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INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT – 2016/2017

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Turnover: HK\$63,028,000, decrease 22.63% (2015: HK\$81,462,000)
- Profit attributable to owners of the Company: HK\$146,051,000 (2015: HK\$153,608,000)
- Net cash position: HK\$940,334,000 (31.3.2016: HK\$1,634,474,000)
- Earnings per share: HK\$1.08 (2015: HK\$1.14)
- Interim dividend: HK8 cents per share (2015: HK7 cents per share) and a special dividend of HK22 cents per share (2015: HK15 cents per share)

The Board of Directors of Safety Godown Company, Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2016. These results have been reviewed by the Company's auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" and by the Audit Committee of the Company.

For the six months ended 30 September 2016, the Group's unaudited profit attributable to shareholders recorded at HK\$146,051,000 while profit for the previous corresponding period amounted to HK\$153,608,000, registering a decrease of 4.92%. Turnover dropped by 22.63% to HK\$63,028,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$81,462,000) on a year-on-year basis as a result of the disposal of Chivas Godown last year. The Group's underlying profit excluding fair value gain on investment properties, however, rose by 18.39% to HK\$51,977,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$43,904,000).

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2016

	Six months ended		
	Notes	30.9.2016	30.9.2015
		(unaudited) HK\$'000	(unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover		63,028	81,462
Income from godown operations		17,854	18,609
Income from property investment		39,118	59,155
Interest income		1,524	1,134
Dividend income		4,532	2,564
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments		19,782	_
Other gains and losses		1,432	(4,147)
Increase in fair value of investment properties		94,074	109,704
Staff costs		(6,374)	(7,283)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		(3,506)	(3,349)
Other expenses		(15,885)	(12,321)
Profit before taxation		152,551	164,066
Taxation	4	(6,500)	(10,458)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		146,051	153,608
Other comprehensive (expense) income Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: Revaluation surplus on transfer of owned-occupied property to investment properties		_	214,389
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Fair value gain on available-for-sale investments Investment revaluation reserve released upon disposal		-	19,619
of available-for-sale investments		(20,601)	
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period		(20,601)	234,008
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		125,450	387,616
Earnings per share – Basic	6	HK\$1.08	HK\$1.14

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2016

	Note	30.9.2016 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31.3.2016 (audited) <i>HK\$</i> '000
Non-current assets Investment properties Property, plant and equipment Available-for-sale investments		2,951,000 76,362 	2,694,200 76,963 23,155
		3,027,362	2,794,318
Current assets Held-to-maturity investment Investments held for trading Trade and other receivables Tax recoverable	7	5,922 258,676 26,099	5,946 197,684 16,962 1,219
Bank deposits Other deposits Bank balances and cash		446,536 108,160 385,638	834,146 114,988 685,340
Current liabilities Other payables Tax payable Derivative financial instruments		58,495 16,111 545	1,856,285 44,084 12,831
		75,151	56,915
Net current assets		1,155,880	1,799,370
		4,183,242	4,593,688
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		178,216 3,935,746	178,216 4,350,296
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		4,113,962	4,528,512
Non-current liabilities Long-term tenants' deposits received Deferred tax liabilities Provision for long service payments		11,264 57,055 961 69,280	9,162 55,053 961 65,176
		4,183,242	4,593,688

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2016 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following amendments to Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS(s)") and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS(s)") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "revised HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA:

Amendments to HKAS 1 Disclosure Initiative

Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38 Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and

Amortisation

Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 41 Agriculture: Bearer Plants

Amendments to HKAS 27 Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements

Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation of Interests in

and HKAS 28 Joint Exception

Amendments to HKFRS 11 Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle

The application of the above revised HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial performance and position for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating segments, based on information reported to the chief operating decision maker, the executive director of the Company, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment are as follows:

Godown operations – Operation of godowns

Property investment – Leasing of investment properties
Treasury investment – Securities trading and investment

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

For the six months ended 30 September 2016

	Godown operations <i>HK\$</i> '000	Property investment <i>HK\$</i> '000	Treasury investment <i>HK\$</i> '000	Segment total HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover Segment revenue	17,854	39,118	6,056	63,028	63,028
Segment profit	8,193	29,294	24,430	61,917	61,917
Increase in fair value of investment properties Central administrative costs Profit before taxation For the six months ended 30 September	er 2015				94,074 (3,440) 152,551
	Godown operations <i>HK\$</i> '000	Property investment <i>HK\$</i> '000	Treasury investment HK\$'000	Segment total HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover					
Segment revenue	18,609	59,155	3,698	81,462	81,462
Segment profit (loss)	9,156	52,613	(4,116)	57,653	57,653
Increase in fair value of investment properties Central administrative costs					109,704 (3,291)
Profit before taxation					164,066

Segment profit (loss) represents the profit earned or loss incurred by each segment without allocation of central administrative costs, directors' fees, change in fair value of investment properties, other expenses that are not directly related to the core business and income tax expenses. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment.

