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CL GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

昌利（控股）有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8098)

THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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This announcement, for which the directors (the “Directors”) of CL Group (Holdings) Limited (the “Company”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”) for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

- Recorded an unaudited revenue of approximately HK\$36.3 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, representing a decrease of approximately 10.8% over the same period of the previous year.
- Recorded an unaudited profit attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately HK\$24.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, representing a decrease of approximately 46.6% over the same period of the previous year.
- Basic and diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 were approximately HK1.11 cents (nine months ended 31 December 2021: basic and diluted earnings per share of approximately HK2.08 cents).
- The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 (nine months ended 31 December 2021: Nil).

The board of directors (the “Board”) of the Company is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2022 together with comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2021, as follows:

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

For the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Three months ended 31 December		Nine months ended 31 December	
		2022 (unaudited) HK\$	2021 (unaudited) HK\$	2022 (unaudited) HK\$	2021 (unaudited) HK\$
Revenue	3	13,018,408	14,388,698	36,276,009	40,648,716
Net gain on trading of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		—	3,586,365	4,437,813	6,395,235
Net loss on trading of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		(1,196,865)	—	(1,196,865)	—
Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(589,194)	26,585,133	(11,057,568)	28,809,964
Net other income, gains and losses	4	104,680	(1,400,746)	1,543,764	(7,056,554)
Reversal of impairment loss under expected credit loss model		4,513,279	—	13,239,223	—
Administrative expenses		(4,024,499)	(5,551,800)	(11,867,336)	(14,813,490)
Finance cost		(589,294)	(188,040)	(1,231,999)	(566,366)
Profit before tax		11,236,515	37,419,610	30,143,041	53,417,505
Income tax expenses	5	(1,608,986)	(5,301,684)	(5,692,230)	(7,603,433)
Profit for the period attributable to owners		<u>9,627,529</u>	<u>32,117,926</u>	<u>24,450,811</u>	<u>45,814,072</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax					
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Exchange differences arising on translation of the PRC Subsidiaries		112,796	—	112,796	—
Fair value change in financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		644,689	(2,985,493)	5,123	(5,125,356)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners		<u>10,385,014</u>	<u>29,132,433</u>	<u>24,568,730</u>	<u>40,688,716</u>
Earnings per share					
— Basic	7	0.44 cents	1.46 cents	1.11 cents	2.08 cents
— Diluted	7	0.44 cents	1.46 cents	1.11 cents	2.08 cents

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the nine months ended 31 December 2022

	Share capital	Share premium	Merger reserve	Share options reserve	Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve	Capital reserve	Exchange reserve	Retained profits	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 April 2022	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	(11,837,233)	(112,519)	—	19,320,956	201,078,197
Profit for the period	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,450,811	24,450,811
Fair value change in financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	(1,300,489)	—	—	—	(1,300,489)
Net loss on trading of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	1,305,612	—	—	—	1,305,612
Exchange differences arising on translation of the PRC Subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	112,796	—	112,796
Lapse of share option	—	—	—	(1,655,000)	—	—	—	1,655,000	—
At 31 December 2022	<u>22,000,000</u>	<u>130,931,993</u>	<u>32,500,000</u>	<u>6,620,000</u>	<u>(11,832,110)</u>	<u>(112,519)</u>	<u>112,796</u>	<u>45,426,767</u>	<u>225,646,927</u>
At 1 April 2021	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	857,160	(112,519)	—	38,334,145	232,785,779
Profit for the period	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45,814,071	45,814,071
Fair value change in financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	(5,243,035)	—	—	—	(5,243,035)
Dividend	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(11,000,000)	(11,000,000)
At 31 December 2021	<u>22,000,000</u>	<u>130,931,993</u>	<u>32,500,000</u>	<u>8,275,000</u>	<u>(4,385,875)</u>	<u>(112,519)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>73,148,216</u>	<u>262,356,815</u>

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Corporate information

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. The Company's shares have been listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is same as the functional currency of the Company.

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are engaged in the provision of securities, futures and options broking and trading, margin and loan financing service, placing and underwriting services, securities advisory service and investment holding.

2 Basis of preparation and principal accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated results have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and the disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. They have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair value.

