b>	(58)
<b>Loss before income tax</b>	8	<b>(62,539)</b>	(1,952)
Income tax expense	9	–	(442)
<b>LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>		<b>(62,539)</b>	(2,394)
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>			
Other comprehensive loss that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		–*	–
<b>Total comprehensive loss attributable to owners of the parent</b>		<b>(62,539)</b>	(2,394)
<b>LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT</b>			
Basic and diluted	11	<b>(HK6.3 cents)</b>	(HK0.2 cents)

\* Less than HK\$1,000

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*As at 30 September 2024*

		30 September 2024 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2024 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
	<i>Notes</i>		
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	12	6,527	8,510
Intangible assets		1,544	1,544
Trading right		–	–
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets		94	94
Statutory deposits		205	205
		8,370	10,353
Total non-current assets			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Contract assets	13	100,206	94,440
Trade receivables	14	30,055	26,536
Tax recoverables		1,976	1,482
Amount due from the ultimate holding company		390	390
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets		8,722	9,310
Trust bank balances held on behalf of customers		2,686	24,715
Cash and cash equivalents		24,401	98,139
		168,436	255,012
Total current assets			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade payables and retention payables	15	27,889	44,059
Amount due to the immediate holding company		23,620	18,468
Other payables and accruals		3,367	17,811
Lease liabilities		438	897
		55,314	81,235
Total current liabilities			
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>113,122</b>	<b>173,777</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>121,492</b>	<b>184,130</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liabilities		–	99
Deferred tax liabilities		188	188
		188	287
Total non-current liabilities			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>121,304</b>	<b>183,843</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Share capital		10,000	10,000
Reserves		111,304	173,843
		121,304	183,843
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>121,304</b>	<b>183,843</b>

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

King's Stone Holdings Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 24 July 2018 with limited liability. The registered office of the Company is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The principal place of operations of the Company is located at Office Floor 29, Queen's Road Centre, 152 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

The shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 28 June 2019 (the “**Listing Date**”).

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in providing construction services, including traditional formwork using timber and plywood, system formwork using aluminium and steel, ancillary works such as concrete works and reinforcement works for the public and private sectors in Hong Kong and business of securities dealing and broking.

In the opinion of the directors, the immediate holding company and the ultimate holding company of the Company is Central Force Premium Group Limited (“**Central Force Premium**”), which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (“**BVI**”).

### Information about principal subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and business	Issued ordinary share capital/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Hop Fat Yuk Ying Engineering Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary share HK\$2,000,000	–	100	Construction services
Yellow River Securities Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary share HK\$11,000,000	–	100	Securities dealing and broking

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 (“**HKAS 34**”), issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) and the applicable disclosure provisions of Main Board Listing Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for issue on 26 November 2024.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2024 annual financial statements, except for those that relate to new standards or interpretations effective for the first time for periods beginning on or after 1 April 2024. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3. The adoption of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) have no material effect on these condensed consolidated interim financial statements. The Group has not early adopted any new and revised HKFRSs that has been issued but not yet effective in the current accounting period.

The preparation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements in compliance with HKAS 34 requires the use of certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The significant judgements made by the management in applying the Group’s accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars (“**HK\$**”), unless otherwise stated. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements contain condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes do not include all of the information required for a complete set of condensed consolidated interim financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRSs and should be read in conjunction with the 2024 consolidated financial statements.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company.

### 3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group has applied the same accounting policies in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements as in its 2024 annual consolidated financial statements.

#### **New and amended standards adopted by the Group**

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 April 2024 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (the "2020 Amendments")
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (the "2022 Amendments")
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements

The adoption of the above standards and interpretation did not result in any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies and had no material financial impact on the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

### 4. USE OF JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

In preparing these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgements made by the management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### 5. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

The information reported to the directors of the Group, who are the chief operating decision makers, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of performance contain discrete operating segment financial information and the directors review the financial results of these components' performance.

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group has identified two reportable segments. The Group's reportable segments are i) Construction services and ii) Dealing and broking. The segments are managed separately as each business offers different services and requires different business strategies.