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

30.9.2016	31.3.2016
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
80,040	84,771
2,959,956	2,700,443
830,051	1,176,764
3,870,047	3,961,978
3,050	3,374
29,290	41,838
3,207	497
35,547	45,709
	3,050 29,290 3,207

4. TAXATION

	Six months ended	
	30.9.2016 30	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	4,498	9,379
Deferred taxation	2,002	1,079
	6,500	10,458

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for the current and prior periods.

5. DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended	
	30.9.2016	30.9.2015
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Dividends paid:		
Final dividend paid in respect of the year ended		
31 March 2016 of HK12 cents (2015: HK10 cents)		
per ordinary share	16,200	13,500
Special dividend paid in respect of the year ended		
31 March 2016 of HK\$3.88 (2015: HK55 cents)		
per ordinary share	523,800	74,250
	540,000	87,750

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the directors of the Company have proposed that an interim dividend of HK8 cents per share, amounting to HK\$10,800,000 and a special dividend of HK22 cents per share, amounting to HK\$29,700,000 be paid to the shareholders of the Company, whose names appear in the register of members on 23 December 2016. The interim dividend and special dividend will be paid on around 12 January 2017.

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE – BASIC

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$146,051,000 (six months ended 30.9.2015: HK\$153,608,000) and on 135,000,000 (six months ended 30.9.2015: 135,000,000) shares in issue throughout the period.

No diluted earnings per share have been presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue throughout both periods.

7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group has a policy of allowing a credit period of 60 days to its customers in respect of godown operations and 30 days for tenants. Before accepting any new customer, the Group will assess the potential customer's credit quality. Credit limits allowed to customers are reviewed once a year.

An analysis of trade receivables by age, presented based on the billing date, which approximate revenue recognition date, are as follows:

	30.9.2016	31.3.2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables		
Within 60 days	8,213	6,100
61 – 90 days	525	535
Over 90 days		261
	8,738	6,896
Other receivables	9,674	3,342
Prepayments and deposits	7,687	6,724
	26,099	16,962

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the period was HK\$576,800 (six months ended 30.9.2015: HK\$978,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

The period under review coincided with the U.S. presidential election, and the election itself continually affected the trend of the stock market. The recent economic growth in the U.S. was positive with the inflation rate continued to rise which, in turn, increased the possibility of an interest rate lift-off.

Mainland China continued to fight hard against corruption and to intensively crackdown capital outflows. It had introduced many measures to dampen property prices and its economic slowdown was driven by the external weak economy. The unexpected cooling measures, introduced by the Hong Kong Government, cooled down not only those interest-sensitive real estate stocks, but also indicated the undercurrents in Hong Kong's economic prospect. Trading and logistics businesses had not yet rebounded while the property prices and rents were under extreme pressure.

During the period, rental income declined as the Group completed the disposal of the Chivas Godown last December. Rental income from investment property therefore went down by 34% and profit down by 44%. The revitalization of Lu Plaza would be basically completed by the end of 2016 and it is expected that the impact of the revitalization works will be lessened significantly with the completion of all the revitalization works. As for our godown business, since the Chivas Godown had been disposed of and that only its 8th floor was leased back to continue operation (with the lease expired at the end of this year without further renewal), godown income had fallen 4% and results down by 11% with such reduction of operating area.

The Group's financial investment recorded a slight increase. Nevertheless, the sale of the available-for-sale investment brought an additional one-time profit of HK\$19,782,000.

OUTLOOK

The U.S. economy had been better than other countries and areas, however, its assets valuation was not considered attractive and the U.S. rate hike would become one huge negative factor.

The economic growth of Mainland China continued to slow and global trading was structurally weak. The prospect of Hong Kong economy was not optimistic. Private consumption and exports declined and the real estate market would face unusual corrections.

