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## ORIENTAL EXPLORER HOLDINGS LIMITED

(the "Company")

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 430)

### ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2009

	Notes	2009 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000
<b>REVENUE</b>	2	<b>52,092</b>	(80,235)
Cost of sales		(614)	(2,102)
Gross profit/(loss)		<b>51,478</b>	(82,337)
Other income and gains	2	<b>1,893</b>	3,870
Selling and distribution costs		(143)	(205)
Operating and administrative expenses		(8,192)	(20,494)
Finance costs	4	(200)	(1,123)
Share of profits and losses of associates		(10,485)	5,422
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX</b>	5	<b>34,351</b>	(94,867)
Income tax expense	6	–	–
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>34,351</b>	(94,867)
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
Available-for-sale assets:			
Changes in fair value		7,006	(8,846)
Reclassification adjustments for impairment losses included in profit or loss		–	3,842
Share of other comprehensive income of associates		7,006	(5,004)
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>1,596</b>	5,177
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>42,953</b>	(94,694)
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO:</b>			
Owners of the Company		34,351	(94,867)
Minority interests		–	–
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO:</b>		<b>34,351</b>	(94,867)
Owners of the Company		42,953	(94,694)
Minority interests		–	–
<b>EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY</b>			
Basic and diluted	8	<b>1.91 cents</b>	(5.27 cents)

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

31 December 2009

	<i>Notes</i>	2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		2,508	3,670
Prepaid land lease payments		450	459
Investment properties		8,200	7,000
Interests in associates		65,550	80,854
Available-for-sale investments		77,929	75,416
Loan to an investee company		330	330
Total non-current assets		<u>154,967</u>	<u>167,729</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Inventories		–	595
Trade receivables	9	–	459
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		9,168	854
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		123,503	52,401
Pledged deposits		4,199	51,725
Cash and cash equivalents		66,125	95,982
Total current assets		<u>202,995</u>	<u>202,016</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>357,962</u>	<u>369,745</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade payables	10	–	89
Other payables and accruals		9,145	9,304
Derivative financial instruments		351	21,222
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		5,272	27,879
Tax payable		5,338	5,338
Total current liabilities		<u>20,106</u>	<u>63,832</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>182,889</u>	<u>138,184</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>337,856</u>	<u>305,913</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		3,339	3,690
Due to a director		5,806	16,465
Total non-current liabilities		<u>9,145</u>	<u>20,155</u>
Net assets		<u>328,711</u>	<u>285,758</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Issued capital		18,000	18,000
Reserves		310,711	267,758
Total equity		<u>328,711</u>	<u>285,758</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which have been measured at fair value. These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (HK\$) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (HK\$’000) except when otherwise indicated.

### 1.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY AND DISCLOSURES

The Group has adopted the following new and revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year’s financial statements. Except for in certain cases, giving rise to new and revised accounting policies, the adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has had no significant effect on these financial statements.

HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of HKFRSs</i> and HKAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate</i>
HKFRS 2 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 2 <i>Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations</i>
HKFRS 7 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments</i>
HKFRS 8	<i>Operating Segments</i>
HKAS 1 (Revised)	<i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i>
HKAS 18 Amendment*	Amendment to Appendix to HKAS 18 <i>Revenue – Determining whether an entity is acting as a principal or as an agent</i>
HKAS 23 (Revised)	<i>Borrowing Costs</i>
HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation and HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 and HKAS 39 Amendments	Amendments to HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 <i>Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives</i> and HKAS 39 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Embedded Derivatives</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 13	<i>Customer Loyalty Programmes</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 15	<i>Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16	<i>Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 18	<i>Transfers of Assets from Customers (adopted from 1 July 2009)</i>
Improvements to HKFRSs (October 2008) **	<i>Amendments to a number of HKFRSs</i>

\* Included in Improvements to HKFRSs 2009 (as issued in May 2009).

\*\* The Group adopted all the improvements to HKFRSs issued in October 2008 except for the amendments to HKFRS 5 *Non-current assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations – Plan to sell the controlling interest in a subsidiary*, which is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

The principal effects of adopting these new and revised HKFRSs are as follows:

(a) **Amendments to HKFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of HKFRSs* and HKAS 27 *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate***

The HKAS 27 Amendment requires all dividends from subsidiaries, associates or jointly-controlled entities to be recognised in the income statement in the parent's separate financial statements. The distinction between pre and post acquisition profits is no longer required. However, the payment of such dividends requires the Company to consider whether there is an indicator of impairment. The amendment is applied prospectively.

(b) **Amendments to HKFRS 2 *Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations***

The HKFRS 2 Amendments clarify that vesting conditions are service conditions and performance conditions only. Any other conditions are non-vesting conditions. Where an award does not vest as a result of a failure to meet a non-vesting condition that is within the control of either the entity or the counterparty, this is accounted for as a cancellation.

(c) **Amendments to HKFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments***

The HKFRS 7 Amendments require additional disclosures about fair value measurement and liquidity risk. Fair value measurements related to items recorded at fair value are to be disclosed by sources of inputs using a three-level fair value hierarchy, by class, for all financial instruments recognised at fair value. In addition, a reconciliation between the beginning and ending balance is now required for level 3 fair value measurements, as well as significant transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy. The amendments also clarify the requirements for liquidity risk disclosures with respect to derivative transactions and assets used for liquidity management.

(d) **HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments***

HKFRS 8, which replaces HKAS 14 *Segment Reporting*, specifies how an entity should report information about its operating segments, based on information about the components of the entity that is available to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of allocating resources to the segments and assessing their performance. The standard also requires the disclosure of information about the products and services provided by the segments, the geographical areas in which the Group operates, and revenue from the Group's major customers. The Group concluded that the operating segments determined in accordance with HKFRS 8 are the same as the business segments previously identified under HKAS 14. These revised disclosures, including the related revised comparative information, are shown in note 3 to the financial statements.

(e) **HKAS 1 (Revised) *Presentation of Financial Statements***

HKAS 1 (Revised) introduces changes in the presentation and disclosures of financial statements. The revised standard separates owner and non-owner changes in equity. The statement of changes in equity includes only details of transactions with owners, with all non-owner changes in equity presented as a single line. In addition, this standard introduces the statement of comprehensive income, with all items of income and expense recognised in profit or loss, together with all other items of recognised income and expense recognised directly in equity, either in one single statement, or in two linked statements. The Group has elected to present one single statement.

**(f) Amendment to Appendix to HKAS 18 Revenue – Determining whether an entity is acting as a principal or as an agent**

Guidance has been added to the appendix (which accompanies the standard) to determine whether the Group is acting as a principal or as an agent. The features to consider are whether the Group (i) has the primary responsibility for providing the goods or services, (ii) has inventory risk, (iii) has the discretion to establish prices and (iv) bears credit risk. The Group has assessed its revenue arrangements against these criteria and concluded that it is acting as a principal in all arrangements. The amendment has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

**(g) HKAS 23 (Revised) Borrowing Costs**

HKAS 23 has been revised to require capitalisation of borrowing costs when such costs are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. As the Group's current policy for borrowing costs aligns with the requirements of the revised standard, the revised standard has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

**(h) Amendments to HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation**

The HKAS 32 Amendments provide a limited scope exception for puttable financial instruments and instruments that impose specified obligations arising on liquidation to be classified as equity if they fulfil a number of specified features. The HKAS 1 Amendments require disclosure of certain information relating to these puttable financial instruments and obligations classified as equity. As the Group currently has no such financial instruments or obligations, the amendments have had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

**(i) Amendments to HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives and HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Embedded Derivatives**

The amendment to HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 requires an entity to assess whether an embedded derivative must be separated from a host contract when the entity reclassifies a hybrid financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category. This assessment is to be made based on circumstances that existed on the later of the date the entity first became a party to the contract and the date of any contract amendments that significantly change the cash flows of the contract. HKAS 39 has been revised to state that if an embedded derivative cannot be separately measured, the entire hybrid instrument must remain classified as fair value through profit or loss in its entirety. The adoption of the amendments has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

**(j) HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes**

HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 requires customer loyalty award credits to be accounted for as a separate component of the sales transaction in which they are granted. The consideration received in the sales transaction is allocated between the loyalty award credits and the other components of the sale. The amount allocated to the loyalty award credits is determined by reference to their fair value and is deferred until the awards are redeemed or the liability is otherwise extinguished. As the Group currently has no customer loyalty award scheme, the interpretation has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

**(k) HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 *Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate***

HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 replaces HK Interpretation 3 *Revenue – Pre-completion Contracts for the Sale of Development Properties*. It clarifies when and how an agreement for the construction of real estate should be accounted for as a construction contract in accordance with HKAS 11 *Construction Contracts* or an agreement for the sale of goods or services in accordance with HKAS 18 *Revenue*. The interpretation has had no impact on the accounting for the Group's construction activities.

**(l) HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 *Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation***

HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 provides guidance on the accounting for a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation. This includes clarification that (i) hedge accounting may be applied only to the foreign exchange differences arising between the functional currencies of the foreign operation and the parent entity; (ii) a hedging instrument may be held by any entities within a group; and (iii) on disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative gain or loss relating to both the net investment and the hedging instrument that was determined to be an effective hedge should be reclassified to the income statement as a reclassification adjustment. As the Group currently had no hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation, the interpretation has had no impact on the financial position or results of the operations of the Group.

**(m) HK(IFRIC)-Int 18 *Transfers of Assets from Customers (adopted from 1 July 2009)***

HK(IFRIC)-Int 18 provides guidance on accounting by recipients that receive from customers items of property, plant and equipment or cash for the acquisition or construction of such items, provided that these assets must then be used to connect customers to networks or to provide ongoing access to a supply of goods or services, or both. As the Group currently had no such transactions, the interpretation has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

### **1.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS**

The Group has not applied the following new and revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these financial statements.

HKFRS 1 (Revised)	<i>First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards</i> <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 1 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards – Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters</i> <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 2 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 2 <i>Share-based Payment – Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions</i> <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	<i>Business Combinations</i> <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 9	<i>Financial Instruments</i> <sup>6</sup>
HKAS 24 (Revised)	<i>Related Party Disclosures</i> <sup>5</sup>
HKAS 27 (Revised)	<i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements</i> <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 32 Amendment	Amendment to HKAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation – Classification of Rights Issues</i> <sup>3</sup>
HKAS 39 Amendment	Amendment to HKAS 39 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Eligible Hedged Items</i> <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 Amendments	Amendments to HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 <i>Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement</i> <sup>5</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Int 17	<i>Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners<sup>1</sup></i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 19	<i>Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments<sup>4</sup></i>
Amendments to HKFRS 5	<i>Amendments to HKFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations – Plan to Sell the Controlling Interest in a Subsidiary<sup>1</sup></i>
HK Interpretation 4 (Revised in December 2009)	<i>Leases - Determination of the Length of Lease Term in respect of Hong Kong Land Leases<sup>2</sup></i>

Apart from the above, the HKICPA has issued Improvements to HKFRSs 2009 which sets out amendments to a number of HKFRSs primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarifying wording. The amendments to HKFRS 2, HKAS 38, HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009 while the amendments to HKFRS 5, HKFRS 8, HKAS 1, HKAS 7, HKAS 17, HKAS 38 and HKAS 39 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010 although there are separate transitional provisions for each standard or interpretation.

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2010
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011
- <sup>6</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these new and revised HKFRSs upon initial application. So far, the Group considers that these new and revised HKFRSs are unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

## 2. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

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

	2009 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sale of goods	214	5,862
Rental income from property letting	294	153
Dividend income from listed investments	3,224	4,304
Dividend income from unlisted investments	3,000	–
Fair value gains/(losses), net:		
Equity-linked notes	–	(4,363)
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss	21,588	(67,161)
Derivative financial instruments	20,871	(21,222)
Interest income from available-for-sale investments	2,901	1,824
Interest income from equity-linked notes	–	368
	<u>52,092</u>	<u>(80,235)</u>
<b>Other income and gains</b>		
Fair value gains on investment properties	1,200	820
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	492	116
Interest income from loans and receivables	201	2,934
	<u>1,893</u>	<u>3,870</u>

## 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has four reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) the property investment segment mainly comprises rental income from investment properties;
- (b) the trading and investment segment includes the trading of securities and investment income from securities investment and investment holding;
- (c) the electronic products segment is a supplier of electronic components mainly for use in the manufacture of electronic products; and
- (d) the corporate and others segment.

Management monitors the results of its operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit/(loss), which is a measure of adjusted profit/(loss) before tax. The adjusted profit/(loss) before tax is measured consistently with the Group's profit/(loss) before tax from operations except that interest income from loans and receivables, finance costs, and other gains are excluded from such measurement.



Segment liabilities exclude interest-bearing bank and other borrowings, the amount due to a director, tax payable and deferred tax liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

There are no sales or other transactions between the operating segments during the year (2008: Nil).

### Years ended 31 December 2009 and 2008

	Property investment		Trading and investments		Electronic products		Corporate and others		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Segment revenue:</b>										
Sales to external customers	<u>294</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>51,584</u>	<u>(86,250)</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>5,862</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,092</u>	<u>(80,235)</u>
<b>Segment results</b>	<u>(43)</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>43,060</u>	<u>(104,144)</u>	<u>(4,489)</u>	<u>(2,369)</u>	<u>4,615</u>	<u>3,340</u>	<u>43,143</u>	<u>(103,036)</u>
Interest income from loans and receivables									201	2,934
Unallocated gains									1,692	936
Finance costs									(200)	(1,123)
Share of profits and losses of associates	(10,485)	5,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,485)	5,422
Profit/(loss) before tax									34,351	(94,867)
Income tax expense									-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year									<u>34,351</u>	<u>(94,867)</u>
	Property investment		Trading and investments		Electronic products		Corporate and others		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Segment assets</b>										
Unallocated assets	14,507	7,334	219,585	141,088	476	6,856	18,554	94,323	253,122	249,601
Interests in associates	65,550	80,854	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,550	80,854
Total assets									<u>357,962</u>	<u>369,745</u>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>										
Unallocated liabilities	263	171	433	21,340	3,179	3,496	5,621	5,608	9,496	30,615
Total liabilities									<u>19,755</u>	<u>53,372</u>
<b>Other segment information:</b>										
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	26	74	1,043	1,240	1,069	1,314
Change in fair value of investment properties	1,200	820	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	820
Capital expenditure*	-	6,180	-	-	-	64	-	336	-	6,580
Impairment losses recognised in the income statement	-	-	-	3,842	-	-	-	-	-	3,842

\* Capital expenditure consists of additions to property, plant and equipment and investment properties.

## Geographical information

	Hong Kong		Mainland China		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Segment revenue:</b>						
Sales to external customers	<u>52,092</u>	<u>(80,235)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>52,092</u>	<u>(80,235)</u>

No customer accounted for 10% or more of the total revenue for the years ended 31 December 2009 and 2008.

## 4. FINANCE COSTS

An analysis of finance costs is as follows:

	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and other loans wholly repayable within five year	169	1,062
Interest on bank loans not wholly repayable within five years	<u>31</u>	<u>61</u>
	<u>200</u>	<u>1,123</u>

## 5. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX

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

	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold	614	2,102
Depreciation	1,069	1,314
Minimum lease payments under operating leases for land and buildings	429	780
Auditors' remuneration	250	250
Impairment on available-for-sale investments*	–	3,842
Foreign exchange differences, net	<u>9</u>	<u>8,276</u>
Employee benefits expense, including directors' remuneration:		
Salaries, wages and other benefits	3,884	5,391
Pension scheme contributions (defined contribution scheme) (Note)	<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>
	<u>3,930</u>	<u>5,447</u>

\* *Included in "Operating and administrative expenses" on the face of the consolidated statement of comprehensive income*

*Note:*

At 31 December 2009, the Group had no forfeited contributions available to reduce its contributions to the pension scheme in future years (2008: Nil).

## 6. INCOME TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2008: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong for the year. Taxes on profits assessable in Mainland China have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in Mainland China, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit/(loss) before tax at the applicable rate for the jurisdictions in which the Company and its subsidiaries are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rate is as follows:

	<b>2009</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u><b>34,351</b></u>	<u>(94,867)</u>
Tax at applicable tax rate	<b>36,172</b>	(16,026)
Profits and losses attributable to associates	<b>(28,968)</b>	(480)
Income not subject to tax	<b>(8,558)</b>	(5,038)
Expenses not deductible for tax	<b>1,287</b>	21,255
Tax losses not recognised	<u><b>67</b></u>	<u>289</u>
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	<u><u><b>-</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>-</b></u></u>

The share of tax attributable to associates amounting to approximately HK\$28,968,000 (2008: HK\$480,000) is included in "Share of profits and losses of associates" on the face of the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The Group has tax losses arising in Hong Kong of approximately HK\$71,424,000 (2008: HK\$71,356,000) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time and it is not considered probable that taxable profits will be available against which the tax losses can be utilised.

No deferred tax liabilities are recognised in the financial statements as the Group did not have material temporary difference arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts as at 31 December 2009 (2008: Nil).

## **7. DIVIDENDS**

The Board does not recommend the declaration of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008: Nil).

## **8. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY**

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share amounts is based on the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of approximately HK\$34,351,000 (Loss for the year ended 31 December 2008: HK\$94,867,000), and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 1,800,000,000 (2008: 1,800,000,000) in issue during the year.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share amounts is based on the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, as used in the basic earnings per share calculation, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise or conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings/(loss) per share amounts presented for the years ended 31 December 2009 and 2008 in respect of a dilution as the Group had no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the year 2009, and the impact of share options outstanding had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share amount presented for the year 2008.

## **9. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

For the Group's property rental business, the tenants are usually required to settle the rental payments on the first day of the rental period, and are required to pay rental deposits with two months' rentals in order to secure any default in their rental payments.

The Group's trading terms with customers are mainly on credit. Invoices are normally payable within two months of issuance, except for certain well established customers, where the terms are extended to three to six months in some cases, subject to the approval of senior management. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by senior management. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of trade receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>2009</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 month	–	132
1 to 2 months	–	190
2 to 3 months	–	128
Over 3 months	–	9
	<u>–</u>	<u>459</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>459</u>

At 31 December 2009, there was no provision for impairment of trade receivables (2008: Nil).

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	<b>2009</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Neither past due nor impaired	–	322
Less than 1 month past due	–	128
1 to 3 months past due	–	9
	<u>–</u>	<u>459</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>459</u>

## 10. TRADE PAYABLES

An aged analysis of trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>2009</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 1 month	–	53
1 to 2 months	–	36
	<u>–</u>	<u>89</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>89</u>

Trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on 60-day terms.

## 11. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

As further explained in note 1.2 to the financial statements, due to the adoption of new and revised HKFRSs during the current year, the presentation of certain items and balances in the financial statements have been revised to comply with the new requirements. Accordingly certain comparative amounts have been reclassified and restated to conform with the current year's presentation.

## **REVIEW OF OPERATION**

2009 was on the whole a challenging year for all sectors. It began with the economy being adversely affected by the aftermath of the financial tsunami. As the worldwide economies began to stabilize in the second quarter, the financial and property markets gradually improved. Against this background, the Group recorded a net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of about HK\$34 million (2008: net loss of about HK\$95 million) for the year ended 31 December 2009.

## **PROPERTY INVESTMENT**

During the year under review, the Group's investment properties were fully occupied.

## **TRADING AND INVESTMENTS**

The performance of trading and investment segment improved significantly as a result of strong backing in the financial markets from various local governments. Indeed, in terms of market capitalization, the Hang Seng Index has risen over 100% from the trough in October 2008. As a result, the Group's investment segment recorded a net fair value gains of HK\$42 million (2008: net fair value losses of HK\$93 million) when marking the investment portfolios to market valuation as at 31 December 2009.

## **ELECTRONICS**

The electronics division reported a net loss of about HK\$4.4 million (2008: HK\$2.3 million) based on a turnover of HK\$0.2 million (2008: HK\$5.9 million).

## **LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated cash flow and banking facilities provided by principal bankers in Hong Kong. As at 31 December 2009, the Group had outstanding interest-bearing bank and other borrowings amounting to approximately HK\$9 million (2008: HK\$32 million) which were secured by legal charges on certain investment properties, cash deposits and securities investment. As at 31 December 2009, about HK\$5 million (2008: HK\$28 million) out of HK\$9 million (2008: HK\$32 million) is repayable within one year. The Group's cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2009 amounted to HK\$70 million (2008: HK\$148 million). Based on the total interest-bearing bank and other borrowings of HK\$9 million (2008: HK\$32 million) and the aggregate of the shareholder funds, minority interest and total bank and other borrowings of approximately HK\$337 million (2008: HK\$318 million), the Group's gearing ratio as at 31 December 2009 was around 3% (2008: 10%).

## **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 31 December 2009, the Group had approximately 20 employees in Hong Kong and China. Remuneration is reviewed annually. In addition to the basic salaries, the Group also provides staff benefits including discretionary bonus, provident fund and tuition/training subsidies in order to retain competent employees.

## **PROSPECT**

The global economy has shown signs of recovery. To sustain the recovery, all central banks are expected to keep interest rates at low levels. However, the pace of recovery is slow and the remaining adverse impacts of the financial crisis continue to appear from time to time. In mainland China, the negative impact of weak foreign demand was offset with the implementation of a series of policy measures to boost economic growth in 2009 and the annual target of “8% up in GDP” in terms of domestic economic growth was achieved. Yet, 2010 looks set to be a critical year for mainland China in optimizing and adjusting its economic structure. Its real estate market will be reorganized and regulated by increasing land supply and providing more completed residential units. The mortgage market will be more closely monitored by tightening the total amount of housing loans and the concessionary tax and credit policies in housing will gradually be withheld. Indeed, the above measures are all aimed at reducing over-speculative activities and eliminating the danger of an economic bubble and fostering stability and healthy development of the economy.

Hong Kong is expected to continue to benefit from the economic development of mainland China and the back of the increasing closer economic and trade relationship between Hong Kong and mainland China. Thus, the Group remains optimistic about the prospect of local property market in the medium and long term because of its strong fundamentals.

The Group will adhere to its prudent financial policy and maintain high liquidity and low gearing. The Group will continue to monitor market conditions and look for attractive investment opportunities as appropriate in the long run. We strongly believe that we have the necessary skills and expertise to enable us to work towards the goal of maximizing our shareholder’s wealth through restructuring our business mix and strengthening the competitiveness of our business.

## **CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

In the opinion of the directors of the Company, save as disclosed below, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the “Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) throughout the year ended 31 December 2009.

- (a) Under code provisions of A.4.1 and A.4.2, (i) non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election; and (ii) all directors appointed to fill a causal vacancy should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after their appointment, and every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Non-executive directors do not have a specific term of appointment and under the bye-laws of the Company, at each general meeting, one-third of the directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office by rotation save any director holding office as chairman and managing director. The Company intends to propose any amendment of relevant bye-laws of the Company, if necessary, in order to ensure compliance with the Code.

- (b) Under code provision of A.2, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual.

The Company does not at present have any officer with the title of “chief executive officer”. Mr. Lau Chi Yung is the chairman and managing director of the Company (the “Director(s)”). The board of directors of the Company (the “Board”) will meet regularly to consider major matters affecting the operations of the Company. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company and is conducive to strong and consistent leadership, enabling the Company to respond promptly and efficiently.

## **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”) set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding directors’ securities transactions. Based on specific enquiry of all the Directors, the Directors have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code for the year ended 31 December 2009.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The audit committee comprises four independent non-executive Directors, namely Choy Tak Ho, Lo Yick Wing, Wong Yim Sum and Lee Siu Man, Ervin. The chairman of the audit committee, Wong Yim Sum, has extensive experience in the finance and auditing fields.

In the presence of the representatives of the Company’s independent external auditors, the Group’s draft audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 have been reviewed by the audit committee, and with recommendation to the Board for approval.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company’s listed securities during the year.

## **PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL RESULTS AND ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual results announcement of the Company is published on the websites of the Company ([www.irasia.com/listco/hk/orientalexplorer/index.htm](http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/orientalexplorer/index.htm)) and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ([www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk)). The annual report of the Company for 2009 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and made available on the above websites in due course.



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Lau Chi Yung and Mr. Lau Michael Kei Chi and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Choy Tak Ho, Mr. Lo Yick Wing, Mr. Wong Yim Sum and Mr. Lee Siu Man, Ervin.

By Order of the Board

**Lau Chi Yung**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 9 April 2010