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LEE & MAN CHEMICAL COMPANY LIMITED

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INTERIM RESULTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue increased by 8.4% to HK\$795 million.
- Net profit increased by 7.7% to HK\$163 million.
- Gross profit margin increased from 35.0% to 37.5%.
- Net profit margin was 20.5%.
- Basic earnings per share increased from HK18.4 cents to HK19.8 cents.
- Declared interim dividend of HK7 cents per share.

INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Lee & Man Chemical Company Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2015 together with comparative figures for the last corresponding period as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	<u>Notes</u>	Six months e 2015 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	nded 30 June 2014 (Unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
Revenue	3	794,803	733,073
Cost of sales		(496,697)	(476,364)
Gross profit		298,106	256,709
Other income	4	59,747	58,513
Selling and distribution costs		(43,305)	(32,244)
General and administrative expenses		(58,598)	(49,449)
Research and administrative cost		(36,440)	(26,485)
Finance costs	5	(11,270)	(19,310)
Share of loss of joint ventures		(2,428)	(1,634)
Profit before taxation		205,812	186,100
Income tax expense	6	(42,699)	(34,627)
Profit for the period	7	163,113	151,473
Other comprehensive income (expense):			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising from translation Net gain on hedging instruments in cash flow		261	(22,494)
hedges		87	712
Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period		348	(21,782)
Total comprehensive income for the period		163,461	129,691
Earnings per share : - Basic and diluted (HK cents)	9	19.8	18.4

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 JUNE 2015

A1 30 JUNE 2015			
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>30.06.2015</u>	<u>31.12.2014</u>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		HK\$'000	HK'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	10	3,292,722	2,929,545
Prepaid lease payments		128,168	78,890
Investment property		48,952	48,953
Intangible assets		4,336	4,945
Deposits paid for the acquisition of property,		134,378	216,983
plant and equipment			- /
Interests in joint ventures		21,715	24,143
Investment in an associate		23,994	
Other deposit		105,736	38,197
Derivative financial instruments		100,700	31
Deferred tax asset		25,084	25,349
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	11	145,884	165,390
Prepaid lease payments		1,877	1,877
Trade and other receivables	12	444,686	474,993
Loan to a joint venture		93,428	91,103
Amount due from a joint venture		15,629	15,625
Derivative financial instruments		-	1,269
Bank balances and cash		315,625	596,752
		1,017,129	1,347,009
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	13	412,315	439,983
Amounts due to related companies		10,931	4,047
Amount due to an associate		110	· -
Taxation payable		39,063	28,001
Derivative financial instruments		284	4,621
Bank borrowings - due within 1 year		512,741	709,695
e ,		975,444	1,186,347
NET CURRENT ASSETS		41,685	160,662
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			100,002
LIABILITIES		3,826,770	3,527,698
		3,020,110	3,327,070
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank borrowings - due after 1 year		1,430,900	1,229,347
Derivative financial instruments		446	388
Derivative imanetal instruments		1,431,346	1,229,735
NET ASSETS		2,395,424	2,297,963
NET ASSETS		2,395,424	2,291,903
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	14	82,500	82,500
Reserves		2,312,924	2,215,463
		2,395,424	2,297,963
		4,575,747	2,271,703

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Share capital	Share premium	Non- distributable reserve	Safety fund reserve	Translation reserve	Hedging reserve	Share options reserve	Special reserve	Accumulated profits	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (note i)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (note ii)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2014 (audited)	82,500	20,307	204,341	15,811	181,122	(2,952)	163,430	(97,362)	1,563,411	2,130,608
Profit for the period Other comprehensive (expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151,473	151,473
income for the period			-	-	(22,494)	712	-	-	-	(21,782)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period	-	-			(22,494)	712	-	-	151,473	129,691
Dividend recognised as distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(57,750)	(57,750)
Transfer to non-distributable reserve		-	20,441	-	-	-	-		(20,441)	
At 30 June 2014 (unaudited)	82,500	20,307	224,782	15,811	158,628	(2,240)	163,430	(97,362)	1,636,693	2,202,549
At 1 January 2015 (audited)	82,500	20,307	251,619	17,588	130,701	(816)	163,430	(97,362)	1,729,996	2,297,963
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163,113	163,113
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period		-	-	-	261	87	-	-	_	348
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period	-	-			261	87	-	-	163,113	163,461
Dividend recognised as distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(66,000)	(66,000)
Transfer to non-distributable reserve Release of reserve for share options lapsed during the	-	-	20,532	-	-	-	-	-	(20,532)	-
period period		-	-	-	-	-	(163,430)	-	163,430	
At 30 June 2015 (unaudited)	82,500	20,307	272,151	17,588	130,962	(729)		(97,362)	1,970,007	2,395,424

notes:

- i. According to the relevant laws in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), wholly foreign-owned enterprises in the PRC are required to transfer at least 10% of their net profits after taxation, as determined under the PRC accounting regulations, to a non-distributable reserve fund until the reserve balance reaches 50% of their registered capital. The transfer to this reserve must be made before the distribution of a dividend to equity owners. The non-distributable reserve fund can be used to offset the previous years' losses, if any. The non-distributable reserve fund is non-distributable other than upon liquidation.
- i. The special reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital issued by the Company and the nominal value of the share capital of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to a group reorganisation in December 2001.