The sale of Chivas Godown reduced the Group's godown operating area, and thus godown income suffered a setback. Furthermore, financial market volatility would make financial investment income unsteady.

Against the austere economic situation, the Group has been aggressively seeking quality projects as investment channels to increase income. As the revitalization of Lu Plaza has entered its final stage and all the works would be on schedule; the revitalized Lu Plaza (together with various services packages available) would be on the market as a full commercial office property, its rental income would rise gradually.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

With the payment of the year 2016 final and special dividend in the total amount of HK\$540,000,000 during the period, shareholders' fund as at 30 September 2016 decreased by 9.15% over the period under review to HK\$4,113,962,000 (31 March 2016: HK\$4,528,512,000) while the net asset value per share equivalent to HK\$30.47 (31 March 2016: HK\$33.54). Earnings per share for the period achieved at HK\$1.08 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$1.14).

Godown operations

Hong Kong economy regained some momentum in the second quarter of 2016. During the period under review, global economic growth remained modest and exports of goods improved. Godown rental rates remained broadly stable.

With the disposal of Chivas Godown last year, the total godown floor area of the Group reduced by around 10,000 square feet. Income generated from godown operations, as a result, decreased by 4.06% to HK\$17,854,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$18,609,000). Operating expenses in godown operations increased as the Group leased back 8/F of Chivas Godown from the purchaser to maintain the godown operation for one year. Segment profit dropped by 10.52% to HK\$8,193,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$9,156,000), with profit margin in godown operation fall slightly to 46% (six months ended 30 September 2015: 49.20%). Occupancy level kept at around 77% over the period.

Property investment

Over the period under review, gross leasing income of the Group declined which was mainly resulted from the disposal of Chivas Godown. The increasing supply side competition in Kowloon East also restricted our ability to push rents higher.

Rental income generated from property investment fell by 33.87% to HK\$39,118,000 (6 months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$59,155,000) with segment profit registered at HK\$29,294,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$52,613,000), a drop of 44.32%. Overall occupancy level at Lu Plaza was maintained at about 77%.

During the period, the Group had acquired one floor and 8 car parks at No. 181 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon with total consideration of around HK\$88,800,000 (including solicitors' fee and stamp duty) which was intended for letting out for rental income.

During the year ended 31 March 2016, the Group had disposed the property known as Chivas Godown located at No. 60 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong at the consideration of HK\$1,550,000,000 and recognised a profit on disposal of HK\$618,542,000. The proceeds was used to finance:—

- (a) final and special dividend paid to shareholders of HK\$540,000,000;
- (b) purchase of investment properties at No. 181 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong;
- (c) revitalization works in Lu Plaza;
- (d) increase in investment portfolio held for trading; and
- (e) balance held at bank for working capital and for future investment purposes.

Due to the disposal the Directors expected that total rental income and godown income for the second half of the year will have an obvious downturn compared to last year. When there is new major investment made that could significantly affect the income of the Group, the Group will inform the shareholders by announcement according to the listing rules.

Treasury investment

The Hong Kong stock market was largely buoyant but volatile during the period under review. Market sentiment improved amid easing concerns over an imminent interest rate hike in the U.S., the smaller-than-expected contagion effect of Brexit and the approval of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect implementation plan. Hang Seng Index closed at 23,297, up 12.13% from the end of March 2016.

During the period, the Group increased its securities investment trading portfolio and achieved a segment profit of HK\$24,430,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: loss of HK\$4,116,000), which included gain on disposal of available-for-sale investment of HK\$19,782,000 and fair value loss on stock index futures and options contracts amounted to HK\$34,559,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: Nil). Investments held for trading as at 30 September 2016 reached HK\$258,676,000 (31 March 2016: HK\$197,684,000), an increase of 30.85% compared to end of financial year 2016.

Interest income of HK\$1,524,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$1,134,000) was mainly generated from bank deposits and Australian bonds, while dividend income of HK\$4,532,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$2,564,000) was received from securities investment primarily listed in Hong Kong stock market.

As at 30 September 2016, the Group had exposure in derivative financial instruments which represented the stock index options liability in the amount of HK\$545,000 (31 March 2016: Nil).

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the period, the Group continued to maintain strong cash position. As at 30 September 2016, the Group had cash and bank balances of HK\$940,334,000 (31 March 2016: HK\$1,634,474,000), and had no bank borrowings. Debt-to-equity ratio (interest bearing borrowings divided by shareholders' equity) stood at zero while the current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) was 16.38 times (31 March 2016: 32.62 times). The Group did not pledge any assets as collateral for overdrafts or other loan facilities.

EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The Group's foreign currency exposure principally related to its investment in US dollar, Euro time deposits and Australian dollar bonds. During the period, the Group recorded exchange losses of HK\$1,249,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$1,753,000). As at 30 September 2016, the total value of the US dollar, Euro time deposits and the Australian dollar bonds amounted to approximately HK\$207,533,000, HK\$86,998,000 and HK\$5,922,000 (31 March 2016: HK\$207,395,000, HK\$87,758,000 and HK\$5,946,000) respectively.

OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Other expenses increases by 28.93% to HK\$15,885,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$12,321,000) as a result of (a) the payment of warehouse rental expenses arising from lease back of 8/F of Chivas Godown and (b) increase in property management fee arising from employment of a professional property management company to manage the Kwai Chung's Godown in order to minimize operating costs and enhance property values.

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 September 2016, the total number of employees of the Group was 42 (31 March 2016: 44 employees), compared with 51 as at 30 September 2015. Staff cost (including Directors' emoluments) decreased by 12.48% to HK\$6,374,000 (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK\$7,283,000). The reduction in staff cost was mainly due to retirement of senior staff and restructuring of the operations.

The remuneration policies are reviewed periodically on the basis of the nature of job, market trend, company performance and individual performance. The Group also provides internal training to staff and provides bonuses based on staff performance and results of the Group. The Group does not have any share option scheme for employees.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 September 2016, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 September 2016, the Group did not have any pledge of assets (31 March 2016: nil).

DIVIDENDS

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK8 cents per share (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK7 cents) and a special dividend of HK22 cents per share (six months ended 30 September 2015: HK15 cents) be paid to the shareholders of the Company, whose names appear in the register of members on 23 December 2016. The interim dividend and special dividend will be paid on or around 12 January 2017.

CLOSURE OF MEMBERS REGISTER

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 21 December 2016 to Friday, 23 December 2016, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed interim dividend and special dividend, all transfers of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrars, Tricor Standard Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 December 2016.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the code provisions set out in Appendix 14 of the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") throughout the six months ended 30 September 2016 except for the deviations from the following code provisions:

Code Provisions A.2.1 to A.2.9 stipulate (i) that the roles of chairman of the board and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual and (ii) the role and responsibility of the chairman of the board and the chief executive officer.

The late Mr. Lu Sin assumed the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Following the death of Mr. Lu Sin on 5 April 2015, the position of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company have been vacant and have not been filled up as at the date of this report.

The Board has kept under review its current structure from time to time. If any candidate with suitable skills and experiences is identified within or outside the Group, the Company will make necessary appointment to fill these positions in due course.

Code Provision A.4.1 stipulates that Non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term. However, all Non-executive Directors of the Company are appointed with no specific term.

Code Provision D.1.4 stipulates that issuers should have formal letters of appointment for directors setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointment. However, the Company did not have formal letters of appointment for directors. In fact, all the Directors (including Non-executive Directors) of the Company are subject to retirement by rotation once every three years and are subject to re-election in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. The Board considers that such requirements are sufficient to meet the underlying objectives of the relevant code provisions.

Code Provision E.1.2 stipulates that the chairman of the Board should attend the annual general meeting.

Since the death of Mr. Lu Sin (the late Chairman), the position of the Chairman of the Board has been vacant, Mr. Lu Wing Yee, Wayne, the Executive Director, has been elected and acted as chairman of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 August 2016 in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Code Provision F.1.3 stipulates that the company secretary should report to the chairman of the board and/or the chief executive.

As the position of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer have been vacant, the Company Secretary reported to the Executive Director of the Company.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors of the Company, all the Directors have confirmed in writing that they had complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2016.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the respective websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited www.hkex.com.hk and of the Company www.safetygodown.com on 28 November 2016. The interim report for the six months ended 30 September 2016 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the above websites and despatched to shareholders in due course.

By Order of the Board
Wong Leung Wai
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 28 November 2016

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company consists of:-

Executive Director	Non-executive Director	Independent Non-executive Directors	
Mr. Lu Wing Yee, Wayne	Mr. Lee Ka Sze, Carmelo	Mr. Gan Khai Choon Mr. Lam Ming Leung Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence	