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Lenovo Group Limited 聯想集團有限公司

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2004/05 Third Quarter Results Announcement

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QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Lenovo Group Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce that the unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the nine months ended 31 December 2004 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period of last year, are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Notes	3 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	3 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
Turnover	3	6,308,795	17,841,503	6,552,281	18,141,421
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation expenses Depreciation expenses Amortisation of intangible assets Impairment of assets Gains on disposal of investments Finance income		370,392 (43,380) (5,250) - (5,189) 23,905	978,506 (145,268) (21,141) (51,364) 159,193 65,551	310,947 (51,704) (10,254) - 45,375 34,218	. , ,
Profit from operations Finance costs	4	340,478 (2,283)	985,477 (5,783)	328,582 (391)	864,233 (391)
		338,195	979,694	328,191	863,842
Share of losses of jointly controlled entities Share of profits of		(1,180)	(11,290)	(25,514)	
associated companies		3,948	3,702	10,932	16,311
Profit before taxation Taxation	5	340,963 (17,864)	972,106 (42,769)	313,609	841,100 1,747
Profit after taxation Minority interests		323,099 4,149	929,337 24,782	314,030 11,121	842,847 21,722
Profit attributable to shareholders		327,248	954,119	325,151	864,569
Dividend	6	N/A	179,378	N/A	149,436
Earnings per share – basic	7	4.37 HK cents	12.76 HK cents	4.35 HK cents	11.57 HK cents
Earnings per share – fully diluted	7	4.36 HK cents	12.74 HK cents	4.31 HK cents	11.50 HK cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	As at 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2004 (audited) HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	548,628	646,986
Tangible fixed assets	890,835	987,272
Construction-in-progress	261,589	260,377
Investments in jointly controlled entities	192,152	124,124
Investments in associated companies	52,977	112,682
Investment securities	70,454	75,982
Deferred tax assets	42,519	34,718
	2,059,154	2,242,141
Current assets		
Inventories	782,515	1,393,018
Trade receivables	1,746,140	1,230,944
Notes receivable	918,891	520,321
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	889,253	301,513
Tax recoverable		4,033
Cash and cash equivalents	3,579,216	2,650,071
	7,916,015	6,099,900
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	2,931,476	2,155,057
Notes payable	461,684	356,531
Accruals and other payables	666,722	616,897
Amounts due to jointly controlled entities	107,561	108,471
Tax payable	4,914	5,031
Short-term bank loan	225,000	
Current portion of long-term liabilities	145,763	55,453
	4,543,120	3,297,440
Net current assets	3,372,895	2,802,460
Total assets less current liabilities	5,432,049	5,044,601
		
Financed by:	4040#4	106.000
Share capital	186,854	186,890
Reserves	4,857,308	4,301,834
Shareholders' funds	5,044,162	4,488,724
Minority interests	26,650	29,330
Long-term liabilities	361,237	526,547
	5,432,049	5,044,601

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	9 months ended 31 December 2004 31 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended December 2003 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities Net cash outflow from investing activities Net cash outflow from financing activities	1,409,304 (299,160) (180,875)	695,805 (157,352) (769,742)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	929,269	(231,289)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	(124) 2,650,071	276 2,808,323
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	3,579,216	2,577,310

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital (unaudited) HK\$'000	Share premium (unaudited) HK\$'000	Surplus arising on consolidation (unaudited) HK\$'000	Exchange reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Share redemption reserve (unaudited) HK\$'000	Retained earnings/ (Accumulated losses) (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) HK\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2004 Surplus in fair market value of	186,890	4,762,526	27,871	4,581	(5,976)	2,898	(490,066)	4,488,724
investment securities Exchange differences				(236)	3,114			3,114 (236)
Net gains and losses not recognised in the consolidated profit and				(44.6)	244			A 0.00
loss account	-	-	-	(236)	3,114	-	- 05/1 110	2,878
Profit for the period Reserves written off on disposal of	-	_	-	-	-	_	954,119	954,119
subsidiaries Reserves realised on disposal of	-	-	-	(2,377)	-	-	-	(2,377)
investment securities	-	-	-	-	(12,908)	-	-	(12,908)
Impairment of investments	-	-	-	-	19,601	-	-	19,601
Exercise of share options	152	13,636	-	-	-	188	-	13,788
Repurchase of shares Dividend paid	(188)	(16,093)					(403,570)	$ \begin{array}{r} (16,093) \\ (403,570) \end{array} $
As at 31 December 2004	186,854	4,760,069	27,871	1,968	3,831	3,086	60,483	5,044,162
Balance as at 1 April 2003 Surplus in fair market value of	186,934	4,734,055	27,871	4,311	(14,496)	2,589	(752,743)	4,188,521
investment securities	_	-	-	_	12,157	-	-	12,157
Exchange differences				276				276
Net gains and losses not recognised in the consolidated profit and								
loss account	-	-	-	276	12,157	-	-	12,433
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	864,569	864,569
Reserves realised on disposal of investment securities	-	-	-	-	(11,623)	-	-	(11,623)
Exercise of share options	115	12,081	-	_	-	- 224	(20.124)	12,196
Repurchase of shares Dividend paid	(234)					234	(20,124) (761,814)	(20,124) (761,814)
As at 31 December 2003	186,815	4,746,136	27,871	4,587	(13,962)	2,823	(670,112)	4,284,158

1. Basis of preparation

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the Group's unaudited quarterly financials. These unaudited quarterly financials have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. These condensed accounts should be read in conjunction with the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004.

2. Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies and methods of calculation used in the preparation of these unaudited quarterly financials are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004.

3. Turnover, revenue and segment information

3A. Primary reporting format – business segments

(i) For the nine months ended 31 December 2004:

	Corporate IT business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Consumer IT business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Handheld device business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Other business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) HK\$'000
Profit and loss account					
Turnover	10,141,922	5,763,339	1,605,649	330,593	17,841,503
Segment operating results	549,831	362,566	(23,803)	(62,461)	826,133
Amortisation of goodwill Impairment of assets Gains on disposal of investments Finance income Finance costs					(14,036) (51,364) 159,193 65,551 (5,783)
Contribution to operating profit Share of losses of jointly controlled entities Share of profits of associated companies					979,694 (11,290) 3,702
Profit before taxation Taxation					972,106 (42,769)
Profit after taxation Minority interests					929,337 24,782
Profit attributable to shareholders					954,119

(ii) For the nine months ended 31 December 2003:

	Corporate IT business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Consumer IT business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Handheld device business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Other business (unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
Profit and loss account					
Turnover	9,555,984	6,068,837	1,432,363	1,084,237	18,141,421
Segment operating results	576,670	332,821	(63,431)	(89,340)	756,720
Amortisation of goodwill Gains on disposal of investments Finance income Finance costs					(18,131) 51,377 74,267 (391)
Contribution to operating profit Share of losses of jointly controlled entities Share of profits of associated companies					863,842 (39,053) 16,311
Profit before taxation Taxation					841,100
Profit after taxation Minority interests					842,847 21,722
Profit attributable to shareholders					864,569

3B. Secondary reporting format – geographical segments

As over 90% of the Group's business operations are located in the People's Republic of China, no geographical segment analysis is presented.

4. Profit from operations

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		3 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	3 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
(a)	Turnover Cost of sales	6,308,795 (5,436,507)	17,841,503 (15,265,377)	6,552,281 (5,630,012)	18,141,421 (15,494,813)
	Gross profit Finance income Gains on disposal of investments Impairment of assets Distribution expenses	872,288 23,905 (5,189) - (386,376)	2,576,126 65,551 159,193 (51,364) (1,204,788)	922,269 34,218 45,375 - (439,476)	2,646,608 74,267 51,377 - (1,271,638)
	Administrative expenses Other operating expenses Amortisation of intangible assets	(86,703) (72,197) (5,250)	(1,204,766) (257,319) (280,781) (21,141)	(112,157) (111,393) (10,254)	(1,271,036) (293,349) (317,544) (25,488)
	Total operating expenses (see (b))	(550,526)	(1,764,029)	(673,280)	(1,908,019)
	Profit from operations	340,478	985,477	328,582	864,233
(b)	Analysis of operating expenses by nature: Selling expenses Promotional and advertising expenses Staff costs Other expenses Amortisation of intangible assets Total operating expenses	(150,965) (80,228) (203,014) (111,069) (5,250) (550,526)	(436,759) (264,369) (637,363) (404,397) (21,141) (1,764,029)	(130,222) (110,518) (242,320) (179,966) (10,254) (673,280)	(422,174) (299,863) (700,816) (459,678) (25,488) (1,908,019)
Taxa		(550,520)	(1,704,022)	(073,200)	(1,700,017)
		3 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	3 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) HK\$'000	9 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
	ion outside Hong Kong red taxation	24,999 (7,739)	49,833 (7,801)	5,702 (6,325)	17,256 (19,422)
Share	of taxation attributable to:	17,260	42,032	(623)	(2,166)
joi	ntly controlled entities ociated companies	134 470	145 592	202	84 335
		17,864	42,769	(421)	(1,747)

6. Dividend

	9 months ended	9 months ended
	31 December 2004	31 December 2003
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim dividend of 2.4 HK cents (2003/04: 2.0 HK cents) per share	179,378	149,436

No dividends have been declared for this quarter (same period last year: nil)

7. Earnings per share

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	9 months ended 31 December 2004 (unaudited)	9 months ended 31 December 2003 (unaudited)
Earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share (HK\$'000)	954,119	864,569
Weighted average number of shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	7,475,320,857	7,470,040,523
Effect of potential dilutive shares	12,394,000	45,116,374
Weighted average number of shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	7,487,714,857	7,515,156,897

8. Ageing analysis

Ageing analysis of trade receivables as at 31 December 2004 is as follow:

	As at 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 30 September 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2004 (audited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
0-30 days 31-60 days 61-90 days Over 90 days	1,442,423 123,692 77,187 102,838	1,411,565 176,109 12,082 114,883	944,212 84,481 20,862 181,389
	1,746,140	1,714,639	1,230,944

Customers are generally granted credit terms of 30 days. Credit terms for customers of system integration business normally range from 30 days to 180 days.

Ageing analysis of trade payables as at 31 December 2004 is as follow:

		As at 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 30 September 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2004 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
	0-30 days 31-60 days 61-90 days Over 90 days	2,491,911 290,701 36,278 112,586	1,991,482 355,502 42,177 90,087	1,791,869 210,993 27,554 124,641
		2,931,476	2,479,248	2,155,057
9.	Condensed balance sheet of the Company		As at 31 December 2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2004 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
	Tangible fixed assets Investments Current assets Current liabilities Net current assets		28,602 2,331,942 3,978,468 130,586 3,847,882	32,115 2,327,875 4,408,126 130,700 4,277,426
	Total assets less current liabilities		6,208,426	6,637,416
	Share capital Retained earnings Reserves		186,854 1,261,642 4,759,930	186,890 1,685,102 4,765,424

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

For the nine months ended 31 December 2004, the Group achieved a turnover of approximately HK\$17,842 million. Profit attributable to shareholders rose to approximately HK\$954 million during the period, representing an increase of 10.36% against HK\$865 million recorded in the same period last year. Basic earnings per share and fully diluted earnings per share were 12.76 HK cents and 12.74 HK cents, representing increases of 10.29% and 10.78% respectively as compared with the same period last year.

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Segment Results

During the nine months ended 31 December 2004, turnover of corporate IT business amounted to HK\$10,142 million and segment operating profit reached HK\$550 million. As for consumer IT business, turnover was HK\$5,763 million and segment operating profit reached HK\$363 million. The turnover of handheld device business increased to HK\$1,606 million, segment operating loss was reduced to HK\$24 million. Turnover of other business (IT service and contract manufacturing business) decreased to HK\$331 million, mainly caused by deconsolidation of the contract manufacturing business since 1 June 2004 and

disposal of substantial portion of IT service business by end of September 2004, with segment operating loss reduced to HK\$62 million.

Gains on disposal of investments

The Group recorded net gains of HK\$159 million on disposal of investments during the nine months ended 31 December 2004. The gains were mainly from the disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies in relation to IT services business and printed circuit board business.

Impairment of assets

During the nine months ended 31 December 2004, impairment losses of HK\$20 million and HK\$31 million for investment securities and goodwill arising from business combination were charged to the consolidated profit and loss account respectively.

Capital expenditure

The Group incurred capital expenditures of HK\$150 million during the nine months ended 31 December 2004, mainly for acquisition of fixed assets, injection into construction-in-progress and optimisation of the Group's information technology systems.

Liquidity and financial resources

As at 31 December 2004, total assets of the Group amounted to HK\$9,975 million, which was financed by shareholders' funds of HK\$5,044 million, minority interests of HK\$27 million, long-term and current liabilities of HK\$4,904 million. The current ratio of the Group was 1.74.

The Group had a solid financial position and maintained a strong and steady cash inflow from its operating activities. As at 31 December 2004, cash and cash equivalents of the Group totaled at HK\$3,579 million, of which about 10% were in Hong Kong dollars, 24% in US dollars and 66% in Renminbi.

The Group is consistently in a very liquid position and has also arranged credit facilities for contingency purposes. As at 31 December 2004, the Group's total available credit facilities amounted to HK\$3,679 million, of which HK\$1,769 million was in trade line, HK\$740 million in short term and revolving money market facilities and HK\$1,170 million in foreign currency contracts and options. As at 31 December 2004, the facility drawn down was HK\$497 million in trade line, HK\$225 million in short term and revolving money market facilities, and HK\$608 million in foreign currency contracts and options. The Group consistently adopts a hedging policy for business transactions to minimize the risk of fluctuation from exchange rates on daily operations.