The accounting policies and method of computation used in preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated results are consistent with those used in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 except in relation to the new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("new and revised HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are adopted for the first time for the current period's financial statements. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has had no material impact on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The unaudited condensed consolidated quarterly results have not been reviewed by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The Group has not early adopted any new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

3 Revenue

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period from operations is as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	31 December		31 December	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Recognised at a point in time				
Commission and brokerage fees from securities dealing on the Stock Exchange	813,284	2,766,259	2,863,025	6,827,608
Commission and brokerage fees from dealing in futures contracts	93,168	144,851	259,607	363,560
Placing and underwriting commission	580,954	2,171,350	646,954	4,538,864
Commission from securities advisory services	110,000	—	110,000	—
Clearing and settlement fee	331,062	647,521	1,109,727	2,070,985
Handling service and dividend collection fees	73,671	26,623	154,685	166,433
Other sources income				
Interest income from				
— Cash and margin Client	2,212,525	2,524,180	6,021,170	6,631,132
— Loan client	8,708,393	5,267,675	24,638,905	16,284,064
— Authorised financial institutions	82,424	16,380	133,852	45,465
— Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income	8,245	264,524	10,235	1,603,394
— Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	—	558,884	321,750	2,116,437
— Others	4,682	451	6,099	774
	<u>13,018,408</u>	<u>14,388,698</u>	<u>36,276,009</u>	<u>40,648,716</u>

4 Net other income, gain and losses

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	31 December		31 December	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Government subsidies	18,400	—	239,600	—
Net exchange gain/(loss)	1,649	5,236	21,707	(11,002)
Dividend income	31,145	29,427	103,444	173,139
Rental income	45,802	—	45,802	—
Sundry income	7,684	3	130,544	13
Impairment loss of held to maturity investment written back	—	—	1,002,667	—
Net gain on trading of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	19,573	—	35,951
Impairment loss on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	(1,454,985)	—	(7,254,655)
	<u>104,680</u>	<u>(1,400,746)</u>	<u>1,543,764</u>	<u>(7,056,554)</u>

5 Income tax expenses

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	31 December		31 December	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Hong Kong Profits Tax				
— current period	1,476,908	1,218,552	6,151,681	3,920,225
Deferred tax expenses				
— current period	132,078	4,083,132	(459,451)	3,683,208
	<u>1,608,986</u>	<u>5,301,684</u>	<u>5,692,230</u>	<u>7,603,433</u>

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the “Bill”) which introduces the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%. Accordingly, the Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualifying group entity is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2,000,000 of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2,000,000.

6 Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 (nine months ended 31 December 2021: Nil).

7 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company and the weighted average number of the Company's ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	31 December		31 December	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	<u>9,627,529</u>	<u>32,117,926</u>	<u>24,450,811</u>	<u>45,814,072</u>
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	31 December		31 December	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	No. of shares	No. of shares	No. of shares	No. of shares
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the period	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>	<u>2,200,000,000</u>

No adjustment had been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the three months ended and nine months ended 31 December 2022 and for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2021 as the conversion of the outstanding share options during the period had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic earnings per share because the exercise price per share option was higher than the average share price of the Company for the period.

8 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified or restated to conform with current period presentation.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Market review

As the Hong Kong government loosened the epidemic prevention policies, the economy keeps recovering during the period under review. The unemployment rate slightly decreased to 3.7% for the period between September and November 2022. The capital market rebounded in the fourth quarter in 2022. As at 31 December 2022, the Hang Seng Index recorded 19,781 representing approximately 10.1% decrease compared with 21,996 as at 31 March 2022.

Business review

Revenue and Investment Income

The Group's total revenue and investment income for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$28.5 million, as compared with the corresponding period in 2021 of approximately HK\$75.9 million, decreased by approximately 62.5% or approximately HK\$47.4 million.

Securities and Futures Brokerage

Revenue from Securities and Futures Brokerage represent commission and brokerage fee and other fees including interest derived from cash and margin securities or futures accounts and interest from IPO financing.

The commission and brokerage fees from securities dealings and futures contracts decreased by approximately 56.6% from approximately HK\$7.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$3.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022. The total value of transaction for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 was approximately HK\$42,239.3 million (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$75,212.6 million).

Income relating to clearing and settlement fees and handling service also decreased by approximately 43.5% from approximately HK\$2.2 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$1.3 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022.

The interest income derived from cash and margin securities accounts for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$6.0 million represents a decrease of approximately 9.2% from approximately HK\$6.6 million of the corresponding period in 2021.

Loan and Financing

The Group holds Money Lenders Licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance to engage in money lending business. CLC Finance Limited, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, provides loan and financing service to customers. As at 31 December 2022, CLC Finance Limited maintained the loan portfolio amounting to approximately HK\$159.2 million. The interest income derived from providing loan and finance to customers for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$24.6 million (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$16.3 million).

Placing and Underwriting Business

Under normal circumstances, the Group acts as an underwriter or a sub-underwriter or a placing agent or a sub-placing agent on best effort basis for fund-raising activities. It would take the role on underwritten basis only if it received special requests from the issuers and/or their respective placing and underwriting agents.

The placing and underwriting commission decreased by approximately HK\$3.9 million from approximately HK\$4.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021 to approximately HK\$0.6 million for nine months ended 31 December 2022.