(a) **Segment revenues and results**

**For the six months ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)**

	<b>Construction services <i>HK\$'000</i></b>	<b>Dealing and broking <i>HK\$'000</i></b>	<b>Total <i>HK\$'000</i></b>
REVENUE			
Revenue to external customers	<u>102,963</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>103,297</u>
RESULT			
Segment loss	<u>(56,798)</u>	<u>(1,490)</u>	<u>(58,288)</u>
Unallocated other income			1
Unallocated corporate expenses			(4,218)
Finance costs			<u>(34)</u>
Loss before income tax			<u><u>(62,539)</u></u>

**For the six months ended 30 September 2023 (Unaudited)**

	<b>Construction services <i>HK\$'000</i></b>	<b>Dealing and broking <i>HK\$'000</i></b>	<b>Total <i>HK\$'000</i></b>
REVENUE			
Revenue to external customers	<u>254,358</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>254,563</u>
RESULT			
Segment profit/(loss)	<u>2,684</u>	<u>(1,354)</u>	1,330
Unallocated other income			2,512
Unallocated corporate expenses			(5,736)
Finance costs			<u>(58)</u>
Loss before income tax			<u><u>(1,952)</u></u>

(b) **Other segment information included in segment profit or segments assets**  
**For the six months ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)**

	Construction services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Dealing and broking <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Interest income	(77)	(31)	(1)	(109)
Government grants	(93)	–	–	(93)
Addition in right-of-use-assets	–	444	–	444
Addition in property, plant and equipment	300	–	–	300
Depreciation of right-of-use-assets	215	204	–	419
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,504	1	248	1,753
Gain on early termination of lease	–	(21)	–	(21)
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**For the six months ended 30 September 2023 (Unaudited)**

	Construction services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Dealing and broking <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Interest income	(62)	(114)	(1)	(177)
Government grants	(192)	–	–	(192)
Addition in right-of-use-assets	–	1,109	–	1,109
Addition in property, plant and equipment	916	12	–	928
Depreciation of right-of-use-assets	–	185	215	400
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,888	8	–	2,896
Unrealised loss arising from change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL	–	–	2,472	2,472
Realised gain arising from financial assets at FVTPL	–	–	(2,057)	(2,057)
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(c) **Segment assets and liabilities**

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segment:

	<b>As at 30 September 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000</b>	As at 31 March 2024 (Audited) HK\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Construction services	<b>163,790</b>	230,902
Dealing and broking	<b>9,762</b>	31,193
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Segment assets	<b>173,552</b>	262,095
Unallocated	<b>3,254</b>	3,270
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Total assets	<b>176,806</b>	265,365
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	<b>As at 30 September 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000</b>	As at 31 March 2024 (Audited) HK\$'000
<b>Segment liabilities</b>		
Construction services	<b>26,709</b>	35,412
Dealing and broking	<b>3,799</b>	26,158
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Segment liabilities	<b>30,508</b>	61,570
Unallocated	<b>24,994</b>	19,952
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Total liabilities	<b>55,502</b>	81,522
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**Geographical information**

No geographical information is presented as the Group's revenue was solely derived from customers and operations based in Hong Kong and the non-current assets of the Group were mainly located in Hong Kong.



### Information about major customers

Revenue from each major customer which accounted for 10% or more of the Group's revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2024 is set out below:

	For six months ended	
	30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Customer I <sup>1</sup>	21,712	95,943
Customer II <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>	121,127
Customer III <sup>1</sup>	52,854	N/A <sup>2</sup>
Customer IV <sup>1</sup>	15,269	N/A <sup>2</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Revenue from construction services.

<sup>2</sup> The corresponding revenue did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group.

Except for the aforesaid, no revenue from other single external customer accounted for 10% or more of the Group's revenue.

## 6. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

Revenue represents the net invoiced value of services rendered and earned by the Group. All the Group's revenue (other than interest income) is derived from contracts with customers under HKFRS 15.

An analysis of revenue, other income and gains is as follows:

	<b>For six months ended</b>	
	<b>30 September</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>		
Construction services		
Private sector	<b>94,974</b>	241,928
Public sector	<b>7,989</b>	12,430
	<b>102,963</b>	254,358
Dealing and broking		
Brokerage commission	<b>332</b>	179
Interest income	<b>2</b>	26
	<b>334</b>	205
	<b>103,297</b>	254,563
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>		
Over time		
Construction services	<b>102,963</b>	254,358
Point in time		
Dealing and broking	<b>334</b>	205
	<b>103,297</b>	254,563
<b>Other income and gains</b>		
Bank interest income	<b>109</b>	177
Dividend income on financial assets	–	86
Rental income	<b>121</b>	99
Gain on early termination of lease	<b>21</b>	–
Government grants	<b>93</b>	192
Realised gain arising from financial assets at FVTPL	–	2,057
Sundry	<b>57</b>	1
Others	–	368
	<b>401</b>	2,980

