



**CK Life Sciences Int'l. (Holdings) Inc.**

長江生命科技集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0775)

Interim Report 2018

# Enhancing Everyday Living



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# Corporate Information and Key Date

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Executive Directors

LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor	<i>Chairman</i>
KAM Hing Lam	<i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
IP Tak Chuen, Edmond	<i>Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer</i>
YU Ying Choi, Alan Abel	<i>Vice President and Chief Operating Officer</i>
CHU Kee Hung	<i>Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer</i>

### Non-executive Directors

Peter Peace TULLOCH	<i>Non-executive Director</i>
KWOK Eva Lee	<i>Independent Non-executive Director</i>
Colin Stevens RUSSEL	<i>Independent Non-executive Director</i>
KWAN Kai Cheong	<i>Independent Non-executive Director</i>

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

KWAN Kai Cheong (*Chairman*)  
KWOK Eva Lee  
Colin Stevens RUSSEL

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

KWOK Eva Lee (*Chairman*)  
LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor  
Colin Stevens RUSSEL

## COMPANY SECRETARY

Eirene YEUNG

## AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

IP Tak Chuen, Edmond  
Eirene YEUNG

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER

YU Ying Choi, Alan Abel

## VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE

MO Yiu Leung, Jerry

## Corporate Information and Key Date (Cont'd)

### PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited  
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.  
National Australia Bank Limited  
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited

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### KEY DATE

Interim Results Announcement 23 July 2018

# Chairman's Statement

## 2018 FIRST HALF RESULTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2018, CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc. ("CK Life Sciences" or the "Company") recorded unaudited profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$171 million, similar to that of the corresponding period last year. Given the severe drought in Australia, this result is satisfactory.

The Board of Directors has not declared any interim dividend for the period under review (2017: Nil).

## NUTRACEUTICAL BUSINESS

Contribution from the Company's nutraceutical business segment recorded satisfactory growth in the first half of 2018 as compared to the corresponding period last year.

Sales and contribution in Lipa Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Australia's largest contract manufacturer of complementary healthcare medicines, vitamins, and nutritional supplements, continued to recover on the back of customers' improved export volumes to China in the first half of 2018.

The Company's nutraceutical business in North America comprises Vitaquest International Holdings LLC ("Vitaquest"), a custom contract manufacturer of vitamins and supplements in the United States, and Santé Naturelle A.G. Ltée ("SNAG"), one of the largest and longest established natural health companies in Quebec, Canada. Vitaquest made progress in diversifying the customer base to mitigate the impact of competition from online marketers on existing customers. Efforts have also been made to improve efficiency and margins. SNAG products continued to perform well at point of sale, and efforts to broaden distribution online and overseas are bearing fruit.

## AGRICULTURE-RELATED BUSINESS

CK Life Sciences' agriculture-related business consists of three main sectors – vineyards, Cheetham Salt Limited ("Cheetham") and Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd ("Australian Agribusiness"). During the first six months of 2018, the agriculture-related business segment recorded satisfactory sales growth.

As the vineyard properties are contracted with long-term leases, steady revenues were generated from the vineyard portfolio.

Cheetham, Australasia's leading supplier of domestic salt, recorded satisfactory growth in the first half of 2018. In December 2017, the company completed an asset swap in which an acquisition of the remaining 50% share of the salt field operations in New Zealand which the Company did not own, and a disposal of shares in a retail and distribution 50/50 salt business joint venture took place. These transactions contributed positively to Cheetham's performance in the period under review.

## Chairman's Statement (Cont'd)

Australian Agribusiness comprises businesses manufacturing and marketing products ranging from crop protection, home gardening, professional turf management, to pest management and specialty agriculture. Despite drought conditions in large production areas of the country and strong price competition in the market, sales growth was recorded in Australian Agribusiness.

### PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CK Life Sciences' pharmaceutical R&D focuses primarily on oncology and pain management.

The Company is developing a proprietary polyvalent therapeutic cancer vaccine (seviprotimut-L) for melanoma. The global market of this most serious form of cancer currently exceeds US\$1 billion and is projected to grow exponentially in the coming years. Seviprotimut-L, being developed by Polynoma LLC ("Polynoma"), is targeted at the adjuvant treatment of patients with early stages (Stages IIb, IIc & III) of melanoma after they have undergone resection. Its mechanism of action is via triggering the body's immune system to develop antibodies and antigen-specific T lymphocytes, thereby delaying recurrence and extending survival in patients. Unlike other drugs that have been approved for the adjuvant treatment of melanoma, seviprotimut-L has so far been shown to have few adverse effects in clinical trials. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Phase III clinical trial of seviprotimut-L has progressed according to schedule. Approximately 350 enrolled patients are being monitored for recurrence of melanoma, with an interim data analysis on track to take place in the near term.

Uncontrolled chronic pain is a major unmet medical need. In particular, there is demand for treatment specifically approved for chemotherapy-induced neuropathic pain ("CINP"). WEX Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("WEX Pharma") is developing an analgesic based on the puffer fish toxin, tetrodotoxin. WEX Pharma's product, Halneuron™, acts by blocking Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 voltage-gated sodium channels and is potentially a first-in-class drug approved for the treatment of pain. There is currently no specific FDA-approved treatment for CINP; doctors often prescribe analgesics, including opioids, which have significant adverse effects and may not be efficacious. WEX Pharma is engaged in active discussion with the US FDA for the approval of a Phase III clinical trial of Halneuron™. We are hopeful that the clinical trial can commence in both the US and Canada in the near future. Once demonstrated effective for CINP, Halneuron™ can be developed for other more generic types of chronic pain, and other methods of administration can also be explored. Market potential for such pain management solutions is significant.

## Chairman's Statement (Cont'd)

### PROSPECTS

While there may be from time to time short-term market fluctuations and unfavorable weather conditions impacting some segments of our business, we remain positive on the overall prospects for CK Life Sciences.

In addition to pursuing organic growth to bolster our performance, continued efforts will be made to identify prudent strategic acquisitions when appropriate opportunities present themselves. As a member of the CK Group, CK Life Sciences is uniquely positioned to drive growth not only through leveraging the Group's considerable capital resources but also through exploring synergistic partnerships within the Group.

We will also continue to build on and strengthen our R&D platform in a disciplined manner to facilitate the production and commercialisation of effective breakthrough products that address unmet market potential and add value to shareholders.

As always, I would like to thank our shareholders, Board of Directors and staff for their continued support.

**Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor**  
Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 July 2018

# Directors' Biographical Information

## **LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor**

aged 53, has been the Chairman of the Company since 2002. He has been a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company since March 2005. Mr. Victor Li is the Chairman and Group Co-Managing Director and Member of the Remuneration Committee of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited, and the Chairman and Managing Director, the Chairman of the Executive Committee and Member of the Remuneration Committee of CK Asset Holdings Limited. He is also the Chairman of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited, a Non-executive Director of Power Assets Holdings Limited and HK Electric Investments Manager Limited ("HKEIM") as the trustee-manager of HK Electric Investments, a Non-executive Director and the Deputy Chairman of HK Electric Investments Limited and Co-Chairman of Husky Energy Inc. Except for HKEIM, all the companies/investment trust mentioned above are listed in Hong Kong or overseas. Mr. Victor Li is also the Deputy Chairman of Li Ka Shing Foundation Limited, Li Ka Shing (Overseas) Foundation and Li Ka Shing (Canada) Foundation, and a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. He serves as a member of the Standing Committee of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China. He is also a member of the Chief Executive's Council of Advisers on Innovation and Strategic Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Victor Li is the Honorary Consul of Barbados in Hong Kong. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering and an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LL.D.). Mr. Victor Li is a son of Mr. Li Ka-shing, a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), and a nephew of Mr. Kam Hing Lam, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Victor Li is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, and a director of certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company.

## Directors' Biographical Information (Cont'd)

### **KAM Hing Lam**

aged 71, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company responsible for overall strategic direction and key operating decisions. He has been instrumental in the formation of the Group. He has been with the Group since its establishment in December 1999 and has played a leading role in developing the Group's corporate direction and strategic vision, and in guiding the Group in pursuit of its corporate business and operational objectives. Mr. Kam is Deputy Managing Director of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited, and Deputy Managing Director and Member of Executive Committee of CK Asset Holdings Limited. He is also the Group Managing Director of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited. All the companies mentioned above are listed companies. Mr. Kam is also the Chairman of Hui Xian Asset Management Limited, the manager of Hui Xian Real Estate Investment Trust which is listed in Hong Kong. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Mr. Kam is an uncle of Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, the Chairman of the Company. Mr. Kam is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, and a director of certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company.

### **IP Tak Chuen, Edmond**

aged 66, is the Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Company responsible for the investment activities of the Group. He joined the CK Group in 1993 and the Group in December 1999. He is Deputy Managing Director of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited, and Deputy Managing Director and Member of Executive Committee of CK Asset Holdings Limited. He is also an Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited. All the companies mentioned above are listed companies. Mr. Ip is also a Non-executive Director of Hui Xian Asset Management Limited, the manager of Hui Xian Real Estate Investment Trust which is listed in Hong Kong. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Master of Science degree in Business Administration. Mr. Ip is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, and a director of certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company.

## Directors' Biographical Information (Cont'd)

### **YU Ying Choi, Alan Abel**

aged 63, is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company responsible for the commercial activities of the Group, including manufacturing and marketing of all product applications. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Mr. Yu has held a number of positions in multinational corporations, including Standard Chartered Bank, Dairy Farm and American Express, in Hong Kong and overseas. Prior to joining the Group in January 2000, he was a Worldwide Vice President with Johnson & Johnson.

### **CHU Kee Hung**

aged 73, is the Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of the Company responsible for the technology and product development activities of the Group. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, a Master of Science degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree both from The University of California at Berkeley. He began working for the Group in January 2001. Prior to joining the Group, he has held a variety of senior positions in major corporations such as General Electric and the CK Group, and has over 24 years' experience in technology project management in the United States, Mainland China and Hong Kong.

### **TULLOCH, Peter Peace**

aged 74, serves as the Chairman and Non-executive Director of each of Victoria Power Networks Pty Ltd, SA Power Networks and Australian Gas Networks Limited. He is also Chairman and a Non-executive Director of both Powercor Australia Limited and CitiPower Pty Ltd. He also holds directorships in certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Tulloch is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers and has spent more than 30 years in Asia. He was appointed a Non-executive Director of the Company in April 2002.

## Directors' Biographical Information (Cont'd)

### **KWOK Eva Lee**

aged 76, currently serves as the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Amara Holdings Inc. ("Amara"). Mrs. Kwok also acts as an Independent Director for Husky Energy Inc., an Independent Non-executive Director of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited and a Director of Li Ka Shing (Canada) Foundation ("LKS Canada Foundation"). Mrs. Kwok also sits on the Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance Committee of Husky Energy Inc. and the Audit Committee of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited. Except for Amara and LKS Canada Foundation, all the companies mentioned above are listed companies. She also holds directorships in certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. In addition, she was an Independent Director of Bank of Montreal, a listed company, and previously sat on the Audit Committee and Pension Fund Society of the Bank of Montreal, the Nominating and Governance Committee of Shoppers Drug Mart Corporation, the Independent Committee of Directors and Human Resources Committee of Telesystems International Wireless (TIW) Inc., the Independent Committee of Directors and the Corporate Governance Committee of Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd., the Audit and Corporate Governance Committees of Clarica Life Insurance Company, the Corporate Governance Committee of Air Canada, the Innovation Saskatchewan (IS) Board of Directors and the Saskatchewan-Asia Advisory Council of Saskatchewan. Mrs. Kwok was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in June 2002. She is a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company, and has been appointed as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Company on 1 January 2012.

## Directors' Biographical Information (Cont'd)

### **RUSSEL, Colin Stevens**

aged 77, is the founder and Managing Director of Emerging Markets Advisory Services Ltd., a company which provides advisory services to organisations on business strategy and planning, market development, competitive positioning and risk management. Mr. Russel is also Managing Director of EMAS (HK) Limited. He is also an Independent Non-executive Director of CK Asset Holdings Limited, CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited and Husky Energy Inc., all being listed companies. He also holds directorships in certain companies controlled by a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He was the Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela, Consul General for Canada in Hong Kong, Director for China of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa, Director for East Asia Trade in Ottawa, Senior Trade Commissioner for Canada in Hong Kong, Director for Japan Trade in Ottawa, and was in the Trade Commissioner Service for Canada in Spain, Hong Kong, Morocco, the Philippines, London and India. He was Project Manager for RCA Ltd in Liberia, Nigeria, Mexico and India and electronic equipment development engineer in Canada with RCA Ltd and in Britain with Associated Electrical Industries. Mr. Russel received his Bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering and his Master's degree in Business Administration from McGill University, Canada. He is a Qualified Commercial Mediator. Mr. Russel was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in January 2005 and is a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

### **KWAN Kai Cheong**

aged 68, is Chairman of the Board of Utopa Limited, a commercial property operating company in China and President of Morrison & Company Limited, a business consultancy firm. He worked for Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. for over 10 years during the period from 1982 to 1993, with his last position as President for its Asia Pacific region. He was formerly Joint Managing Director of Pacific Concord Holding Limited. Mr. Kwan is also an Independent Non-executive Director of HK Electric Investments Limited, HK Electric Investments Manager Limited ("HKEIM") as the trustee-manager of HK Electric Investments, Greenland Hong Kong Holdings Limited, Henderson Sunlight Asset Management Limited ("HSAM") as the manager of Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust, Panda Green Energy Group Limited and Win Hanverky Holdings Limited and a Non-executive Director of China Properties Group Limited. Mr. Kwan is also a Director of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited ("HK Electric"). Except for HKEIM, HSAM and HK Electric, all the companies/investment trust mentioned above are listed in Hong Kong. He also holds directorships in certain companies controlled by a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Mr. Kwan holds a Bachelor of Accountancy (Honours) degree and is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He completed the Stanford Executive Program in 1992. Mr. Kwan was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in March 2015. He was appointed the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company in May 2015.