Investment Holdings

The Group maintained portfolio investments included the holding of listed equity securities structural products, bonds and other unlisted securities. The Group traded equity securities listed in Hong Kong and overseas. As at 31 December 2022, the total value of the Group investment portfolio was approximately HK\$16.6 million (31 March 2022: approximately HK\$22.3 million). The interest income from financial asset at fair value through profit or loss for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$0.3 million (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$2.1 million). The interest income from financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$0.1 million (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$1.6 million).

During the period, the net gain on trading of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$4.4 million and net loss in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$11.1 million (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$6.4 million and net gain in fair value of approximately HK\$28.8 million respectively).

Financial review

The Group's revenue for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 was approximately HK\$36.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately 10.8% from approximately HK\$40.6 million of the corresponding period in 2021.

Net other income, gains and losses for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 were approximately HK\$1.5 million (Net loss of approximately HK\$7.1 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021). The increase in net other income, gains and losses were mainly attributed to approximately HK\$0.2 million government subsidiary was received during the period under review (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: Nil) and no impairment loss of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income during the period. (for the nine months ended 31 December 2021: approximately HK\$7.3 million).

Administrative expenses for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 were approximately HK\$11.9 million (approximately HK\$14.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021) representing a decrease of approximately 19.9%. Due to the total value of transaction for securities dealing decreased for the nine months ended 31 December 2022, the related expenses such as CCASS charges and the payment of commission decreased for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 compared with the corresponding period in 2021. Total staff costs were approximately HK\$4.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 as compared to approximately HK\$4.7 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021.

Profit attributable to the owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$24.5 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 (approximately HK\$45.8 million for the nine months ended 31 December 2021), representing a decrease of approximately 46.6% over the same period of the previous year.

Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company were approximately HK1.11 cents for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 (approximately HK2.08 cents for the nine months ended 31 December 2021). Diluted earnings per share for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 were approximately HK1.11 cents (nine months ended 31 December 2021: diluted earnings per share of approximately HK2.08 cents).

Future plans for material investments or capital assets

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had no plans for material investments or acquisition of capital assets, but will actively pursue opportunities for investments to enhance the profitability of the Group in its ordinary course of business.

Outlook

Recently, China and Hong Kong have further relaxed their epidemic prevention policies. It is expected that the local economy will further improve in the first quarter of 2023. The Group will leverage the knowledge and experience of our management team to seize opportunities as they arise. The Group will continue to put efforts on expanding the margin and loan financing business and securities advisory service and on satisfying the needs of our customers.

The Group aims to become a leading financial service group in Hong Kong. The Group will continue looking for any potential business opportunities to bring in new sources of income and to further increase the profitability of the Group.

SHARE OPTIONS SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Option Scheme (the “Share Option Scheme”) on 22 February 2011, which was approved by the shareholders’ written resolutions, is valid and effective for a period of 10 years. The Share Option Scheme was terminated and the new share option scheme (the “New Share Option Scheme”) was adopted on 4 August 2020. The outstanding granted under the Share Option Scheme will remain valid and capable of being exercised after the termination of the Share Option Scheme. The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentive to employees (full-time and part-time), directors, consultants, advisers, substantial shareholders, distributors, contractors, suppliers, agents, customers, business partners and service providers of the Group and to promote the success of the business of the Group. Pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme, the Board may, at its discretion and on such terms as it may think fit, offer to grant an option to any employee (full-time or part-time), director, consultant or adviser of the Group, or any substantial shareholder of the Group, or any distributor, contractor, supplier, agent, customer, business partner or service provider of the Group. An offer for the grant of share options must be accepted within 7 days inclusive of the day on which such offer was made. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1.

As at 31 December 2022, the total number of shares in respect of which share options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme is not permitted to exceed 220,000,000 shares, representing 10% of the total number of shares of the Company as at 31 December 2022.

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the Company may grant to directors (the “Directors”) and employees of the Group and any other persons who, in the sole discretion of the Board, have contributed or will contribute to the Group which options granted shall be immediately vested. The maximum number of shares to be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the share option scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the total number of shares in issue from time to time.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the share option scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue at the date of the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution. If any option is to be granted to connected person(s), it must be approved by independent non-executive directors or independent shareholders as the case may be.

The total number of shares issued and which may fall to be issued upon exercise of the options granted under the New Share Option Scheme to eligible participants in any 12 months period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue as the date of grant. Any further grant of options in excess of this 1% limit shall be subject to the approval of shareholders in a general meeting.

The subscription price of a Share in respect of any particular option granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall not be less than the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotation sheets on the date of grant; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotation sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; or (iii) the nominal value of a Share.