The Group's outstanding bank loan as at 31 December 2004 was HK\$225 million. When compared with shareholders' funds of HK\$5,044 million, the Group's gearing ratio was 0.045. There were no assets held under finance lease during the period and as at the period end.

Contingent liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2004.

Employees

As at 31 December 2004, the Group had a total of 9,453 employees, 9,395 of whom were employed in Chinese mainland and 58 were employed in Hong Kong and overseas.

The Group implemented remuneration policy, bonus and share options schemes which are subject to the performance of the Group and individual employees. The Group also provides benefits such as insurance, medical and retirement funds to sustain competitiveness of the Group.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During October to December 2004, the Chinese economy continued to grow rapidly, with GDP growth estimated at 9.5%. Benefited from the seasonal purchases by government and enterprise customers during the quarter, China's commercial PC market unit shipment recorded healthy growth. The notebook shipment also rose significantly since an increasing number of consumers had replaced their desktop computers with notebooks, the government sector increased notebook purchases, and demand for mobile computing by enterprises continued to rise. The sales promotion efforts of various computer vendors during the National Day and New Year holidays also helped stimulate consumer demand.

During the quarter under review, Lenovo PC shipment growth outperformed the market average, with market share increased to more than 28%. Operating profits of the corporate and consumer IT businesses increased 14.38% and 28.91% respectively over the same period last year. The Group's core business performed strongly in terms of market share and operating profit, demonstrating the success of its strategic initiatives made in early 2004. Since then, the Group has directed its focus on core business and concentrated its resources on enhancing the competitiveness of its core business. At the same time, the Group embraced a customer-oriented strategy and adjusted its organizational structure and established an integrated distribution model that helped strengthen ties with customers and enhance penetration in the township market.

The Group also promptly adjusted its product line according to changes in the market environment and customer demand in application. It launched the "Yuanmeng" consumer desktop series and "Xuri" notebook computer for the mass market and the "Tianjiao" broadband collaborating PC for the high-end market. During the quarter, the Group proactively promoted LCD PCs to raise the average selling price. With its product differentiation strategy, the Group's core business achieved outstanding results in the quarter.

The period under review also saw significant improvement in operational efficiency as a result of the Group's initiatives. Through focusing on its core business, the Group was able to achieve a lower rate of overall operating expenses. The Group's cash cycle was also shortened significantly, proving the success of its efforts in strengthening supply chain management.

As for the handheld device business, the Group emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy operation under the competitive market environment. During the quarter, the gross margin of handheld device business continued to rise. Leveraging on its self development capability, the Group strengthened its product line with the introduction of new models including 1 mega pixel camera phones. These efforts paved the way for better performance in the coming quarter. As the Group strategically adjusted product line and reduced channel inventory level, unit shipment growth of mobile handsets slowed down and a loss was reported during the quarter.

During the quarter, the Group achieved a major breakthrough in implementing its globalization strategy. In December 2004, the Group announced the acquisition of IBM's personal computer business, forming the world's third largest computer company. The acquisition is expected to complete in second quarter this year. The Group is currently actively preparing for the closing. Since the acquisition was announced, the management teams of Lenovo and IBM's PC business have been working closely together and reached consensus on a number of issues such as the appointment of senior management personnel and future business strategies. Lenovo believes the acquisition is a unique opportunity for it to fulfill its globalization strategy and will bring long-term benefits to its shareholders in the future.

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

During the nine months ended 31 December 2004, the Company purchased its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as follows:

Month/Year	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price per share HK\$	Lowest price per share HK\$	Aggregate consideration paid (including expenses) HK\$'000
June 2004	7,500,000	2.175	2.025	16,093

The repurchased shares were subsequently cancelled and accordingly, the issued share capital of the Company was reduced by the nominal value thereof. The premium payable on repurchase was charged against the share premium account of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Company has reviewed the unaudited quarterly financials for the nine months ended 31 December 2004. It meets regularly with the management, the external auditors and the internal audit personnel to discuss the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and internal control and financial reporting matters.

By order of the Board
Liu Chuanzhi
Chairman

Hong Kong, 4 February 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive directors, namely Mr Liu Chuanzhi, Mr Yang Yuanqing and Ms Ma Xuezheng, one non-executive director, namely Mr Zeng Maochao, and three independent non-executive directors, Mr Wong Wai Ming, Professor Woo Chia-Wei and Mr Ting Lee Sen.

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