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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	
	HK\$'million	HK\$'million	
Revenue	20,415.2	18,719.9	+9%
EBITDA	3,736.0	3,337.2	+12%
Profit before tax	2,138.7	1,813.6	+18%
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company	1,506.9	1,389.6	+8%
Basic earnings per share	H \$1.360	H \$1.253	+9%
Interim dividend per share	H \$0.40	H \$0.16	+150%
Special interim dividend per share		H \$0.50	/A
Net asset value per share	H \$54.3	H \$53.3	+2%
Net gearing	30%	28%	

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2024	2023
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(附註A)	(附註A)
Notes			
3	Revenue	20,415,160	18,719,860
	Cost of sales	(15,827,875)	(14,839,664)
	Gross profit	4,587,285	3,880,196
5	Other income	95,535	149,885
	Depreciation and amortization	(650,544)	(604,492)
	Administrative expenses	(1,085,922)	(1,197,272)
	Finance costs	(293,454)	(26,513)
	Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	4,930	30,009
	Impairment loss on equity investments	(6,279)	(2,283)
	Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(4,857)	
6	Finance income	(615,259)	(503,055)
	Share of profit of associates	41,798	41,944
	Share of profit of subsidiaries	65,469	45,178
7	Income tax expense	2,138,702	1,813,597
	Income tax credit	(417,239)	(287,102)
	Profit before income tax	1,721,463	1,526,495
	Income tax expense	1,506,928	1,389,609
	Income tax credit	214,535	136,886
	Profit after income tax	1,721,463	1,526,495
	Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	HK\$ 1,360	HK\$ 1,253
9	Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	1.360	1.253
	Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	1.360	1.253

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	Notes	HK\$'000 (A) (B) (C)	HK\$'000 (A) (B) (C)
Intangible assets		23,683,116	23,801,788
Goodwill	10	20,100,539	19,404,999
Investments in subsidiaries		1,938,652	1,951,478
Investments in associates		2,670,528	2,670,528
Investments in joint ventures		31,680	34,920
Investments in equity instruments		419,860	445,132
Equity instruments of subsidiaries		2,459,523	2,473,378
Derivative financial instruments		2,521,815	2,219,727
Deferred tax assets		704,792	861,970
Other non-current assets	11	175,619	181,352
Current assets		1,027,277	744,378
Current liabilities		3,267	3,068
		55,736,668	54,792,718
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
Investments in equity instruments		136	
Equity instruments of subsidiaries		716,734	721,591
Derivative financial instruments		7,269,887	8,905,029
Deferred tax assets		32,274	32,626
Other non-current assets			10,089
Current assets		4,046,772	4,088,322
		44,071,252	44,175,808
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
Investments in equity instruments		1,391,766	1,352,201
Equity instruments of subsidiaries		9,111,747	8,145,695
Derivative financial instruments		2,620	3,044
		19,823,518	18,923,121
Current assets		24,247,734	25,252,687
Current liabilities		79,984,402	80,045,405

Notes:

1. Basis of Preparation

These interim financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Interim Financial Reporting Guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Accountants (HKICPA) and the Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines for Listed Issuers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines for Issuers issued by the Exchange Fund Authority (EFA).

2. Principal accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

For the purpose of these interim financial statements, the Group has adopted the accounting policies set out in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Group has adopted the HKFRS

Interim financial statements of the Group were prepared in accordance with the HKICPA and the Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines for Listed Issuers issued by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and the Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines for Issuers issued by the Exchange Fund Authority (EFA).

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3. Segment information – continued

	Laminates HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	PCBs HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Chemicals HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Properties HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Investments HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Others HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Eliminations HK\$'000 (1,181,117)	Consolidated HK\$'000 (1,181,117)
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
Other income								98,307
Other expenses								(183,844)
Finance income								(503,055)
Finance expenses								41,944
Share of profits of associates								45,178
Share of losses of associates								
Profit before income tax								1,813,597
Income tax								

4. Depreciation

Depreciation 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
	(1,181,117)	(1,181,117)
Interest income	34,914	36,638
Interest expense	4,846	6,582
Interest income		66,984
Gain on disposal of property	53,150	35,976
Gain on disposal of property	136	
Gain on disposal of property	2,489	3,705
	95,535	149,885

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(continued)	(continued)
Interest income	631,894	514,883
Interest expense	100	194
Net interest income: A	(6,730)	(5,808)
A	(10,005)	(6,214)
	<u>615,259</u>	<u>503,055</u>

7. Income tax expense

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(in millions)	(in millions)
CE (E)	255,920	194,605
CA (A)	722	22,991
HE (E)	10,712	7,173
CE (E)	22,521	25,407
CA (A)	31,189	45,947
	<u>321,064</u>	<u>296,123</u>
DE (E)	96,175	(9,021)
	<u>417,239</u>	<u>287,102</u>

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11. Trade and other receivables and prepayments, entrusted loans and bills receivables – continued

Guaranteed by the Group, with a maximum term of 120 months (31 December 2023: 120 months), and are secured by the Group's assets. The Group's policy is to provide loans to its subsidiaries and associates on a non-recourse basis.

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Note 14)	(Note 14)
0 90 months	6,142,824	5,568,742
91 120 months	770,465	736,458
121 150 months	148,855	145,090
151 180 months	24,296	23,904
180 months	73,189	69,292
	<u>7,159,629</u>	<u>6,543,486</u>

Bills receivable are guaranteed by the Group, with a maximum term of 90 months (31 December 2023: 90 months) and are secured by the Group's assets.

12. Trade and other payables and bills payables

The Group's policy is to provide loans to its subsidiaries and associates on a non-recourse basis.

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Note 14)	(Note 14)
0 90 months	2,271,299	2,082,362
91 180 months	373,708	369,882
180 months	301,302	338,286
	<u>2,946,309</u>	<u>2,790,530</u>

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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 strategy for the period. The Board also discussed the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and the Company's risk management framework. The Board concluded that the Company's business performance for the period was satisfactory, and that the Company's financial statements were fairly presented. The Board also approved the Company's business strategy for the period, and the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and the Company's risk management framework. The Board also discussed the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and the Company's risk management framework. The Board concluded that the Company's business performance for the period was satisfactory, and that the Company's financial statements were fairly presented. The Board also approved the Company's business strategy for the period, and the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and the Company's risk management framework.

The Company's revenue for the period ended 30 June 2024 was \$20,415.2 million, which was an increase of 9% from the revenue of \$18,724.5 million for the period ended 30 June 2023. The Company's net profit for the period ended 30 June 2024 was \$1,506.9 million, which was an increase of 8% from the net profit of \$1,395.5 million for the period ended 30 June 2023. The Company's operating profit for the period ended 30 June 2024 was \$1,506.9 million, which was an increase of 8% from the operating profit of \$1,395.5 million for the period ended 30 June 2023. The Company's cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period ended 30 June 2024 were \$40 million, which was an increase of 8% from the cash and cash equivalents of \$37 million at the end of the period ended 30 June 2023.

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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. Interim dividend per share was H \$0.40, an increase of 150% from H \$0.16. Special interim dividend per share was H \$0.50. Net asset value per share was H \$54.3, an increase of 2% from H \$53.3. 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.

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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, government bodies, and other stakeholders 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 all members of the Company that the AGM will be held on 17/18 December 2024 at the 17/F, Finance Centre, 16 Hysan Avenue, Hong Kong. The AGM will start at 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 by three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Gao Yuhang, Mr. Wong Wai-ming and Mr. Gao Yuhang, who were appointed on 30 June 2024.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code set out in the Listing Rules throughout the period from 1 January 2024 to 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.