# Financial Review

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

As at 30 June 2018, the total assets of the Group were about HK\$10,585.5 million, of which bank balances and time deposits were about HK\$1,052.7 million and treasury investments were about HK\$226.3 million. The bank interest generated for the first six months of 2018 was HK\$4.5 million. The net loss arising from the Group's investment segment for the period ended 30 June 2018 was HK\$18.1 million.

At the end of the period under review, the total liabilities of the Group were HK\$5,982.4 million, comprising bank and other borrowings amounted to HK\$4,845.1 million. These borrowings were mainly used for financing the acquisition of overseas businesses as well as providing general working capital for some of the overseas businesses. Total finance cost incurred by the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018 was HK\$57.2 million.

As at 30 June 2018, the net debt to net total capital ratio of the Group was approximately 45.18%, which is calculated as the Group's net borrowings over the aggregate of the Group's total equity and net borrowings. For this purpose, the Group defines net borrowings as total borrowings (including bank borrowings, finance lease obligations and other borrowings) less cash, bank balances and time deposits.

The net asset value of the Group was HK\$0.48 per share.

## TREASURY POLICIES

The Group continues to adopt a prudent treasury policy and manage most of its treasury functions at the head office regarding its funding needs, foreign exchange and interest rate exposures.

Most of the Group's financial instruments are denominated in United States dollars and Hong Kong dollars, and thus exchange rate risk associated with such investments is low. Most of the Group's borrowings are principally on a floating rate basis. To minimise its interest rate risk, the Group has been regularly and closely monitoring its overall net debt position, and reviewing its funding costs and loan maturity profile so as to facilitate refinancing whenever appropriate.

## CHARGE ON ASSETS

As at 30 June 2018, certain assets of the Group's subsidiary companies with a carrying value of HK\$846.0 million were pledged as part of the security for bank borrowings totalling HK\$353.1 million granted to the subsidiary companies.

### **MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS/DISPOSALS AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS**

There was no material acquisition/disposal of investments during the period under review.

The Group has always been investing significantly in research and development activities. Such expenditure amounted to about HK\$31.7 million for the period ended 30 June 2018.

### **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS**

As of 30 June 2018, the total capital commitments by the Group amounted to HK\$48.6 million which were mainly made up of contracted/authorised commitments in respect of the acquisition of plant and equipment, and maintenance of vineyards.

### **INFORMATION ON EMPLOYEES**

The total number of full-time employees of the Group was 1,783 as at 30 June 2018, and is 42 more than the total headcount of 1,741 as at 30 June 2017. The total staff costs, including director's emoluments, amounted to approximately HK\$498.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018, which represents an increase of 2% as compared to the same period in 2017. The Group's employment and remuneration policies remained the same as detailed in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2018.

# Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

	Notes	For the six months ended 30 June	
		2018 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2017 (unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)
Revenue	3	<b>2,541,210</b>	2,313,957
Cost of sales		<b>(1,690,023)</b>	(1,524,105)
		<b>851,187</b>	789,852
Other income, gains and losses		<b>16,927</b>	9,400
Staff costs	4	<b>(261,147)</b>	(259,466)
Depreciation		<b>(26,870)</b>	(29,619)
Amortisation of intangible assets		<b>(3,233)</b>	(9,346)
Other expenses		<b>(305,386)</b>	(276,386)
Finance costs		<b>(57,186)</b>	(46,246)
Share of results of joint ventures		<b>694</b>	23,993
Profit before taxation		<b>214,986</b>	202,182
Taxation	5	<b>(38,522)</b>	(29,131)
Profit for the period	6	<b>176,464</b>	173,051
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		<b>170,932</b>	170,274
Non-controlling interests of subsidiaries		<b>5,532</b>	2,777
		<b>176,464</b>	173,051
Earnings per share	7		
– Basic		<b>1.78 cents</b>	1.77 cents
– Diluted		<b>1.78 cents</b>	1.77 cents

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2017 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> (Restated)
Profit for the period	<b>176,464</b>	173,051
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income		
<b>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>		
Loss on fair value changes of equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	<b>(3,406)</b>	(40,330)
<b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations	<b>(136,266)</b>	204,616
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	<b>(139,672)</b>	164,286
Total comprehensive income for the period	<b>36,792</b>	337,337
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Shareholders of the Company	<b>34,375</b>	328,107
Non-controlling interests of subsidiaries	<b>2,417</b>	9,230
	<b>36,792</b>	337,337

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		As at 30 June 2018 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 (audited) HK\$'000
	Notes		
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investment properties	9	1,306,055	1,318,972
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,920,479	1,958,017
Intangible assets	11	3,550,990	3,588,711
Interests in a joint venture		7,868	8,944
Equity investments		213,496	216,902
Deferred taxation		31,498	40,160
		<b>7,030,386</b>	7,131,706
<b>Current assets</b>			
Equity investments		12,853	16,358
Tax recoverable		20,281	56,172
Inventories		1,211,001	1,066,929
Receivables and prepayments	12	1,258,297	1,274,727
Bank balances and deposits		1,052,652	1,037,772
		<b>3,555,084</b>	3,451,958
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables and accruals	12	(904,536)	(1,003,561)
Bank borrowings	13	(924,000)	(93,135)
Finance lease obligations		(265)	(295)
Other borrowings	14	–	(1,100,000)
Taxation		(65,568)	(64,938)
		<b>(1,894,369)</b>	(2,261,929)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>1,660,715</b>	1,190,029
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>8,691,101</b>	8,321,735

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Cont'd)

		As at 30 June 2018 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2017 (audited) HK\$'000
	<i>Notes</i>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Bank borrowings	13	(2,821,094)	(3,402,073)
Finance lease obligations		(560)	(666)
Other borrowings	14	(1,100,000)	–
Deferred taxation		(166,328)	(162,291)
		<b>(4,087,982)</b>	(3,565,030)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>4,603,119</b>	4,756,705
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	15	961,107	961,107
Share premium and reserves		3,499,649	3,655,936
<b>Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>			
		<b>4,460,756</b>	4,617,043
Non-controlling interests of subsidiaries		142,363	139,662
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,603,119</b>	4,756,705

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to shareholders of the Company								Attributable to non-controlling interests of subsidiaries	Total
	Share capital	Share premium	Investment revaluation reserve	Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve	Translation reserve	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Sub-total		
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(Restated)	(Restated)	(Restated)		(Restated)	(Restated)		(Restated)
<b>2017</b>										
At 1 January 2017 (Restated)	961,107	3,763,101	(32,526)	-	(1,324,351)	(338,628)	1,232,549	4,261,252	141,790	4,403,042
Transitional adjustments on the initial application of HKFRS 9	-	-	32,526	40,474	-	-	10,000	83,000	-	83,000
Adjusted as at 1 January 2017	961,107	3,763,101	-	40,474	(1,324,351)	(338,628)	1,242,549	4,344,252	141,790	4,486,042
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,274	170,274	2,777	173,051
Exchange differences arising from translation	-	-	-	-	198,163	-	-	198,163	6,453	204,616
Loss on fair value changes of equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(40,330)	-	-	-	(40,330)	-	(40,330)
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	-	-	-	(40,330)	198,163	-	170,274	328,107	9,230	337,337
Addition in interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(103,983)	-	(103,983)	1,053	(102,930)
Dividends paid to the shareholders of the Company - 2016 final dividend HK\$0.01 per share	-	(96,111)	-	-	-	-	-	(96,111)	-	(96,111)
Dividends distributed to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,993)	(5,993)
At 30 June 2017	961,107	3,666,990	-	144	(1,126,188)	(442,611)	1,412,823	4,472,265	146,080	4,618,345

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Cont'd)

	Attributable to shareholders of the Company									
	Share capital	Share premium	Investment revaluation reserve	Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve	Translation reserve	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Sub-total	Attributable to non-controlling interests of subsidiaries	Total
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000 (Restated)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (Restated)
<b>2018</b>										
At 1 January 2018	961,107	3,666,990	-	(5,445)	(1,062,471)	(444,089)	1,500,951	4,617,043	139,662	4,756,705
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,932	170,932	5,532	176,464
Exchange differences arising from translation	-	-	-	-	(133,151)	-	-	(133,151)	(3,115)	(136,266)
Loss on fair value changes of equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(3,406)	-	-	-	(3,406)	-	(3,406)
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	-	-	-	(3,406)	(133,151)	-	170,932	34,375	2,417	36,792
Addition in interests in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(94,551)	-	(94,551)	284	(94,267)
Dividends paid to the shareholders of the Company – 2017 final dividend HK\$0.01 per share	-	(96,111)	-	-	-	-	-	(96,111)	-	(96,111)
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>961,107</b>	<b>3,570,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,851)</b>	<b>(1,195,622)</b>	<b>(538,640)</b>	<b>1,671,883</b>	<b>4,460,756</b>	<b>142,363</b>	<b>4,603,119</b>

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	(unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash from operating activities	<b>105,632</b>	2,856
Net cash outflow from investing activities	<b>(79,957)</b>	(23,692)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	<b>(2,355)</b>	(36,144)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<b>23,320</b>	(56,980)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	<b>1,037,772</b>	859,432
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	<b>(8,440)</b>	14,381
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	<b>1,052,652</b>	816,833

# Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain properties and financial instruments which are measured at revaluated amounts or fair values.

The accounting policies used in preparing the interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 (the “2017 Financial Statements”), except for the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, amendments and interpretations (collectively “new and revised HKFRSs”) issued by HKICPA which have become effective in this period as detailed in note 2 of the 2017 Financial Statements. The adoption of such new and revised HKFRSs has no material impact on the accounting policies in the Group’s interim financial statements for the period.

Due to the early adoption of HKFRS 9 (2014) Financial Instruments (“HKFRS 9”) and change in accounting policy for land and buildings in the financial year ended 31 December 2017 after the announcement of Group’s interim report for the period ended 30 June 2017, the comparative amounts for the corresponding period in 2017 have been restated accordingly.

Details of the backgrounds and impacts of early adoption of HKFRS 9 and the change in accounting policy for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 are disclosed in note 2 to the 2017 Financial Statements.

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

The effects of early adoption of HKFRS 9 and the change in accounting policy for land and buildings on the Group's financial performance for the six months ended 30 June 2017 are as follows:

	For six months ended 30 June 2017		
	Early adoption of HKFRS 9 HK\$'000	Change in accounting policy for land and buildings HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Condensed consolidated income statement</b>			
Decrease in depreciation			
– Included in cost of sales	–	712	712
– Others	–	3	3
Increase in tax expenses	–	(214)	(214)
Increase in profit for the period	–	501	501
Increase in profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Company	–	501	501
Increase in earnings per share			
– Basic	– cents	– cents	– cents
– Diluted	– cents	– cents	– cents

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

	For six months ended 30 June 2017		
	Early adoption of HKFRS 9 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Change in accounting policy for land and buildings <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income</b>			
Increase in profit for the period	–	501	501
Decrease in exchange gain arising from translation of foreign operations	–	(2,166)	(2,166)
Increase in loss on fair value changes of equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(31,016)	–	(31,016)
Decrease in total comprehensive income for the period	(31,016)	(1,665)	(32,681)
Decrease in total comprehensive income for the period attributable to shareholders of the Company	(31,016)	(1,665)	(32,681)

### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowance for returns and trade discount, as well as rental income and income from investments, and is analysed as follows:

#### A. Segment revenue

An analysis of the segment revenue is as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2017 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Agriculture-related	1,169,283	971,594
Health	1,371,561	1,341,011
Investment	366	1,352
	2,541,210	2,313,957

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONT'D)

#### B. Segment results

An analysis of the segment results is as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000 (Restated)
Segment results		
Agriculture-related	<b>117,016</b>	117,951
Health	<b>246,340</b>	225,500
Investment	<b>(18,124)</b>	(1,180)
	<b>345,232</b>	342,271
Research and development expenditure	<b>(31,745)</b>	(53,368)
Corporate expenses	<b>(41,315)</b>	(40,475)
Finance costs	<b>(57,186)</b>	(46,246)
	<b>214,986</b>	202,182
Profit before taxation	<b>214,986</b>	202,182
Taxation	<b>(38,522)</b>	(29,131)
	<b>176,464</b>	173,051
Profit for the period	<b>176,464</b>	173,051

### 4. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs which include salaries, bonuses, retirement benefit scheme contributions and recruitment costs for the six months ended 30 June 2018 amounted to HK\$498.4 million (2017: HK\$490.7 million) of which HK\$237.3 million (2017: HK\$231.3 million) relating to direct labor costs was included in cost of sales.

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 5. TAXATION

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i> (Restated)
Current tax		
Hong Kong	–	–
Other jurisdictions	<b>35,842</b>	32,085
Deferred tax		
Other jurisdictions	<b>2,680</b>	(2,954)
	<b>38,522</b>	29,131

Hong Kong profits tax provision has been made at the rate of 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits. Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

### 6. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit for the period has been arrived at after crediting:		
Included in revenue:		
Rental income from investment properties	<b>73,933</b>	68,475
Included in other income, gains and losses:		
Interest income from bank deposits	<b>4,515</b>	2,862
Fair value loss on investments mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss, and derivative financial instruments	<b>(3,505)</b>	(3,778)

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculations of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the Company are based on the following data:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000 (Restated)
<b>Profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>		
Profit for calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	<b>170,932</b>	170,274
<b>Number of shares</b>		
Number of ordinary shares in issue used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	<b>9,611,073,000</b>	9,611,073,000

Diluted earnings per share for the periods ended 30 June 2018 and 2017 are the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive ordinary shares outstanding.