## 7. FINANCE COSTS

**For six months ended  
30 September**

<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)

An analysis of finance costs is as follows:

Interest on bank overdrafts	2	3
Interest on lease liabilities	32	55
	<u>34</u>	<u>58</u>

## 8. LOSS BEFORE TAX

The Group's loss before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

**For six months ended  
30 September**

<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,753	2,896
Depreciation of right of use assets	419	400
Donation	–	10
Rental expenses – Short term lease	2,545	823
Employee benefit expense (excluding directors' and chief executive's remuneration)		
Wages and salaries	30,963	6,893
Pension scheme contributions	184	243
Other benefit	869	866
Gain on termination of lease	(21)	–
	<u>34,963</u>	<u>11,231</u>

## 9. INCOME TAX

	For six months ended	
	30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current – Hong Kong		
Charge for the period	–	442
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For the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023, Hong Kong profits tax is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. Under two-tiered profit tax rates regime which was effective on 28 March 2019, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of the elected subsidiary will be taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%.

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the BVI, the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and the BVI.

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

## 10. DIVIDENDS

The board of directors does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023.

## 11. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The number of ordinary shares used to calculate the basic loss per share for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and 2023 was based on 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company.

No adjustment has been made to the basic loss per share amounts presented for the periods ended 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023 as the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during these periods.

## 12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group acquired assets with a cost of HK\$300,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$928,000).

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, right-of-use assets amounted to approximately HK\$1,341,000 has been recognised (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$2,007,000). In addition, there are right-of-use assets with carrying amount of HK\$555,000 were disposed during the six months ended 30 September 2024, resulting in a gain on early termination of lease of approximately HK\$21,000 during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

### 13. CONTRACT ASSETS

	<b>30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Contract assets		
Unbilled revenue	<b>24,056</b>	19,519
Retention receivables	<b>76,358</b>	75,129
Less: Impairment loss on retention receivable	<b>(208)</b>	(208)
	<b>100,206</b>	94,440

Unbilled revenue included in contract assets represents the Group's right to receive consideration for work completed and not yet billed because the rights are conditional upon the quality and quantity check by the customers on the construction work completed by the Group and the work is pending for the certification by the customers. The contract assets are transferred to the trade receivable when the rights become unconditional, which is typically at the time the Group obtains the certification of the completed construction work from the customers.

Retention receivables included in contract assets represent the Group's right to consideration for work performed but not yet collectible because the rights are conditional on the satisfaction of the service quality by the customers over a certain period as stipulated in the contracts. The contract assets are transferred to the trade receivable when the rights become unconditional, which is typically at the expiry date of the period for the provision of assurance by the Group on the service quality of the construction work performed by the Group.

### 14. TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables represented receivables for contract works. Management generally submit interim payment applications to customers on a monthly basis containing a statement setting out management's estimation of the valuation of the works completed in the preceding month. Upon receiving the interim payment application, the architect or the consultant of the customer will verify such valuation of works completed and issue an interim payment certificate within 30 to 60 days. Within 30 to 60 days after the issuance of the interim payment certificate, the customer will make payment to the Group based on the certified amount stipulated in such certificate, deducting any retention money in accordance with the contract. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on the invoice date or progress payment certificate date is as follows:

	<b>30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	21,592	26,536
31 to 60 days	8,463	–
61 to 90 days	–	–
Over 90 days	–	–
	<u>30,055</u>	<u>26,536</u>

	<b>30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Movements on the impairment loss are as follows:		
Balance at beginning of the period	13,934	687
Impairment loss recognised on trade receivables	–	13,247
	<u>13,934</u>	<u>13,934</u>

## 15. TRADE PAYABLES AND RETENTION PAYABLES

	<b>30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Trade payables arising from the business of:		
Construction services	20,420	18,639
Arising from securities of cash customers	2,636	24,692
Arising from securities of HKSCC	31	728
	<u>23,087</u>	<u>44,059</u>
Retention payables	<u>4,802</u>	–
	<u>27,889</u>	<u>44,059</u>

The settlement terms of trade payables, except for margin clients, arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date and trade payables arising from the business of dealing in futures contracts are one day after trade date.

