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KINGBOARD HOLDINGS LIMITED

建滔集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 148)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30 June		Change
	2024	2023	
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Net gearing	30%	28%	

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June	
		2024 HK\$'000 (附註A)	2023 HK\$'000 (附註A)
營業收入	3	20,415,160	18,719,860
營業成本		(15,827,875)	(14,839,664)
毛利		4,587,285	3,880,196
其他收入	5	95,535	149,885
銷售及行政開支		(650,544)	(604,492)
其他開支		(1,085,922)	(1,197,272)
利息收入		(293,454)	(26,513)
利息開支		4,930	30,009
其他收入		(6,279)	(2,283)
其他開支		(4,857)	
財務收入	6	(615,259)	(503,055)
財務開支		41,798	41,944
其他收入		65,469	45,178
其他開支			
利息收入	7	2,138,702	1,813,597
利息開支		(417,239)	(287,102)
其他收入			
其他開支		1,721,463	1,526,495
營業利潤		1,506,928	1,389,609
其他收入		214,535	136,886
其他開支		1,721,463	1,526,495
營業利潤		HK\$ (附註A)	HK\$ (附註A)
其他收入	9	1.360	1.253
其他開支		1.360	1.253

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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Item that will be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,721,463	1,526,495
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(692,697)	(1,372,008)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	Notes	HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	HK\$'000 (Audited)
Intangible assets		23,683,116	23,801,788
Property, plant and equipment	10	20,100,539	19,404,999
Goodwill		1,938,652	1,951,478
Investments in subsidiaries		2,670,528	2,670,528
Investments in associates		31,680	34,920
Investments in joint ventures		419,860	445,132
Equity investments		2,459,523	2,473,378
Debt investments		2,521,815	2,219,727
Derivative financial instruments		704,792	861,970
Employee benefits	11	175,619	181,352
Deferred tax assets		1,027,277	744,378
Deferred tax liabilities		3,267	3,068
		<u>55,736,668</u>	<u>54,792,718</u>
Goodwill		4,012,490	3,775,589
Investments in subsidiaries		15,525,412	15,419,688
Investments in associates	11	8,644,268	7,975,716
Investments in joint ventures	11	3,823,279	3,247,158
Equity investments		136	
Debt investments		716,734	721,591
Derivative financial instruments		7,269,887	8,905,029
Employee benefits		32,274	32,626
Deferred tax assets			10,089
Deferred tax liabilities		4,046,772	4,088,322
		<u>44,071,252</u>	<u>44,175,808</u>
Goodwill	12	6,591,325	6,311,534
Investments in subsidiaries	12	595,399	661,797
Investments in associates		1,649,800	1,668,243
Investments in joint ventures		480,861	780,607
Equity investments		1,391,766	1,352,201
Debt investments		9,111,747	8,145,695
Derivative financial instruments		2,620	3,044
		<u>19,823,518</u>	<u>18,923,121</u>
		<u>24,247,734</u>	<u>25,252,687</u>
		<u>79,984,402</u>	<u>80,045,405</u>

Notes:

1. Basis of Preparation

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the HK Interim Financial Reporting Standards (HKIFRS) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Accountants (HKICPA) and the Hong Kong Accounting Standards (HKAS) issued by the Hong Kong Accounting Standards Board (HKASB). The HKIFRS are based on the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

2. Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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3. Segment information – continued

	Laminates HK\$'000 (...)	PCBs HK\$'000 (...)	Chemicals HK\$'000 (...)	Properties HK\$'000 (...)	Investments HK\$'000 (...)	Others HK\$'000 (...)	Eliminations HK\$'000 (...)	Consolidated HK\$'000 (...)
Six months ended 30 June 2023								
Revenue	6,584,513	5,723,718	4,872,580	1,047,360	237,309	254,380		18,719,860
Inter-segment revenue	1,685,788		261,986			2,593	(1,950,367)	
Revenue from external customers	8,270,301	5,723,718	5,134,566	1,047,360	237,309	256,973	(1,950,367)	18,719,860
Cost of sales	718,816	600,682	170,253	587,373	238,522	(579)		2,315,067
Depreciation and amortisation								98,307
Finance income								(183,844)
Finance costs								(503,055)
Share of profits of associates								41,944
Share of losses of associates								45,178
Other income and gains								1,813,597
Income tax								

4. Depreciation

Depreciation and amortisation expense for the six months ended 30 June 2023: H \$956,030,000 (2022: H \$997,029,000) was included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

5. Other income, gains and losses

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(...)	(...)
Interest income	34,914	36,638
Interest expense	4,846	6,582
Interest on bank deposits		66,984
Gain on disposal of property	53,150	35,976
Gain on disposal of investment	136	
Other income	2,489	3,705
	95,535	149,885

6. Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	()	()
Interest on bank borrowings	631,894	514,883
Interest on other financial assets	100	194
Interest on bank deposits	(6,730)	(5,808)
Interest on other financial liabilities	(10,005)	(6,214)
	<u>615,259</u>	<u>503,055</u>

Based on the weighted average cost of funds, the effective interest rate for the six months ended 30 June 2024 was 4.92% (30 June 2023: 4.81%).