### 8. DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors of the Company has not declared an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (2017: Nil).

### 9. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	HK\$'000
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2018	<b>1,318,972</b>
Additions	<b>13,050</b>
Exchange differences	<b>(25,967)</b>
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>1,306,055</b>

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and buildings	Vines	Salt fields	Construction in progress	Laboratory instruments, plant and equipment	Furniture, fixtures and other assets	Leasehold improvement	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>								
At 1 January 2018	636,142	540,527	365,446	74,850	945,795	143,858	168,408	2,875,026
Additions	21,722	212	–	34,122	4,844	5,226	1,529	67,655
Reclassification	13,415	–	2,631	(28,310)	8,206	1,054	3,004	–
Disposals/write-off	–	–	–	(172)	(10)	(3,052)	–	(3,234)
Exchange differences	(12,628)	(11,071)	(6,487)	(1,457)	(18,359)	(1,900)	(2,137)	(54,039)
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>658,651</b>	<b>529,668</b>	<b>361,590</b>	<b>79,033</b>	<b>940,476</b>	<b>145,186</b>	<b>170,804</b>	<b>2,885,408</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>								
At 1 January 2018	92,678	181,621	–	–	456,540	109,806	76,364	917,009
Provided for the period	6,814	11,936	–	–	38,282	5,421	6,920	69,373
Eliminated upon disposals/ write-off	–	–	–	–	–	(2,891)	–	(2,891)
Exchange differences	(1,314)	(5,021)	–	–	(10,094)	(1,413)	(720)	(18,562)
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>98,178</b>	<b>188,536</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>484,728</b>	<b>110,923</b>	<b>82,564</b>	<b>964,929</b>
<b>Carrying Values</b>								
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>560,473</b>	<b>341,132</b>	<b>361,590</b>	<b>79,033</b>	<b>455,748</b>	<b>34,263</b>	<b>88,240</b>	<b>1,920,479</b>
At 31 December 2017	543,464	358,906	365,446	74,850	489,255	34,052	92,044	1,958,017

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## 11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Development costs	Patents	Goodwill	Brand name and trademarks	Customer relationships	Water rights	Other intangible assets	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Cost</b>								
At 1 January 2018	423,435	150	2,858,728	130,081	387,017	171,744	11,699	3,982,854
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,688	6,688
Exchange differences	(6,148)	(5)	(27,266)	(2,464)	(5,945)	(5,152)	(220)	(47,200)
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>417,287</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2,831,462</b>	<b>127,617</b>	<b>381,072</b>	<b>166,592</b>	<b>18,167</b>	<b>3,942,342</b>
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>								
At 1 January 2018	477	124	-	-	368,400	16,404	8,738	394,143
Provided for the period	-	-	-	-	2,249	-	984	3,233
Exchange differences	(14)	(4)	-	-	(5,469)	(492)	(45)	(6,024)
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>365,180</b>	<b>15,912</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>391,352</b>
<b>Carrying values</b>								
<b>At 30 June 2018</b>	<b>416,824</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,831,462</b>	<b>127,617</b>	<b>15,892</b>	<b>150,680</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>3,550,990</b>
At 31 December 2017	422,958	26	2,858,728	130,081	18,617	155,340	2,961	3,588,711

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 12. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The Group has a policy of allowing an average credit period of 0 to 90 days to its customers.

The ageing analysis of trade receivables and trade payables are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2018 <i>HK\$'000</i>	As at 31 December 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Trade receivables</b>		
0-90 days	<b>987,732</b>	993,059
Over 90 days	<b>58,903</b>	69,000
	<b>1,046,635</b>	1,062,059
<b>Trade payables</b>		
0-90 days	<b>407,485</b>	396,184
Over 90 days	<b>24,960</b>	11,013
	<b>432,445</b>	407,197

### 13. BANK BORROWINGS

Certain bank borrowings are secured by charges over the assets of certain subsidiary companies.

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 14. OTHER BORROWINGS

Included in other borrowings is a loan of HK\$498.4 million (2017: HK\$498.4 million) from a subsidiary of a substantial shareholder of the Company, which is unsecured, bearing interest with reference to Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate (the "HIBOR") plus margin of 1.05% (2017: 1.08%) per annum, and with due date in February 2021. During the period, total interest expenses of HK\$5.1 million (2017: HK\$7.0 million) were incurred for this shareholder loan.

The remaining borrowing of HK\$601.6 million (2017: HK\$601.6 million) is unsecured, bearing interest with reference to HIBOR plus margin of 1.05% (2017: 1.08%) per annum, and with due date in February 2021.

### 15. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of share of HK\$0.1 each <i>'000</i>	Nominal value <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Authorised</b>		
At 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2018	15,000,000	1,500,000
<b>Issued and fully paid</b>		
At 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2018	9,611,073	961,107

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### *Financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis*

	Level 1 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 2 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 3 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>As at 30 June 2018</b>				
<b>Financial assets designated at fair value through other comprehensive income</b>				
Equity securities – listed in Hong Kong	11,496	–	–	11,496
Equity securities – unlisted investments	–	–	202,000	202,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>213,496</b>
<b>Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Non-derivative financial assets held for trading	12,853	–	–	12,853
<b>As at 31 December 2017</b>				
<b>Financial assets designated at fair value through other comprehensive income</b>				
Equity securities – listed in Hong Kong	14,902	–	–	14,902
Equity securities – unlisted investments	–	–	202,000	202,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,902</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>202,000</b>	<b>216,902</b>
<b>Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Non-derivative financial assets held for trading	16,358	–	–	16,358

There were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3 during the six months ended 30 June 2018 and 2017.

# Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

## 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### *Information about Level 3 fair value measurements*

The fair value of the unlisted investments in level 3 is determined using a market approach valuation technique which is based on the best information available in the circumstances and includes appropriate risk adjustments for lack of marketability. Factors considered in determining the fair value of these investments include multiples of several comparable companies.

## 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions and balances set out elsewhere in the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties during the six months ended 30 June 2018:

- (i) The Group made sales of HK\$12.0 million (2017: HK\$7.5 million) to Hutchison International Limited ("HIL") group. HIL is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a substantial shareholder of the Company, CK Hutchison Holdings Limited.
- (ii) The Group leased certain properties from Leknarf Associates LLC ("Leknarf") which is a related company of a director of a wholly owned subsidiary company, Vitaquest International Holdings LLC. The total rental payment by the Group to Leknarf amounted to HK\$12.1 million (2017: HK\$11.8 million).
- (iii) The Group has engaged Challenger Management Services Limited ("CMSL") as a manager of its vineyard portfolio held in Australia and New Zealand. CMSL is a fellow subsidiary of a non-controlling shareholder of a non-wholly owned subsidiary company, Belvino Investments Trust. According to the management deed, CMSL is entitled to charge the Group management fees calculated at certain agreed ratios on the total gross income, capital acquisition costs and total assets of certain subsidiaries. During the period, management fees of HK\$3.3 million (2017: HK\$3.1 million) were incurred.
- (iv) The Group made sales of HK\$0.8 million (2017: HK\$48.8 million) to joint ventures of Cheetham Salt Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company during the period. During the six months ended 30 June 2017, the Group made purchase of HK\$6.9 million from these joint ventures.