An ageing analysis of the trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date or the progress payment certificate date, is as follows:

	<b>30 September 2024 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 March 2024 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Within 30 days	<b>21,801</b>	43,499
31 to 60 days	<b>812</b>	100
61 to 90 days	<b>14</b>	–
Over 90 days	<b>460</b>	460
	<b>23,087</b>	44,059

Trade payables are non-interest-bearing. The payment terms of trade payables are stipulated in the relevant contracts with credit periods of 30 days in general.

#### **16. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There is no significant event after the end of the reporting period of the Group.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Revenue**

Our revenue decreased from approximately HK\$254.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$103.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024, representing a decrease of approximately 59.4%. Such decrease was primarily attributable to the intense market competition which led to smaller number of successful tenders and lower value of contracts awarded.

#### **Gross loss/profit and gross loss/profit margin**

The gross loss of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2024 amounted to approximately HK\$27.6 million as compared to the gross profit of approximately HK\$15.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. The Group's gross loss margin for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was approximately 26.8%, as compared to the gross profit margin of approximately 6.0% for the six months ended 30 September 2023. The gross loss was mainly due to (i) the decrease of HK\$151.4 million in the revenue generated from the construction segment as a result of the intense market competition which led to a smaller number of successful tenders and lower value of contracts awarded; (ii) delay in certification of works performed for certain projects; and (iii) additional subcontracting costs related to dealing with unexpected changes to the on-site arrangements of certain projects which resulted in gross loss.

#### **Other income and gains**

Other income and gains decreased by approximately HK\$2.6 million from approximately HK\$3.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$0.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024, representing an decrease of approximately 86.5%. Such decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in realised gain arising from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") from approximately HK\$2.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to nil for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

#### **Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses increased by approximately HK\$24.1 million to approximately HK\$35.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 as compared to the administrative expenses of approximately HK\$11.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023. Such increase was mainly attributable to the increase in discretionary bonus of HK\$21.7 million awarded to staff for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: nil).



**Other losses**

The Group recorded other losses of nil for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$9.1 million), which was mainly attributable to (i) the decrease in other expenses derived from unrealised loss arising from change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL from HK\$2.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to nil for the six months ended 30 September 2024; (ii) the decrease in impairment loss on trade receivables from HK\$6.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to nil for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

**Finance costs**

Finance costs decreased from approximately HK\$58,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$34,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2024, representing a decrease of approximately 41.4%. Such decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in interest expense on right-of-use-assets during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

**Income tax**

For the reporting period, the Group's income tax expense amounted to nil as compared to approximately HK\$0.4 million income tax expense for the six months ended 30 September 2023. Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in assessable profits from the construction segment during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

**Loss attributable to owners of the parent**

As a result of the foregoing, the loss attributable to owners of the parent amounted to approximately HK\$62.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 as compared to the loss attributable to owners of the parent of approximately HK\$2.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

**Interim dividend**

The Board has resolved not to recommend the declaration of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (for the six months ended 30 September 2023: nil).

### **Liquidity and financial resources**

Our primary uses of capital are to satisfy our working capital needs and to fund our construction projects. We financed our working capital primarily from (i) cash generated from operating activities, which primarily comprised cash payments we received from our revenue from the provision of formwork works and other construction works; (ii) bank borrowings; and (iii) proceeds from issuance of new shares. In managing our liquidity, our management monitors and maintains a reasonable level of cash and cash equivalents which are deemed adequate by our management to finance our operations and to mitigate the impacts of fluctuations in cash flows. We rely on cash and cash equivalents on hand, and cash generated from operating activities as the main sources of liquidity. As at 30 September 2024, the cash and cash equivalents, net current assets and total assets less current liabilities were HK\$24.4 million (as at 31 March 2024: HK\$98.1 million), HK\$113.1 million (as at 31 March 2024: HK\$173.8 million) and HK\$121.5 million (as at 31 March 2024: HK\$184.1 million), respectively.

### **Contingent liabilities**

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities (as at 31 March 2024: nil).

### **Capital commitments**

As at 30 September 2024, the Group had capital commitments of approximately HK\$1.1 million (as at 31 March 2024: HK\$1.1 million) contracted but not provided for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

### **Funding and treasury policy**

The Group maintains a prudent funding and treasury policy. Surplus funds are maintained in the form of cash deposits with licensed banks. To manage liquidity risk, the Board of Directors closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and other commitments can meet its funding requirements from time to time.

### **Foreign currency risk**

The Group has no significant exposure to foreign currency risk because almost all of the Group's transactions are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should and when appropriate.

### **Gearing ratio**

As at 30 September 2024, the Group's gearing ratio was nil (as at 31 March 2024: nil), representing total bank and other borrowings as a percentage of total equity.

## **Segment information**

Save as disclosed in note 5 to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements in this announcement, the Group's business was regarded as a single operating segment and the Group had no geographical segment information presented as at 30 September 2024.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of formwork services to both the public and private sectors in the construction industry in Hong Kong. The formwork services undertaken by our Group mainly include (i) traditional formwork using timber and plywood; and (ii) system formwork using aluminium and steel. The Group started its formwork business in 1998 and has more than 26 years of experience in the provision of its services in Hong Kong. In August 2021, the Group diversified the business to dealing and broking service in Hong Kong. Our revenue decreased by HK\$151.3 million from approximately HK\$254.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$103.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

## **FUTURE PROSPECT**

During the reporting period, the Group was principally engaged in the provision of formwork work services and dealing and broking services in Hong Kong. During the reporting period, the Group's tendering results were still not satisfactory. The intense market competition may lead to a smaller number of successful tenders and quotations and lower value of contracts awarded to the Group. The Group's gross profit margin is facing pressure due to competitive pricing in tenders and quotations, which adversely impacts its financial performance. In order to maintain its market share in the formwork work industry, the Group will continue to closely monitor the market and respond to changes in market conditions. The Directors are confident that with the Group's reputation in the formwork work industry and its experienced management team, the Group is in a good position to compete with its competitors. The Group will continue to improve its competitiveness by consistently delivering quality work to its customers.

Furthermore, the Group will actively pursue opportunities to broaden its customer base and increase its market share while expanding its dealing and broking services which will enhance value for the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders"). The Group has been exploring potential business opportunities beyond the Hong Kong market and considering the geographical expansion of its core operations to enhance future growth and strengthen revenue streams. We believe that such exploration would be worthwhile to ensure that we are well-prepared to dive into any opportunities as they arise or come to our attention. We expect that diversification of our business will provide a better return to the Shareholders.

## **MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES**

During the reporting period, the Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries or associated companies.

## **SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT HELD**

During the reporting period, the Group had no significant investment held.

## **FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS**

During the reporting period, the Group does not have other plans for material investments and capital assets.

## **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 30 September 2024, the Group employed 34 employees in Hong Kong (as at 31 March 2024: 37 employees). The remuneration package that our Group offers to employees includes salary, bonuses and other cash subsidies. In general, our Group determines employee salaries based on each employee's qualification, position and seniority. As required by Hong Kong laws, we have enrolled all of our full time staff in the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme. We intend to maintain our remuneration package competitive in order to attract and retain talented labour, and we regularly carry out staff evaluation to assess their performance.

## **COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, none of the Directors or the controlling shareholders of the Company and their respective associates (as defined under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") (the "**Listing Rules**")) had any interests in a business, apart from the business of the Group, which competes or may compete with the business of the Group or has any other conflict of interest with the Group which would be required to be disclosed under Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

## **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code (the “**Model Code**”) set out in Appendix C3 of the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry, all Directors have fully complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE**

The Company and the Board are devoted to achieve and maintain high standards of corporate governance, as the Board believes that good and effective corporate governance practices are fundamental to obtain and maintain the trust and safeguarding interest of the Shareholders and other stakeholders of the Company. The Company has adopted the principles and code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) as set out in Appendix C1 of the Listing Rules.

To the best knowledge of the Board, except for the deviation from the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the Company has complied with the code provisions in the CG Code during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

