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## **NOBLE ENGINEERING GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**怡康泰工程集團控股有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 8445)**

### **INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

*For the three months and six months ended 30 September 2019*

**Unaudited Interim Results**

The unaudited consolidated interim results of the Group for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2019, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding periods in 2018, are as follows:

	Notes	Three months ended 30 September		Six months ended 30 September	
		2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2018 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	4	49,972	104,250	109,026	218,745
Direct costs		<u>(51,117)</u>	<u>(92,258)</u>	<u>(105,683)</u>	<u>(195,820)</u>
<b>Gross (loss) profit</b>		<b>(1,145)</b>	11,992	<b>3,343</b>	22,925
Other income and gain	4	93	149	165	203
Administrative and other operating expenses		<u>(3,090)</u>	<u>(3,659)</u>	<u>(5,384)</u>	<u>(6,577)</u>
Finance costs	6(a)	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(18)</u>
<b>(Loss) Profit before income tax</b>	6	<b>(4,146)</b>	8,464	<b>(1,880)</b>	16,533
Income tax expense (credit)	7	<u>530</u>	<u>(1,395)</u>	<u>353</u>	<u>(2,523)</u>
<b>(Loss) Profit and total comprehensive (expense) income for the period attributable to owners of the Company</b>		<b><u>(3,616)</u></b>	<b><u>7,069</u></b>	<b><u>(1,527)</u></b>	<b><u>14,010</u></b>
<b>(Losses) Earnings per share</b>					
Basic and diluted (HK cents per share)	8	<u>(0.006)</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>(0.003)</u>	<u>0.02</u>

Details of dividends of the Company are set out in note 9.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2019

		As at 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	<i>10</i>	6,754	5,722
Right-of-use assets	<i>10</i>	195	–
Deferred tax assets		6	–
		<u>6,955</u>	<u>5,722</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Contract assets		68,750	58,898
Trade and other receivables	<i>11</i>	18,513	22,744
Bank balances		42,013	53,849
Current income tax recoverable		2,095	907
		<u>131,371</u>	<u>136,398</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	<i>12</i>	12,588	14,704
Lease liabilities		67	–
		<u>12,655</u>	<u>14,704</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>118,716</u>	<u>121,694</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>125,671</u>	<u>127,416</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Lease liabilities		130	–
Deferred tax liabilities		–	348
		<u>130</u>	<u>348</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>125,541</u>	<u>127,068</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Share capital	<i>13</i>	6,000	6,000
Reserves	<i>14</i>	119,541	121,068
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>125,541</u>	<u>127,068</u>

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

*For the six months ended 30 September 2019*

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company				
	Share	Share	Other	Retained	Total
	capital	premium	reserve	earnings	
	<i>(Note 13)</i>	<i>(Note 14)</i>	<i>(Note 14)</i>		
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Balance at 1 April 2019 (Audited)</b>	6,000	53,987	10,000	57,081	127,068
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the period	—	—	—	(1,527)	(1,527)
<b>Balance at 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)</b>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>53,987</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>55,554</u>	<u>125,541</u>

*For the six months ended 30 September 2018*

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company				
	Share	Share	Other	Retained	Total
	capital	premium	reserve	earnings	
	<i>(Note 13)</i>	<i>(Note 14)</i>	<i>(Note 14)</i>		
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Balance at 1 April 2018 (as originally stated)</b>	6,000	53,987	10,000	44,844	114,831
Effect arising from initial application of HKFRS 15	—	—	—	516	516
Effect arising from initial application of HKFRS 9	—	—	—	(209)	(209)
<b>Balance at 1 April 2018 (as restated)</b>	6,000	53,987	10,000	45,151	115,138
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	14,010	14,010
<b>Balance at 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)</b>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>53,987</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>59,161</u>	<u>129,148</u>

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 September 2019

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash used in operations	(8,797)	(34,303)
Tax paid	(1,188)	(937)
	<u>(9,985)</u>	<u>(35,240)</u>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(9,985)</b>	<b>(35,240)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of plant and equipment	(1,997)	(133)
Others	214	89
	<u>(1,783)</u>	<u>(44)</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,783)</b>	<b>(44)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Increase in pledged bank deposits	(40)	–
Others	(68)	(215)
	<u>(108)</u>	<u>(215)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(108)</b>	<b>(215)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(11,876)</b>	<b>(35,499)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	<b>48,761</b>	<b>62,915</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at ending of period</b>	<b>36,885</b>	<b>27,416</b>

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries is principally engaged in provision of wet trades works services.

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 12 April 2017 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and its shares (the “Shares”) are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange with effect from 29 September 2017.

As at 30 September 2018 and 2019, its parent and ultimate holding company is Land Noble Holdings Limited (“Land Noble”), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and owned as to 50% by Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and 50% by Mr. Tse Chun Kuen.

The addresses of the registered office is Clifton House, 75 Fort Street, P.O. Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and the principal place of business of the Company is Room 9, 25/F, CRE Centre, 889 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Prior to the corporate reorganisation undertaken in the preparation for the listing of the Share on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “Reorganisation”), the group entities were under the control of Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and Mr. Tse Chun Kuen. Through the Reorganisation, the Company became the holding company of the companies now comprising the Group on 6 September 2017. Accordingly, for the purpose of the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group, the Company has been considered as the holding company of the companies comprising the Group after the Reorganisation throughout the periods presented. The Group comprising the Company and its subsidiaries resulting from the Reorganisation is regarded as a continuing entity. The Group was under the control of Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and Mr. Tse Chun Kuen prior to and after the Reorganisation.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared as if the Company had been the holding company of the Group throughout the periods presented in accordance with Accounting Guideline 5 “*Merger Accounting for Common Control Combinations*” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The unaudited condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the periods presented, which include the results and changes in equity of the companies comprising the Group after the Reorganisation, have been prepared as if the current group structure had been in existence throughout the periods presented, or since their respective dates of incorporation, where this is a shorter period.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$’000”), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

### 3 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2019 are the same as those presented in the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### Application of new and amendments to HKFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 April 2019 for the preparation of the Group’s condensed consolidated financial statements:

HKFRS 16	Leases
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to HKAS 19	Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to HKAS 28	Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015-2017 Cycle

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group’s financial performance and positions for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

### 4 REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAIN

Revenue, which is also the Group’s turnover, represents construction contract receipts in the ordinary course of business. Revenue and other income and gain recognised during the respective periods are as follows:

#### (a) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$’000</i>	<i>HK\$’000</i>	<i>HK\$’000</i>	<i>HK\$’000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
<b>By timing of revenue recognition:</b>				
Control transferred over time	<u>49,972</u>	<u>104,250</u>	<u>109,026</u>	<u>218,745</u>
<b>By type of services:</b>				
Provision of wet trades works services	<u>49,972</u>	<u>104,250</u>	<u>109,026</u>	<u>218,745</u>

**(b) Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations**

The following table includes revenue expected to be recognised in the future related to performance obligations that were unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as at 30 September 2018 and 2019.

	As at 30 September	
	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Remaining performance obligations expected to be satisfied during the year ending:</b>		
30 September 2019	–	120,125
30 September 2020	<u>213,685</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>213,685</u>	<u>120,125</u>
	<b>Three months ended</b>	<b>Six months ended</b>
	<b>30 September</b>	<b>30 September</b>
	2019	2019
	2018	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
<b>Other income and gain</b>		
Bank interest income	<u>93</u>	<u>149</u>
	<u>165</u>	<u>203</u>

**5 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

**Operating Segment**

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the board of directors of the Company. The board of directors regards the Group's business as a single operating segment and reviews financial information accordingly. Also, the Group only engages its business in Hong Kong. Therefore, no segment information is presented.

## 6 (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX

(Loss) Profit before income tax is arrived at after charging:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
<b>(a) Finance costs</b>				
Interest on bank overdrafts	–	18	–	18
Interest on lease liabilities	<u>4</u>	–	<u>4</u>	–
	<u>4</u>	18	<u>4</u>	18
<b>(b) Other items</b>				
Depreciation of owned assets	474	310	966	631
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	–	–	65	–
Operating lease rental in respect of machinery and equipment	61	82	144	128
Operating lease rental in respect of premises	<u>158</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>357</u>

## 7 INCOME TAX (CREDIT) EXPENSE

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax	(237)	1,421	–	2,588
Deferred income tax	<u>(293)</u>	<u>(26)</u>	<u>(353)</u>	<u>(65)</u>
	<u>(530)</u>	<u>1,395</u>	<u>(353)</u>	<u>2,523</u>

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the “**Bill**”) which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazette on the following day. The two-tiered profits tax rates regime will be applicable to a subsidiary of the Group for its annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 April 2018.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%. For the six months ended 30 September 2018, Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualified entity is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profit tax rates regime. The profits of other group entities in Hong Kong not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at the flat rate of 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong for the six months ended 30 September 2018.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not have estimated assessable profit in Hong Kong for the current period.

**8 (LOSSES) EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD – BASIC AND DILUTED**

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss) Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company ( <i>HK\$'000</i> )	<b>(3,616)</b>	7,069	<b>(1,527)</b>	14,010
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ( <i>'000</i> )	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
Basic and diluted (losses) earnings per share ( <i>HK cents per share</i> )	<u><b>(0.006)</b></u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u><b>(0.003)</b></u>	<u>0.02</u>

The diluted (losses) earnings per share is equal to the basic (losses) earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the six months ended 30 September 2018 and 2019.

**9 DIVIDENDS**

No dividend was paid or proposed for ordinary shareholders of the Company during the six months ended 30 September 2019 (for the six months ended 30 September 2018: Nil).

**10 MOVEMENTS IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group acquired items of plant and equipment with a cost of approximately HK\$1,997,000 (for the six months ended 30 September 2018: HK\$133,000).

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group entered into a new lease agreement for the use of a warehouse for 2 years. The Group is required to make fixed monthly payments. On lease commencement, the Group recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of approximately HK\$260,000.

## 11 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The following is an analysis of trade receivables by age, presented based on the invoice date and net of provision for loss allowance.

	As at 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
0–30 days	13,739	11,721
31–60 days	1,232	6,440
61–90 days	–	88
<b>Trade receivables, net of provision for loss allowance</b>	<b>14,971</b>	<b>18,249</b>
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments, net of provision for loss allowance	3,542	4,495
	<b>18,513</b>	<b>22,744</b>

*Notes:*

- (a) Whilst the credit period granted to customers are ranging from 17 to 35 days generally.
- (b) Movements in the Group's provision for loss allowance of trade receivables are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
As at 1 April 2019/2018	151	77
Provision made for the period/year	–	82
Provision reversed for the period/year	–	(8)
As at 30 September 2019/ 31 March 2019	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>

## 12 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following is an analysis of trade payables by age, presented based on the invoice date.

	As at 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2019 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
0–30 days	11,282	11,592
31–60 days	–	16
<b>Total trade payables</b>	<b>11,282</b>	11,608
Accruals and other payables	<b>1,306</b>	3,096
	<b>12,588</b>	14,704

## 13 SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the Company's authorised and issued ordinary share capital are as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares	Share Capital <i>HK\$'000</i>
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
<b>Authorised:</b>		
As at 1 April 2018, 31 March 2019, 1 April 2019 and 30 September 2019	<u>1,500,000,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>Issued and fully paid:</b>		
As at 1 April 2018, 31 March 2019, 1 April 2019 and 30 September 2019	<u>600,000,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

## 14 RESERVES

### Share premium

Share premium is the excess of the proceeds received over the nominal value of the shares of the Company issued at a premium, less expenses incurred in connection with the issue of the shares.

### Other reserve

Other reserve represents the difference between the nominal value of the shares issued by the Company in exchange for the nominal value of the share capital of its subsidiaries arising from the Reorganisation.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROSPECTS

The Group performs wet trades works as a subcontractor in Hong Kong.

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group recorded a net loss of approximately HK\$1.5 million as compared to a net profit of approximately HK\$14.0 million for the same period in 2018. The Directors are of the view that the decrease of net profit was mainly attributable to the decrease in revenue and gross profit margin for the six months ended 30 September 2019.

In light of the development in the wet trades industry, the Group intends to implement a more prudent approach in project selection in the upcoming year; that is to say, the Group will selectively place tenders to well-established contractors and well-known business partners to ensure projects on hand remain steady and receivables are sound.

The Group will continue to improve our operating efficiency and profitability of our business and plan to expand our fleet of machinery and equipment, which will enhance the basis of our technical capability to bid for future projects. The Group will also proactively seek opportunities to expand our customer base and market share and undertake more wet trades projects which will enhance value to the shareholders and stakeholders of the Company.

The Group may consider exploring other business opportunities and/or expanding the geographical coverage of the principal business of the Group beyond the Hong Kong market in order to enhance our future development and to strengthen the revenue bases of the Group. We believe that it would be worth exploring so that we will be ready to dive into any opportunities as they arise or come to our attention. We expect that diversification of our business will provide a better return to the shareholders of the Company.

The Board believes the Group's business strategy and industry expertise could generate and contribute greater value to Company shareholders and investors.

### OUTLOOK

The Shares were listed on GEM on 29 September 2017 (the "**Listing Date**") by way of share offer (the "**Share Offer**"). The Group always strives to improve our operating efficiency and profitability. The Group plans to expand our fleet of machinery and equipment, which will enhance the basis of our technical capability to bid for future projects. The Group will also proactively seek opportunities to expand our customer base and our market share, and undertake more wet trades projects and business opportunities which will enhance value to the shareholders of the Company.

The net proceeds from the Share Offer provide financial resources to the Group to meet and achieve our business objectives and strategies which can strengthen the Group's market position in wet trades works services.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Revenue**

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group's revenue amounted to approximately HK\$109.0 million, which decreased by approximately 50.2% as compared to the same period in 2018. The decrease in revenue was primarily attributable to a decrease in contracting revenue due to (i) the delay in commencement of new projects being awarded to the Group; and (ii) substantial completion of the projects on hand during the year ended 31 March 2019.

### **Gross profit margin**

Our gross profit decreased by approximately HK\$19.6 million or 85.6%, from approximately HK\$22.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$3.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2019. The decrease in the Group's gross profit was primarily due to the decrease in our revenue. The Group's gross profit margin decreased from approximately 10.5% for the six months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately 3.1% for the six months ended 30 September 2019, which was primarily due to the increase in overall construction costs and competitive project pricing arising from intense market competition.

### **Other income and gain**

Other income and gain decreased by approximately HK\$38,000 from approximately HK\$203,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$165,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2019. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease of bank interest income for the six months ended 30 September 2019.

### **Administrative and other operating expenses**

Administrative and other operating expenses decreased by approximately HK\$1.2 million or 18.2% from approximately HK\$6.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$5.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2019. The decrease was mainly due to decrease in safety consulting fee.

### **(Loss) Profit for the period**

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group recorded loss attributed to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$1.5 million as compared to profit for the six months ended 30 September 2018 of approximately HK\$14.0 million. The loss was mainly attributable to the decrease in gross profit for the six months ended 30 September 2019.

## Interim Dividend

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2019 (for the six months ended 30 September 2018: Nil).

## Comparison of business objectives with actual business progress

An analysis comparing the business objectives as set out in the prospectus of the Company dated 19 September 2017 (the “**Prospectus**”) with the Group’s actual business progress for the period from the Listing Date to 30 September 2019 is set out below:

<b>Business Strategies as stated in the Prospectus</b>	<b>Business objectives up to 30 September 2019 as stated in the Prospectus</b>	<b>Actual business progress up to 30 September 2019</b>
Expanding our market share and competing for more wet trades projects which require the issue of surety bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take out surety bonds for eight contracts</li></ul>	The Group has placed a project with surety bond requirement.
Further strengthening our manpower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To hire three site agents, four assistant site agents, two assistant quantity surveyors and two safety officers</li><li>• To hire an accountant for financial reporting purpose</li><li>• Provide training to our existing and newly recruited staff and/or sponsor our staff to attend training courses on occupational health and safety</li></ul>	<p>The Group has hired two site agents, five assistant site agents, one assistant quantity surveyor and two safety supervisors.</p> <p>The Group has internally promoted an administrative and accounting clerk to an accountant, who is solely responsible for financial reporting and hired a new staff to fill the vacancy off the administrative and accounting clerk.</p> <p>The Group has provided internal training to staff and sponsored our staff to attend training courses on occupational health and safety.</p>
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purchase 12 forklifts, 24 plaster spraying machines and 1,800 sets of parts for plaster spraying machines</li></ul>	The Group has acquired 9 forklifts, 27 plaster spraying machines and 1,900 sets of parts for plaster spraying machines.

## Use of proceeds

The net proceeds from the Listing (after deducting the underwriting fees and other listing expenses borne by the Company) amounted to approximately HK\$41.3 million. After the Listing, a part of these proceeds has been applied in accordance with the future plans and use of proceeds as set out in the Prospectus.

An analysis of the utilisation of net proceeds as at 30 September 2019 from the Listing is set out below:

	<b>Planned use of net proceeds up to 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$ million</i></b>	<b>Actual use of net proceeds up to 30 September 2019 <i>HK\$ million</i></b>
Taking out surety bonds for contracts we plan to tender	19.7	20.3
Further strengthening our manpower	7.9	3.5
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	7.3	7.7
Repayment of bank overdraft facility	3.2	3.2
General working capital	2.1	2.1

The business objectives, future plans and planned use of proceeds as stated in the Prospectus were based on the best estimation and assumption of future market conditions made by the Group at the time of preparing the Prospectus while the proceeds were applied based on the actual development of the Group's business and the industry.

The remaining unutilised net proceeds as at 30 September 2019 were placed as deposits with licensed banks in Hong Kong and are currently intended to be applied in the manner consistent with the proposed allocations as set out in the Prospectus.

## Capital structure

The Shares were listed on GEM by way of Share Offer of 150,000,000 Shares at a price of HK\$0.47 per share on 29 September 2017. There has been no change in the capital structure of the Group since the Listing Date and up to the date of this announcement.

## Liquidity, financial resource and funding

We financed our operations primarily through cash generated from our operating activities. During the six months ended 30 September 2019, we did not have any bank borrowings. As at 30 September 2019, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$36.9 million (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$48.8 million) and pledged bank deposits of approximately HK\$5.1 million (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$5.1 million).

Our primary uses of cash and cash equivalents have been and are expected to continue to be operating costs and capital expenditure.

### **Gearing ratio**

The gearing ratio for the Group as at 30 September 2019 was nil (31 March 2019: Nil). It was calculated by dividing total obligations under total bank borrowings by total equity as at the end of each reporting period multiplied by 100%.

### **Treasury policy**

The Directors will continue to follow a prudent policy in managing the Group's bank balances and maintain strong and healthy liquidity to ensure that the Group is well placed to take advantage of future growth opportunities.

### **Material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies**

There was no significant investment, material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies by the Company during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

### **Future plans for material investments and capital assets**

Save as disclosed in the Prospectus and in this announcement, the Group did not have other plans for material investments or capital assets as of 30 September 2019.

### **Foreign exchange exposure**

Most of our Group's transactions are denominated in Hong Kong dollars which is the functional and presentation currency of the Group. As such, the Directors are of the view that the Group does not have significant exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy.

### **Segment information**

Management considers that the Group had only one operating segment which is provision of wet trade works services.

### **Charge on Group assets**

As at 30 September 2019, aside from pledged bank deposit of approximately HK\$5.1 million, no asset of the Group was pledged as security for bank borrowing or any other financing facilities (31 March 2019: approximately HK\$5.1 million).

### **Capital expenditure**

Total capital expenditure for the six months ended 30 September 2019 was approximately HK\$2.0 million, which was used in the purchase of plant and equipment.

## **Contingent liabilities**

As at 30 September 2019, the Group had no significant contingent liabilities.

## **Capital commitments**

As at 30 September 2019, the Group had no significant capital commitments.

## **Information of employees**

As at 30 September 2019, the Group had 38 full-time employees working in Hong Kong (30 September 2018: 44). The total staff costs, including directors' emoluments incurred during the six months ended 30 September 2019 were approximately HK\$7.4 million (for the six months ended 30 September 2018: approximately HK\$9.5 million).

Employees are remunerated based on their qualifications, position and performance. The remuneration offered to employees generally includes salaries, allowances and discretionary bonus. Various types of training were provided to the employees.

## **EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD**

The Group had no significant events from the end of the reporting period to the date of this announcement.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

### **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION**

As at 30 September 2019, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

***Long position in ordinary shares of the Company***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Capacity/Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of Shares held/ interested</b>	<b>Percentage of shareholding</b>
Mr. Tse Chun Yuen (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	350,000,000	58.33%
Mr. Tse Chun Kuen (Note)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	350,000,000	58.33%

*Note:* Land Noble is beneficially owned as to 50% by Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and 50% by Mr. Tse Chun Kuen. On 9 May 2017, Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and Mr. Tse Chun Kuen entered into an acting in concert confirmation to acknowledge and confirm, among other things, that they are parties acting in concert within the meaning of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and Mr. Tse Chun Kuen are deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Land Noble.

***Long position in the ordinary shares of associated corporation — Land Noble***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of associated corporation</b>	<b>Capacity/Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of shares(s) held/ interested</b>	<b>Percentage of interest</b>
Mr. Tse Chun Yuen	Land Noble Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	1	50%
Mr. Tse Chun Kuen	Land Noble Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	1	50%

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2019, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

## **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY**

So far as is known to the Directors, as at 30 September 2019, the following persons (other than Directors or chief executive of the Company) had, or were deemed or taken to have, interests and short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

### **Long position in the ordinary shares of the Company**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Capacity/ Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of shares held/ interested</b>	<b>Percentage of total issued voting shares</b>
Land Noble Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	350,000,000	58.33%
Ms. Or So Lan ( <i>Note 1</i> )	Interest of spouse	350,000,000	58.33%
Ms. Yapp Ngi Yang ( <i>Note 2</i> )	Interest of spouse	350,000,000	58.33%

#### *Notes:*

1. Ms. Or So Lan is the spouse of Mr. Tse Chun Yuen. She is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all Shares in which Mr. Tse Chun Yuen is interested in for the purposes of the SFO.
2. Ms. Yapp Ngi Yang is the spouse of Mr. Tse Chun Kuen. She is deemed, or taken to be, interested in all Shares in which Mr. Tse Chun Kuen is interested in for the purposes of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2019, so far as is known to the Directors, no other persons, other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company whose interests are set out in the section “**Directors’ and Chief Executive’s Interests and/or Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company or any Associated Corporation**” above, had any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

### **INTEREST OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISER**

As confirmed by the Group’s compliance adviser, Kingsway Capital Limited (the “**Compliance Adviser**”), save as to the compliance adviser agreement entered into between the Company and the Compliance Adviser dated 16 May 2017, none of the Compliance Adviser or its directors, employees or associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) had any interests in the Group or in the share capital of any member of the Group which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant to Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealing, as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors in respect of the shares of the Company (the “**Required Standard of Dealing**”). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Required Standard of Dealing and there was no event of non-compliance during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

## **COMPETITION AND CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

None of the Directors, the controlling shareholders of the Company or any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) has engaged in any business that competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group, or has any other conflict of interests with the Group as required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 11.04 of the GEM Listing Rules during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

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

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the “**Share Option Scheme**”) on 14 September 2017. No share option has been granted under the Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

The Company acknowledges the need and importance of corporate governance as one of the key elements in creating shareholder value. The Company is also committed to achieving high standard of corporate governance that can protect and promote the interests of all shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability of the Company. For corporate governance purpose, the Company has adopted the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules since the Listing Date up to the date of this announcement. During the six months ended 30 September 2019, to the best knowledge of the board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”), the Company has complied with the code provisions of the CG Code.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee with written terms of reference in compliance with rules 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial control, internal control and risk management systems of the Group, and provide advice and comments on the Group's financial reporting matters to the Board. As at the date of this announcement, the audit committee comprises of three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Tang Chi Wai, Mr. Wong Yiu Kwong Kenji and Ms. Chung Lai Ling.

The unaudited interim results of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2019 have not been audited by the Company's independent auditors, but have been reviewed by the audit committee members who have provided advice and comments thereon.

By order of the Board  
**Noble Engineering Group Holdings Limited**  
**Tse Chun Yuen**  
*Chairman and executive Director*

Hong Kong, 11 November 2019

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Tse Chun Yuen and Mr. Tse Chun Kuen, the non-executive Director is Mr. Chan Wai Lung and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Wong Yiu Kwong Kenji, Ms. Chung Lai Ling and Mr. Tang Chi Wai.*

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