7. Income tax expense

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	()	()
Current income tax	255,920	194,605
Deferred income tax	722	22,991
Income tax expense	10,712	7,173
Income tax credit	22,521	25,407
Income tax expense	<u>31,189</u>	<u>45,947</u>
	321,064	296,123
	<u>96,175</u>	<u>(9,021)</u>
	<u>417,239</u>	<u>287,102</u>

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7. Income tax expense – continued

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28	2018	w	w	w	w	
H	\$2	16.5%	8.25%			
H	\$2	16.5%	16.5%			
C	(D	)	H			
16.5%						

8. Interim dividend

D	H	\$0.40	
30 J	2024 (2023:	H \$0.16	H \$0.50
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9. Earnings per share

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	()	()
E	1,506,928	1,389,609
	Number of shares	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	()	()
	1,108,311,736	1,108,619,692
A : E		4,863
	1,108,311,736	1,108,624,555
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11. Trade and other receivables and prepayments, entrusted loans and bills receivables – continued

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			30 June 2024	31 December 2023
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(A) (A)	(A) (A)
0 90,000			6,142,824	5,568,742
91 120,000			770,465	736,458
121 150,000			148,855	145,090
151 180,000			24,296	23,904
180,000			73,189	69,292
			<u>7,159,629</u>	<u>6,543,486</u>

Bills receivable: 90,000 (31 Dec 2023: 90,000)
 Prepayments: 120,000 (31 Dec 2023: 120,000)

12. Trade and other payables and bills payables

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			30 June 2024	31 December 2023
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(A) (A)	(A) (A)
0 90,000			2,271,299	2,082,362
91 180,000			373,708	369,882
180,000			301,302	338,286
			<u>2,946,309</u>	<u>2,790,530</u>

Bills payable: 90,000 (31 Dec 2023: 90,000)
 Prepayments: 180,000 (31 Dec 2023: 180,000)
 H \$167,019,000 (31 Dec 2023: H \$109,343,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

On 30 June 2024, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company (the "Company") held a meeting to discuss the Company's business performance for the period ended 30 June 2024. The Board reviewed the Company's financial statements, management's discussion and analysis, and the Company's business performance for the period. The Board also discussed the Company's strategy for the future and the Board's role in the Company's management. The Board's discussions and decisions are set out in the minutes of the meeting, which are available on the Company's website.

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PERFORMANCE

Laminates Division: D

The Laminates Division's performance was reviewed for the six months ended 30 June 2024. The Division's revenue was HK\$20,415.2 million, an increase of 9% from HK\$18,719.9 million in the corresponding period of 2023. EBITDA was HK\$3,736.0 million, an increase of 12% from HK\$3,337.2 million. Profit before tax was HK\$2,138.7 million, an increase of 18% from HK\$1,813.6 million. Net profit attributable to owners of the Company was HK\$1,506.9 million, an increase of 8% from HK\$1,389.6 million. Basic earnings per share was H \$1.360, an increase of 9% from H \$1.253. The interim dividend per share was H \$0.40, an increase of 150% from H \$0.16. A special interim dividend of H \$0.50 was also declared. The net asset value per share was H \$54.3, an increase of 2% from H \$53.3. The net gearing was 30%, an increase from 28% in the corresponding period of 2023.