As at 31 December 2022, details of the share options granted under the Share Option Scheme are as follows:

Granted	Date of Grant (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price# per share HK\$	Exercisable period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Balance as at 1 April 2022	Changes during the period			Balance as at 31 December 2022
					Granted	Exercised	Cancelled/ lapsed	
Kwok Kin Chung, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014–08/04/2023	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000
Yu Linda, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014–08/04/2023	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000
Lau Kin Hon, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014–08/04/2023	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000
			Sub-total	<u>60,000,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000,000</u>
Employees	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014–08/04/2023	40,000,000	—	—	(20,000,000)	20,000,000
			Total	<u>100,000,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(20,000,000)</u>	<u>80,000,000</u>
Weighted average exercise price				<u>0.2275</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>0.2275</u>

Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of share option granted at the grant date was HK\$8,275,000, which are calculated using the Black-Scholes model with the following inputs:

Date of grant	:	9 April 2014
Share price at the grant date	:	HK\$0.410
Exercise price#	:	HK\$0.2275
Expected volatility	:	55.019%
Expected life of option	:	9 years
Expected dividend yield	:	5.860%
Risk free rate	:	2.106%

The fair values of share options granted by the Company were determined by using Black-Scholes option pricing model (the “Model”). The Model is one of the commonly used models to estimate the fair value of an option. The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value of the share options are based on the management’s best estimate. The value of an option varies with different variables of a number of subjective assumptions. Any change in the variables so adopted may materially affect the estimation of the fair value of an option.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITION IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2022, save for the interest of the Directors in share options as below, neither of the Directors nor the Chief Executive of the Company had interests and or short positions in the shares of the Company, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571, Laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”) which (i) are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or (iii) have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standards of dealing by directors as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Long Position in the Shares and underlying shares of the Company

Share Option

As at 31 December 2022, there were a total of 60,000,000 outstanding share options of the Company granted to the Directors, details of which are summarised in the following table:

Director	Date of grant (dd/mm/yyyy)	Options to subscribe for shares of the Company				Outstanding as at 31 December 2022	Option exercise period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price per share [#]	Approximate percentage of shareholding
		Outstanding as at 1 April 2022	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Lapsed during the period				
Kwok Kin Chung	09/04/2014	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Yu Linda	09/04/2014	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Lau Kin Hon	09/04/2014	20,000,000	—	—	—	20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Total		<u>60,000,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000,000</u>			<u>2.73%</u>

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or the Chief Executives of the Company had any interest or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations at 31 December 2022.

[#] The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in the case of bonus issues, or other similar Company’s capital reorganisation.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2022, according to the register of interests kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, the following parties (in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and Chief Executives of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were required to be recorded in the register and/or were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group:

Long position in shares of the Company

Name of shareholder	Number of shares	Approximate percentage holding
Zillion Profit Limited	1,500,000,000	68.18%
Ms. Au Suet Ming Clarea (<i>note (i)</i>)	1,500,000,000	68.18%

Note:

- (i) Ms. Au Suet Ming Clarea is deemed to be interested in 1,500,000,000 shares through her controlling interest (100%) in Zillion Profit Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the nine months ended 31 December 2022.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN A COMPETING BUSINESS

For the nine months ended 31 December 2022, the Directors are not aware of any business or interest of the Directors, the controlling shareholder(s) of the Company and their respective associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflict of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company had made specific enquiry to all the Directors and the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors during the nine months ended 31 December 2022.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Group is committed to promoting high standards of corporate governance. The Directors believe that sound and reasonable corporate governance practices are essential for the growth of the Group and for safeguarding the shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.

Throughout the period of nine months ended 31 December 2022, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules, except for the following deviation:

Under CG Code Provision A.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing.

The Group currently has no chairman. The daily operation and management of the Group is monitored by chief executive officer and executive Directors.

The Board is of the view that although there is no chairman, the balance of power and authority is ensured by the operation of the Board, which comprises experienced individuals who would meet from time to time to discuss issues affecting operation of the Group. This arrangement can still enable the Group to make and implement decisions promptly, and thus achieve the Group's objectives efficiently and effectively in response to the changing environment.

The Group will, at the appropriate time, arrange for the election of the new chairman of the Board.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company set up an audit committee (the “Committee”) with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the financial reporting process and internal control of the Group. The Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. Poon Wing Chuen, Mr. Wang Rongqian and Mr. Song Guangyuan. The unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the nine months ended 31 December 2022 have been reviewed by the Committee, which was of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the Stock Exchange and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board
CL Group (Holdings) Limited
Kwok Kin Chung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 10 February 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Company’s Executive Directors are Mr. Kwok Kin Chung (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Lau Kin Hon and Ms. Yu Linda, and the Company’s Independent Non-Executive Directors are Mr. Poon Wing Chuen, Mr. Wang Rongqian and Mr. Song Guangyuan.