Pursuant to code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Wang Jianfeng (“**Mr. Wang**”) assumed the dual role as the chairman of the Board and the chief executive of the Company. However, the Board believes that with the support of the management, vesting the roles of both chairman of the Board and chief executive officer on Mr. Wang can facilitate the execution of the Group’s business strategies and provide a strong and consistent leadership to improve the Company’s efficiency in decision-making. The Board considers that the appointment of Mr. Wang as the chairman of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Company will not impair the balance of power as all major decisions are made in consultation with members of the Board. In addition, under the supervision by the Board which currently consists of one executive Director, three non-executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors, the interests of the Shareholders will be adequately and fairly represented. Therefore, the Board considers the deviation from the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code is appropriate under such circumstances. However, the Board will periodically review the effectiveness of this arrangement and consider separating the roles of chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of the Company when it thinks appropriate.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) was established on 6 June 2019. The Company has established the Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and paragraph D.3 of the CG Code.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review, supervise, and assist our Board in providing an independent view of, our financial reporting processes, and internal control and risk management systems, as well as to oversee the audit process, review our annual and interim financial statements, provide advice and comments to the Board on matters related to corporate governance, and perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by our Board from time to time.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and this announcement and is of the opinion that the relevant unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the applicable accounting standards and the requirements under the Listing Rules and that adequate disclosure has been made.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

## **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company conditionally adopted a share option scheme on 8 June 2019 ("**Share Option Scheme**") in which certain participants, including any employee (full-time or part-time), director, consultant, adviser or substantial shareholder of the Group, or any distributor, contractor, supplier, agent, customer, business partner or service provider of the Group, may be granted options to subscribe for the Shares of the Company (the "**Shares**"). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain the best available personnel, provide additional incentive to above parties and promote the success of the business of the Group. The Share Option Scheme shall expire at the close of business on 7 June 2029 unless terminated earlier by the Shareholders in a general meeting. The Directors believe that the Share Option Scheme is important for the recruitment and retention of quality executives and employees.

The subscription price of a Share in respect of any particular option granted under the Share Option Scheme shall be a price solely determined by the Board and notified to a participant and shall be at least the higher of:

- (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant of the option, which must be a business day;
- (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option; and
- (iii) the nominal value of a Share on the date of grant of the option.

The maximum number of Shares issuable upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of this Company (excluding, for this purpose, Shares issuable upon exercise of options which have been granted but which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company) must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of listing of the Shares. Therefore, the Company may grant options in respect of up to 100,000,000 Shares (or such numbers of Shares as shall result from a sub-division or a consolidation of such 100,000,000 Shares from time to time) to the participants under the Share Option Scheme.

An offer for the grant of options must be accepted within seven days from and inclusive of the day on which such offer is made. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1. The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of options granted to any grantee (including both exercised and outstanding options) under the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company in any 12-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue. Any further grant of options in excess of such limit must be separately approved by the Shareholders at a general meeting with such grantee and his associates abstaining from voting.

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during a period as the Board may determine, which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant, subject to the provisions of early termination thereof.

The number of Shares available for grant at the beginning of the reporting period was 100,000,000. The number of Shares available for grant at the end of the reporting period was 100,000,000.

The number of Shares that may be issued in respect of options and awards granted under all schemes of this Company for the reporting period divided by the weighted average number of shares of the relevant class in issue for the reporting period is 10.0%.

During the six months period ended 30 September 2024, no share option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed and there is no outstanding share option under the Share Option Scheme.

## **CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME**

The Board proposed to change the English name of the Company from “SILVER TIDE HOLDINGS LIMITED” to “King’s Stone Holdings Group Limited” and to change its dual foreign name in Chinese from “銀濤控股有限公司” to “金石控股集團有限公司” (“**Change of Company Name**”). The relevant resolutions were passed by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 21 August 2024. The Change of Company Name became effective on 26 August 2024. Details of the Change of Company Name are disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 15 July 2024 and 20 September 2024 and the circular of the Company dated 22 July 2024.



The Board is of the view that the new company name would provide the Company with a fresh new corporate image and identity.

## **PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT**

This announcement will be published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)) and the Company ([www.kshgl.com](http://www.kshgl.com)). The interim report for the six months ended 30 September 2024 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange and despatched to the Shareholders in due course.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AFTER THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The event that has a significant impact on the Group and occurred since 30 September 2024 and up to the date of this announcement has been stated in the paragraphs headed “Business Review” and “Future Prospect” under the section headed “Management Discussion and Analysis” above.

By order of the Board  
**King’s Stone Holdings Group Limited**  
**Wang Jianfeng**

*Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 26 November 2024

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Mr. Wang Jianfeng (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) as executive Director, Mr. Cai Huihui, Ms. Liu Jingna and Mr. Ruan Dongdong as non-executive Directors, and Mr. Wang Wenxing, Mr. An Wen Long and Ms. Florence Ng as independent non-executive Directors.*