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Leeport (Holdings) Limited Announces 2018 Annual Results

- **2018 sales increased 32.6% to HK\$814,836,000 (2017: HK\$614,370,000)**
- **Profit attributable to owners of the company decreased 31.5% to HK\$19,210,000 (2017: HK\$28,031,000)**
- **Final dividend of HK2.5 cents per ordinary share recommended. Total dividend per ordinary share for the whole year will be HK5.5 cents decreased by 31.3% (2017: HK8.0 cents)**

(Hong Kong, 29 March 2019) Leeport (Holdings) Limited (“Leeport” or the “Group”) (Stock Code: 387), which is principally engaged in the distribution of advanced manufacturing equipment and precision tools for the manufacturing industry, today announces its annual results for the year ended 31 December 2018. The Group’s sales amounted to HK\$814,836,000 (2017: HK\$614,370,000), representing an increase of 32.6%. The profit attributable to owners of the company was HK\$19,210,000 (2017: HK\$28,031,000), representing a decrease of 31.5% from 2017.

The basic earnings per share were HK8.35 cents in 2018, compared with the figure of HK12.25 cents in 2017, representing a decrease of 31.8%.

The Directors recommended a final dividend of HK2.5 cents per ordinary share (2017: HK3.5 cents per ordinary share). Together with the interim dividend per ordinary share of HK3.0 cents paid by the Group, the total dividend per ordinary share for the year will be HK5.5 cents (2017: HK8.0 cents per ordinary share), representing a decrease of 31.3%.

During the year 2018, the business situation in the second half of the year was quite different than in the first half of the year. In the first half of 2018, the overall business of the Group improved strongly as compared with same period last year, however in the second half of 2018, the business of the Group slowed down due to uncertain market conditions in China.

The share of post-tax profits of associates in 2018 was HK\$19,626,000, compared with HK\$19,346,000 in 2017, representing an increase of 1.4%. The business for Mitutoyo Leeport Metrology Corporation continued to increase in 2018 as compared with 2017.

The business for OPS-Ingersoll Funkenerosion GmbH in 2018 was better than in 2017. In particular, the Company's performance in China was outstanding.

The business for Prima Power Suzhou Company Limited in 2018 was lower than in 2017. This was due to the weaker result in the sales of 3D laser machines, which were affected by the reduction in car manufacturing in China.

Although the Group's sales and gross profit in 2018 were higher than in 2017, the increase in staff costs and operating expenses after the acquisition of new investments and the expansion of the sales team, and the exchange loss incurred in 2018 compared with an exchange gain in 2017, contributed to the decrease in profit attributable to owners of the Company.

Mr. Joseph Lee, Chairman of Leepor (Holdings) Limited commented, "In 2018, the business of some major divisions actually made a significant improvement as compared with 2017, despite the adverse effects of the slowing down of the economy in the second half of 2018. The new German entity in the automation business, Grassinger Technologies GmbH, has contributed sales income to the Group since September 2018. The newly acquired distribution company in assembly tools, Screw & Fastener (HK) Co. Ltd., also contributed sales income to the Group in 2018.

The Group is implanting a strategy to provide value-added services to the market. The set up of a German automation entity, Grassinger Technologies GmbH, will enhance the know-how of the Group in automation and make a contribution to the business in China. The cutting tools and assembly tools business was also outstanding in 2018. The division will continue to expand its sales force and broaden its product range in order to increase the sales volume."

About Leepor (Holdings) Limited (Stock Code: 387)

Established in 1967, Leepor is principally engaged in the trading and installation of machine tools, measuring instruments, cutting tools, assembly tools, as well as equipment for the electronics industry. Over the years, Leepor has established long-term relationships with reputable leading global suppliers to provide a wide range of products and services. Leepor is committed to supplying advanced equipment and manufacturing solutions and providing quality customer services.

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