## 18. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

Due to the reasons as described in note 2, certain prior period adjustments have been made and certain comparative amounts have been restated to conform to the current period's presentation and accounting treatment.

# Directors' Interests and Short Positions In Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 30 June 2018, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives 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 the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”)) which were notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“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 under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors adopted by the Company (“Model Code”), to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

## LONG POSITIONS IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of Ordinary Shares			Total	Approximate % of Shareholding
		Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests		
Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Beneficial owner & interest of controlled corporations	2,250,000	–	2,835,759,715 (Note)	2,838,009,715	29.52%
Kam Hing Lam	Interest of child or spouse	–	6,225,000	–	6,225,000	0.06%
Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond	Beneficial owner	2,250,000	–	–	2,250,000	0.02%
Yu Ying Choi, Alan Abel	Beneficial owner	2,250,000	–	–	2,250,000	0.02%
Chu Kee Hung	Beneficial owner	2,250,000	–	–	2,250,000	0.02%
Peter Peace Tulloch	Beneficial owner	1,050,000	–	–	1,050,000	0.01%
Kwok Eva Lee	Beneficial owner	200,000	–	–	200,000	0.002%

Note:

Such 2,835,759,715 shares are held by two subsidiaries of Li Ka Shing Foundation Limited (“LKSF”). By virtue of the terms of the constituent documents of LKSF, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor may be regarded as having the ability to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at the general meetings of LKSF.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had, as at 30 June 2018, any interests or short positions in the 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 under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

# Interests and Short Positions of Shareholders

So far as is known to any Director or chief executive of the Company, as at 30 June 2018, shareholders (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company 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:

## (1) LONG POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Name	Capacity	Number of Ordinary Shares	Approximate % of Shareholding
Gold Rainbow Int'l Limited	Beneficial owner	4,355,634,570	45.31%
Gotak Limited	Interest of a controlled corporation	4,355,634,570 (Note i)	45.31%
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	4,355,634,570 (Note ii)	45.31%
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	4,355,634,570 (Note iii)	45.31%
Trueway International Limited	Beneficial owner	2,119,318,286	22.05%
Li Ka Shing Foundation Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	2,835,759,715 (Note iv)	29.50%
Li Ka-shing	Interest of controlled corporations	2,835,759,715 (Note v)	29.50%

## Interests and Short Positions of Shareholders (Cont'd)

### (2) LONG POSITIONS OF OTHER PERSONS IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Name	Capacity	Number of Ordinary Shares	Approximate % of Shareholding
Triluck Assets Limited	Beneficial owner	716,441,429	7.45%

Notes:

- i. This represents the same block of shares in the Company as shown against the name of Gold Rainbow Int'l Limited ("Gold Rainbow") above. Since Gold Rainbow is wholly-owned by Gotak Limited, Gotak Limited is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares in which Gold Rainbow was interested under the SFO.
- ii. As Gotak Limited is wholly-owned by Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited ("CKH"), CKH is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares which Gotak Limited is deemed to be interested under the SFO.
- iii. As CKH is wholly-owned by CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ("CK Hutchison"), CK Hutchison is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares which CKH is deemed to be interested under the SFO.
- iv. Trueway International Limited ("Trueway") and Triluck Assets Limited ("Triluck") are wholly-owned by LKSF and LKSF is deemed to be interested in a total of 2,835,759,715 shares under the SFO, being the aggregate of the shares in which Trueway and Triluck were interested as shown against the names Trueway and Triluck above.
- v. By virtue of the terms of the constituent documents of LKSF, Mr. Li Ka-shing may be regarded as having the ability to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at the general meetings of LKSF. Mr. Li Ka-shing is deemed to be interested in the same number of shares in which LKSF is deemed to be interested as mentioned above under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2018, the Company had not been notified by any persons (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company 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.

# Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors (“Board”) and the management of the Company are committed to the maintenance of good corporate governance practices and procedures. The corporate governance principles of the Company emphasize a quality Board, sound internal controls, and transparency and accountability to all shareholders.

The Company has applied the principles and complied with all code provisions (except as stated below) and, where applicable, the recommended best practices of the Corporate Governance Code (“CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Listing Rules”) throughout the six months ended 30 June 2018. In respect of code provisions A.5.1 to A.5.4 of the CG Code, the Company does not have a nomination committee. At present, the full Board is responsible for reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board and the appointment of new Directors from time to time to ensure that it has a balanced and diversified composition of skills and experience appropriate for the requirements of the businesses of the Company, and the Board as a whole is also responsible for reviewing the succession plan for the Directors, in particular the Chairman of the Board (“Chairman”) and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Group is committed to achieving and maintaining standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with this commitment and in compliance with the CG Code, the audit committee of the Company (“Audit Committee”) has established the Procedures for Reporting Possible Improprieties in Matters of Financial Reporting, Internal Control or Other Matters. In addition, the Company has established the Policy on Handling of Confidential Information, Information Disclosure, and Securities Dealing for compliance by the Company’s employees.

## Corporate Governance (Cont'd)

### **(1) BOARD COMPOSITION AND BOARD PRACTICES**

The Board is collectively responsible for the oversight of the management of the business and affairs of the Group with the objective of enhancing shareholders' value. The Board consists of a total of nine Directors, comprising five Executive Directors, one Non-executive Director and three Independent Non-executive Directors. One-third of the Board are Independent Non-executive Directors and at least one of them has appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise as required by the Listing Rules. All Directors (including Non-executive Directors) are subject to retirement by rotation once every three years and are subject to re-election in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association and the CG Code.

The positions of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are currently held by separate individuals with a view to maintaining an effective segregation of duties respecting management of the Board and the day-to-day management of the Group's business.

All Directors have made active contribution to the affairs of the Board and the Board has always acted in the best interests of the Group. In addition to regular Board meetings, the Chairman meets with the Non-executive Directors (including Independent Non-executive Directors) without the presence of the Executive Directors at least once every year.

The Company Secretary is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and for ensuring that the Board is briefed on all legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments and that the Board has regard to them when making decisions. The Company Secretary and the Compliance Officer are also directly responsible for the Group's compliance with the continuing obligations of the Listing Rules, Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs, Companies Ordinance, the Securities and Futures Ordinance and other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

### **(2) MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company had adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions effective from 8 September 2008, which will be revised and adopted from time to time. Confirmation has been received from all Directors that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code relating to securities transactions for employees are set out in the Personnel Manual of the Company.

## Corporate Governance (Cont'd)

### **(3) RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Company has an internal audit function in place to provide an independent assessment of the Group's risk management and internal control systems and review of their effectiveness in accordance with the CG Code. The Internal Audit Department prepares its audit plan using a risk based methodology in consultation with, but independent of, the management for review by the Audit Committee. The audit work focuses on financial, functional and information technology areas within the audited business units and those areas of the Group's activities with significant perceived risks. An integral part of the internal audit function is to monitor and ensure effective implementation of the risk management and internal control systems.