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PROSPECTS

The Group is adopting a professional and systematic approach in establishing distributed solar photovoltaics in all buildable area within its facilities. Following a cumulative investment of HK\$700 million up to 30 June 2024, the Group successfully generated a total of 60 million kWh of green electricity during the first half of 2024, resulting in energy savings equivalent to 16,200 tonnes of standard coal or a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 36,000 tonnes. This initiative translates to electricity bill savings of HK\$54 million based on the market tariff. Coupled with cumulative expenses savings of HK\$122 million as at 31 December 2023, cumulative expenses savings of more than HK\$176 million had been achieved by 30 June 2024. At the same time, investments will aggregate to approximately HK\$900 million by 31 December 2024, with an anticipated annual production of 200 million kWh of green electricity, equivalent to annual energy savings of 54,000 tonnes of standard coal or a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 120,000 tonnes from the coming years onwards. Based on the market tariff, this translates to electricity bill savings of HK\$180 million. In addition, up to 30 June 2024, the Group's investments in thermal energy recovery equipment totalled HK\$150 million. These investments resulted in a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 25,000 tonnes during the first half of 2024, which is equivalent to energy savings of 10,000 tonnes of standard coal and expenses savings totalling HK\$80 million. Coupled with cumulative expenses savings of HK\$300 million as at 31 December 2023, cumulative expenses savings of more than HK\$380 million had been achieved by 30 June 2024. These savings will bring long-term benefits to the Group. In addition, the Hebei acetic acid project is utilising an advanced and energy-efficient carbon capture technology developed by the School of Environment, Tsinghua University, to capture and recycle 200,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. All captured carbon dioxide is reused for the acetic acid production system, resulting in annual energy savings of 80,000 tonnes of standard coal. The Hebei project enables carbon capture from flue gases in its coal-fired plant, and is the largest in the chemical industry in the Chinese mainland. The technology has been certified as attaining highest international standards. This initiative has supported the Group's green transformation and demonstrates its commitment to achieving its environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals.

2024, the Group has continued to invest in green energy and environmental protection. In the first half of 2024, the Group successfully generated a total of 60 million kWh of green electricity during the first half of 2024, resulting in energy savings equivalent to 16,200 tonnes of standard coal or a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 36,000 tonnes. This initiative translates to electricity bill savings of HK\$54 million based on the market tariff. Coupled with cumulative expenses savings of HK\$122 million as at 31 December 2023, cumulative expenses savings of more than HK\$176 million had been achieved by 30 June 2024. At the same time, investments will aggregate to approximately HK\$900 million by 31 December 2024, with an anticipated annual production of 200 million kWh of green electricity, equivalent to annual energy savings of 54,000 tonnes of standard coal or a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 120,000 tonnes from the coming years onwards. Based on the market tariff, this translates to electricity bill savings of HK\$180 million. In addition, up to 30 June 2024, the Group's investments in thermal energy recovery equipment totalled HK\$150 million. These investments resulted in a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 25,000 tonnes during the first half of 2024, which is equivalent to energy savings of 10,000 tonnes of standard coal and expenses savings totalling HK\$80 million. Coupled with cumulative expenses savings of HK\$300 million as at 31 December 2023, cumulative expenses savings of more than HK\$380 million had been achieved by 30 June 2024. These savings will bring long-term benefits to the Group. In addition, the Hebei acetic acid project is utilising an advanced and energy-efficient carbon capture technology developed by the School of Environment, Tsinghua University, to capture and recycle 200,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. All captured carbon dioxide is reused for the acetic acid production system, resulting in annual energy savings of 80,000 tonnes of standard coal. The Hebei project enables carbon capture from flue gases in its coal-fired plant, and is the largest in the chemical industry in the Chinese mainland. The technology has been certified as attaining highest international standards. This initiative has supported the Group's green transformation and demonstrates its commitment to achieving its environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals.

Chemicals Division:

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APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the shareholders, creditors, business partners, employees, and the general public for their support and cooperation in the past year.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Company will close the Register of Members from 17 December 2024 to 18 December 2024 (inclusive) for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to attend and vote at the AGM. I would like to inform the members that the Company will close the Register of Members from 17/F, Finance Executive Floor, Century 21 Hong Kong, Hong Kong from 4:00 p.m. on 16 December 2024.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

The Company has not purchased, sold or redeemed any of its listed securities from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was constituted with three members, including two independent non-executive directors and one executive director, since the AGM on 30 June 2024.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has complied with all the applicable provisions of the CG Code since the AGM on 30 June 2024.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

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Kingboard Holdings Limited
Cheung Kwok Wing
Chairman

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As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Cheung Kwok Wing, Mr. Chang Wing Yiu, Mr. Cheung Kwong Kwan, Mr. Ho Yin Sang, Mr. Cheung Ka Shing, Ms. Ho Kin Fan and Mr. Chen Maosheng, being the executive Directors and Mr. Cheung Ming Man, Dr. Chong Kin Ki, Mr. Chan Wing Kee and Mr. Stanley Chung Wai Cheong, being the independent non-executive Directors.