Notes:

1. 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 ("HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments that are measured at fair values.

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2015 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, certain amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA that are mandatorily effective for the current interim period.

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs and Interpretations in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported and/or disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Operating segments

Information reported to the Chairman of the Company, being the CODM, for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods sold.

The CODM regards the Chemical Business as the Group's sole operating reportable segment and reviews the Group's results and financial position as a whole for the purpose of performance measurement and resources allocation. Accordingly, no segment analysis is presented other than entity wide disclosure.

(b) Geographical information

The Group's operations are located in the PRC.

The Group's revenue from external customers by geographical location is detailed below:

Revenue from
external customers

Six months ended 30 June
2015 2014

HK\$'000 HK\$'000

PRC **794,803** 733,073

(c) Revenue from major products

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major products:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Chloromethane products	326,323	342,974
Caustic soda	327,605	272,245
Hydrogen peroxide	57,644	62,585
Others	83,231	55,269
	794,803	733,073

(d) Information about major customers

No customer contributed over 10% of the total sales of the Group in both periods.

4. OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June		
	<u>2015</u>		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Bank interest income	10,569	21,084	
Government grant	32,763	20,477	
Net gain from fair value changes on derivative financial instruments	-	7,033	
Others	16,415	9,919	
-	59,747	58,513	

5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	10,110	16,761
Net adjustment on interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges of		
floating rate debt	1,160	2,549
	11,270	19,310

6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 Ju	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Current tax :		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	30,585	34,358
Deferred tax liability	11,850	-
Deferred tax:		
Current period	264	269
	42,699	34,627

The Group's major business is in the PRC. Under the Law of the PRC on EIT and its Implementation Regulation, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25%.

For the year 2014 and 2015, Jiangsu Lee & Man Chemical Limited was entitled to a reduced EIT rate of 15% as it has been qualified as a High and New-Tech Enterprise.

Taxation arising in other jurisdiction is calculated at the rate prevailing in the relevant jurisdiction.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is made for both periods since there is no assessable profit for both periods.

7. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

		Six months ended 30 Jun 2015 201	
		HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000
	Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
	Directors' emoluments	4,840	4,435
	Other staff costs	67,247	45,011
	Retirement benefit schemes contributions (excluding directors)	3,673	3,458
	Total staff costs	75,760	52,904
	Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	838	855
	Amortisation of intangible assets	608	620
	Cost of inventories recognised as expenses	496,697	476,364
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	91,049	76,233
8.	DIVIDENDS		
			ended 30 June
		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	Final dividend paid during the period:	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	2014 final dividend HK8.0 cents per share (2013: HK7.0 cents)	66,000	57,750
	Interim dividend declared subsequent to period end:		
	2015 interim dividend HK7.0 cents per share (2014: HK7.0 cents)	57,750	57,750

The Board has declared that an interim dividend of HK7.0 cents (2014: HK7.0 cents) per share for the six months ended 30 June 2015 to shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members on 23 September 2015.

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share from attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months	ended 30 June
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share	163,113	151,473
	Number of Shares	Number of Shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	825,000,000	825,000,000

Diluted earnings per share is not presented because all of the issued share options was lapsed during the period.

10. ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, the Group spent approximately HK\$454 million (2014: HK\$393 million) on property, plant and equipment to expand its operation.

11. INVENTORIES

	At	At
	30.06.2015	31.12.2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Raw materials and consumables	48,870	88,455
Work in progress	17,026	24,715
Finished goods	79,988	52,220
	145,884	165,390

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group generally allows its trade customers an average credit period ranged from 7 to 60 days.

Included in the balance are trade and bills receivables of approximately HK\$125,311,000 (31.12.2014: HK\$146,814,000). The aged analysis of trade and bills receivables based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	At	At
	<u>30.06.2015</u>	31.12.2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not exceeding 30 days	105,307	120,217
31 to 60 days	17,611	20,373
61 to 90 days	2,189	4,427
91 to 120 days	204	1,797
	125,311	146,814
Prepayment, deposits and other receivables	112,948	149,613
Value-added tax receivables	206,427	178,566
	444,686	474,993

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs. The average credit period obtained for trade purchases is 7 to 45 days.