The Board, through the Audit Committee, has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

### **(4) AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company established the Audit Committee on 26 June 2002 and has formulated its written terms of reference, which have from time to time been modified, in accordance with the prevailing provisions of the CG Code. The Audit Committee now comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Kwan Kai Cheong (Chairman of the Audit Committee), Mrs. Kwok Eva Lee and Mr. Colin Stevens Russel. The principal duties of the Audit Committee include: the review and supervision of the Group's financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems; review of the Group's financial information; review of the relationship with the external auditor of the Company; and performance of the corporate governance functions delegated by the Board.

The Group's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2018 has been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

### **(5) REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

In compliance with the CG Code, the Company established its remuneration committee ("Remuneration Committee") on 1 January 2005 with a majority of the members thereof being Independent Non-executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee now comprises the Chairman, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, and two Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mrs. Kwok Eva Lee (Chairman of the Remuneration Committee) and Mr. Colin Stevens Russel.

The principal responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee include making recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of Directors and management, and reviewing the remuneration packages of all Executive Directors and management with reference to the corporate goals and objectives of the Board resolved from time to time.

### **(6) INVESTOR RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS**

The Company establishes different communication channels with shareholders and investors, including (i) printed copies of corporate communications (including but not limited to annual reports, interim reports, notices of meetings, circulars and proxy forms) required under the Listing Rules, and shareholders can choose to receive such documents using electronic means through the Company's website; (ii) the annual general meeting provides a forum for shareholders to raise comments and exchange views with the Board; (iii) updated and key information on the Group is available on the website of the Company; (iv) the Company's website offers a communication channel between the Company and its shareholders and stakeholders; (v) press conferences and briefing meetings with analysts are arranged from time to time to update on the performance of the Group; (vi) the Company's Branch Share Registrar deals with shareholders for share registration and related matters; and (vii) the Corporate Affairs Department of the Company handles enquiries from shareholders and investors generally.

In compliance with the CG Code, the Company has established a shareholders communication policy in March 2012 which is subject to review on a regular basis to ensure its effectiveness.

## Other Information

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2018, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

### **RISK FACTORS**

The Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects may be affected by risks and uncertainties directly or indirectly pertaining to the Group's businesses. The risk factors set out below are those that could result in the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects differing materially from expected or historical results. Such factors are by no means exhaustive or comprehensive, and there may be other risks in addition to those shown below which are not known to the Group or which may not be material now but could turn out to be material in the future. In addition, this Interim Report does not constitute a recommendation or advice to invest in the shares of the Company and investors are advised to make their own judgment or consult their own investment advisors before making any investment in the shares of the Company.

### **Global Economy**

While global economic activity continues to strengthen, there are still a number of uncertainties and risks affecting the global economy. Increasing trade tensions between the United States and certain major nations, the outcomes of the negotiations of the United Kingdom ("UK") to leave the European Union ("EU"), the fluctuation of the US dollar against major currencies around the world and the continuing geopolitical tensions create uncertainties in the world economy and global financial market. A slowdown in global economic growth could lead to economic contractions in certain markets, commercial and consumer delinquencies, weakened consumer confidence and increased market volatility. The Group has investments in different countries and cities around the world. Any adverse economic conditions in those countries and cities in which the Group operates may potentially impact on the Group's financial position or potential income, asset value and liabilities.

### **Highly Competitive Markets**

The Group's principal business operations face significant competition and rapid technological change across the markets in which they operate. New market entrants, intensified price competition among existing competitors, possible substitution of imports for locally manufactured products and the acceptability of the Group's products by the market could adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects. Likewise, product innovation and technical advancement may render the Group's existing and potential applications and products and its own research and development efforts obsolete or non-competitive.

### Research and Development

Research and development conducted by the Group is a lengthy and expensive process involving a lot of trial testing in order to demonstrate that the products are effective and safe for commercial sale. Successful results in the early stage of the trial process may, upon further review, be revised or negated by regulatory authorities or by later stage trial results and there is no assurance that any of the research and development activities will produce positive results.

In addition, recruiting and retaining qualified scientific personnel to perform research and development work will be critical to the success of the Group and there can be no assurance that the Group will be able to attract and retain such personnel on acceptable terms given the competition for experienced scientists from numerous specialised biotechnology firms, pharmaceutical and chemical companies, universities and other research institutions. Failure to recruit and retain such skilled personnel could delay the research and development and product commercialisation programs of the Group.

Some of the Group's operations are subject to extensive and rigorous government regulations relating to the development, testing, manufacture, safety, efficacy, record-keeping, labeling, storage, approval, advertising, promotion and sale and distribution of the products. The regulatory review and approval process (which requires the submission of extensive data and supporting information to establish the products' safety, efficacy and potency) can be lengthy, expensive and uncertain and there can be no assurance that any of the Group's products will be approved for marketing and sale. The policies or administrative standards of the relevant regulatory bodies may change from time to time and there can be no assurance that products that have been approved for marketing and sale do not need to be recalled at a later stage in order to comply with subsequent new requirements.

### Intellectual Property

The success of the Group will depend in part on whether it is able to obtain and enforce patent protection for its products and processes. No assurance can be given as to whether patent rights may be granted to the Group and that the patents granted will be sufficiently broad in their scope to provide protection and exclude competitors with similar products. Even when granted the patents may still be susceptible to revocation or attack by third parties. It is also not possible to determine with certainty whether there are any conflicting third party rights which may affect the Group's current commercial strategy and intellectual property portfolios. The Group may become involved in litigation in enforcing its intellectual property rights and/or be sued by third parties for alleged infringement and the result of such litigation is difficult to predict and may adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospect.

## Other Information (Cont'd)

### Industry Trends and Interest Rates

The trends in the industries in which the Group operates, including market sentiment and conditions, the exit of the UK from the EU, the consumption power of the general public, mark to market value of investment securities, the currency environment and interest rate cycles, may pose significant risks to the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects. There can be no assurance that the combination of industry trends and interest rates the Group experiences in the future will not adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

In particular, income from finance and treasury operations is dependent upon the capital market, interest rate and currency environment, and the worldwide economic and market conditions, and therefore there can be no assurance that changes in these conditions will not adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects. The volatility in the financial markets may also adversely affect the income to be derived by the Group from its finance and treasury activities.

### Loan Renewal and Refinancing

The Group is partially financed by loans from banks and other sources. These loans have fixed terms and are subject to renewal or refinancing upon maturity. The success or otherwise in renewal or refinancing of the loans will affect the liquidity of the Group.

### Risk of Asset Impairment

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets. If the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. The result of the Group will be affected by such asset impairment tests which are carried out at the end of each reporting period.

### Currency Fluctuations

The results of the Group are recorded in Hong Kong dollars but its various subsidiaries and joint ventures may receive revenue and incur expenses in other currencies. Any currency fluctuations on translation of the accounts of these subsidiaries and joint ventures and also on the repatriation of earnings, equity investments and loans may therefore impact on the Group's financial position or potential income, asset value and liabilities. Although currency exposures have been managed by the Group, a depreciation or fluctuation of the currencies in which the Group conducts operations relative to the Hong Kong dollar could adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

### Fluctuations in Treasury Investment Valuation

The Group invests in various listed and unlisted entities, which are carried on the balance sheet at fair value. The performance of the Group is therefore subject to the change in the fair value of these investments.

### Cybersecurity

With the fast expanding adoption of Internet and networking operational technology, cyberattacks around the world are occurring at a higher frequency and intensity. The Group's information assets are exposed to attack, damage or unauthorised access in the cyberworld. Cybersecurity risks could have material adverse effect on the operational and business performance, as well as the business reputation of the Group.

Although the Group has not experienced any major damage to its projects, assets or activities from cyberattacks to date, there can be no assurance that future cyberattacks or breaches of the Group's cybersecurity will not occur and result in significant impact on the Group's reputation, business, results of operations and financial conditions.

### Strategic Partners

Some of the businesses of the Group are conducted through non wholly-owned subsidiaries and joint ventures in which the Group shares control (in whole or in part) and strategic alliances had been formed by the Group with other strategic or business partners. There can be no assurance that any of these strategic or business partners will continue their relationships with the Group in the future or that the Group will be able to pursue its stated strategies with respect to its non wholly-owned subsidiaries and joint ventures and the markets in which they operate. Furthermore, the joint venture partners may (a) have economic or business interests or goals that are inconsistent with those of the Group; (b) take actions contrary to the Group's policies or objectives; (c) undergo a change of control; (d) experience financial and other difficulties; or (e) be unable or unwilling to fulfill their obligations under the joint ventures, which may affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

## Other Information (Cont'd)

### Impact of Local, National and International Regulations

The local business risks in different countries and cities in which the Group operates could have a material impact on the businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects. The Group has investments in different countries and cities around the world and the Group is, and may increasingly become, exposed to different and changing political, social, legal, tax, regulatory and environmental requirements at the local, national or international level. Also, new guidelines, directives, policies or measures by governments, whether fiscal, tax, regulatory, environmental or other competitive changes, may lead to an increase in additional or unplanned operating expenses and capital expenditures, increase in market capacity, pose a risk to the overall investment return of the Group's businesses and may delay or prevent the commercial operation of a business with resulting loss of revenue and profit, which may have an impact on the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

### Wine and Vineyard Market

The Group is among the third largest vineyard owner in Australasia in terms of hectareage and top ten in the world. The vineyards of the Group are mostly leased to well-established wine industry operators and provide immediate and recurring cashflow to the Group. The continued success of the Group will depend in part on its ability to maintain such cashflow. There is no assurance that the Group's tenants will observe the terms of the leases and continue to pay the rent during their existing lease term, or that the leases will be renewed at favorable terms upon their expiries. Tenants of the Group's vineyards export wine to, amongst other countries, the UK. The exit of the UK from the EU may have adverse effects on the tenants' businesses. Furthermore, the market value of the vineyard portfolio is subject to currency fluctuations which may impact on the Group's income or financial position.

### Impact of New Accounting Standards

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") has from time to time issued a number of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"). HKICPA may in the future issue new and revised standards and interpretations. In addition, interpretations on the application of the HKFRSs will continue to develop. These factors may require the Group to adopt new accounting policies. The adoption of new accounting policies or new HKFRSs might or could have a significant impact on the Group's financial position, results of operations or profit growth.

### Connected Transactions

CK Hutchison Holdings Limited (“CK Hutchison”) is also listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Although the Group believes that its relationship with CK Hutchison provides it with significant business advantages, the relationship results in various connected transactions under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Listing Rules”) and accordingly any transactions entered into between the Group and CK Hutchison, its subsidiaries or associates are connected transactions, which, unless one of the exemptions is available, will be subject to compliance with the applicable requirements of the Listing Rules, including the issuance of announcements, the obtaining of independent shareholders’ approval at general meetings and disclosure in annual reports and accounts. Independent shareholders’ approval requirements may also lead to unpredictable outcomes causing disruptions to as well as an increase in the risks of the Group’s business activities. Independent shareholders may also take actions that are in conflict with the interests of the Group.

### Mergers and Acquisitions

The Company has undertaken merger and acquisition activities in the past and may continue to do so if there are appropriate acquisition opportunities in the market. Although due diligence and detailed analysis are conducted before these activities are being undertaken, there can be no assurance that these can fully expose all hidden problems, potential liabilities and unresolved disputes that the target company may have. In addition, valuations and analyses on the target company conducted by the Company and by professionals alike are based on numerous assumptions, and there can be no assurance that those assumptions are correct or appropriate or that they will receive universal recognition. Relevant facts and circumstances used in the analyses could have changed over time, and new facts and circumstances may come to light as to render the previous assumptions and the valuations and analyses based thereon obsolete. Some of these merger and acquisition activities are subject to regulatory approvals in overseas countries and there can be no assurance that such approvals will be obtained, and even if granted, that there will be no burdensome conditions attached to such approvals. The Company may not necessarily be able to successfully integrate the target business into the Group and may not be able to derive any synergy from the acquisition, leading to an increase in costs, time and resources. For merger and acquisition activities undertaken overseas, the Company may also be exposed to different and changing political, social, legal and regulatory requirements at the local, national and international level. The Company may also need to face different cultural issues when dealing with local employees, customers, governmental authorities and pressure groups.

## Other Information (Cont'd)

### Natural Disasters, Climate Change and Environmental Change

Some of the Group's assets and businesses, and many of the Group's customers and suppliers are located in areas at risk of damage from earthquakes, floods, fire, frost and similar events and the occurrence of any of these events could disrupt the Group's business and materially and adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

Although the Group has not experienced any major structural damage to its assets or facilities from earthquakes or natural disasters to date, there can be no assurance that future earthquakes or other natural disasters will not occur and result in major damage to the Group's assets or facilities, which could adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions, results of operations or growth prospects.

Furthermore, climatic changes affect demand, availability, quality and pricing of many of our products as well as those of our customers, especially in the agriculture-related sector, affecting business performance.

Changes in environmental conditions, such as increase in pollution, may affect the performance of some of our assets. For example, pollution of sea water may have an impact on the productivity of solar salt fields.

### Past Performance and Forward Looking Statements

The past performance and the results of operations of the Group as contained in this Interim Report are historical in nature and past performance can be no guarantee of future results of the Group. This Interim Report may contain forward-looking statements and opinions that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from expectations discussed in such forward-looking statements and opinions. Neither the Group nor the directors, employees or agents of the Group assume (a) any obligation to correct or update the forward-looking statements or opinions contained in this Interim Report; and (b) any liability in the event that any of the forward-looking statements or opinions does not materialise or turns out to be incorrect.