Included in trade and other payables are trade and bills payables of approximately HK\$85,800,000 (31.12.2014: HK\$78,463,000). The aged analysis of trade and bills payables based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	At	At
	<u>30.06.2015</u>	31.12.2014
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not exceeding 30 days	58,146	50,439
31 to 60 days	13,451	7,598
61 to 90 days	3,804	9,031
Over 90 days	10,399	11,395
	85,800	78,463
Receipt in advance	43,818	44,553
Construction payable	230,085	250,935
Other payables and accruals	52,612	66,032
	412,315	439,983

14. SHARE CAPITAL

14.	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each:	<u>Number of</u> <u>ordinary</u> <u>shares</u>	Amount HK\$'000
	Authorised: At 1 January 2014, 30 June 2014, 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015	5,000,000,000	500,000
	Issued and fully paid: At 1 January 2014, 30 June 2014, 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015	825,000,000	82,500
15.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the condensed consolidated financial	At 30.06.2015 HK\$'000	At 31.12.2014 HK\$'000
	statements in respect of: - the acquisition of property, plant and equipment - the acquisition of land use right	185,075 8,012	514,563 31,575

16. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

			Six months e	nded 30 June
Connected parties	Relationship	Nature of transactions	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Lee & Man Paper	A company	Electricity & steam fee paid	35,684	38,033
Manufacturing Co	beneficially owned	Rental expense paid	949	966
Ltd.	and controlled by Mr.	Sales of chemical products	7,130	5,770
	Lee Wan Keung	Electricity & steam fee received	17,931	17,503
		Rental income received	728	1,165
		Purchase of raw materials	345	180
		Acquisition of land	8,340	
Lee & Man Management Co	A company beneficially owned	Management consultant fee paid	351	288
Ltd	and controlled by Mr. Lee Wan Keung			

17. REVIEW OF INTERIM ACCOUNTS

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK7.0 cents per share for the six months ended 30 June 2015 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members on 23 September 2015. It is expected that the interim dividend will be paid around 30 September 2015.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21 September 2015 to 23 September 2015, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares in the Company can be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrars, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on 18 September 2015.

BUSINESS REVIEW

For the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$795 million, increased by 8.4% as compared to last corresponding period; and a net profit for the period of approximately HK\$163 million, representing a rise of 7.7% year on year.

The Group's gross profit margin was 37.5%, an increase of 2.5 percentage points over the same period last year and net profit margin of 20.5% which was broadly stable.

PROSPECTS

The Group has completed the construction of the new Jiangxi plant. The first phase production line has officially been put into production and has contributed profit since the end of last year. It is expected that the second phase production line will be fully operated in the coming fourth quarter which will enable the Group to expand its profitability.

In addition, to cope with the new project development and the trend of fine chemical products, the Group will focus in the second half of the year on investing resources in expanding and upgrading the internal research development team.

As always, our management team will leverage on our internal technical innovation and scientific research and development in a pragmatic approach and continue its persistent efforts to deliver steady rewards to the shareholders.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The total shareholders' equity of the Group as at 30 June 2015 was approximately HK\$2,395 million (31.12.2014: HK\$2,298 million). As at 30 June 2015, the Group had current assets of approximately HK\$1,017 million (31.12.2014: HK\$1,347 million) and current liabilities of approximately HK\$975 million (31.12.2014: HK\$1,186 million). The current ratio was 1.04 as at 30 June 2015 (31.12.2014: 1.14).

The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated cash flow and credit facilities provided by its principal bankers in Hong Kong and the PRC. As at 30 June 2015, the Group had outstanding bank borrowings of approximately HK\$1,944 million (31.12.2014: HK\$1,939 million). These bank loans were secured by corporate guarantees provided by the Company and its certain subsidiaries. As at 30 June 2015, the Group maintained bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$316 million (31.12.2014: HK\$597 million). The Group's net debt-to-equity ratio (total bank borrowings net of cash and cash equivalents over shareholders' equity) was 68% as at 30 June 2015 (31.12.2014: 58%).

The Group's liquidity position remains strong and the Group possesses sufficient cash and available banking facilities to meet its commitments, working capital requirements and future investments for expansion.

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2015, the Group had a workforce of around 1,600 people. Salaries of employees are maintained at competitive level and are reviewed annually, with close reference to the relevant labour market and economic situation. The Group also provides internal training to staff and provides bonuses based upon staff performance and profits of the Group. The Group has not experienced any significant problems with its employees or disruption to its operations due to labour disputes nor has it experienced any difficulty in the recruitment and retention of experienced staff. The Group maintains a good relationship with its employees.

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 June 2015.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the Group's unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

On behalf of the Board
Wai Siu Kee
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2015

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive directors, namely, Ms Wai Siu Kee, Mr Lee Man Yan, Mr Yang Zuo Ning and Ms Wong Yuet Ming, and three independent non-executive directors, namely, Mr Wong Kai Tung, Tony, Mr Wan Chi Keung, Aaron BBS JP and Mr Heng Victor Ja Wei.