



## **M&L HOLDINGS GROUP LIMITED**

**明樑控股集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 8152)**

### **THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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### THIRD QUARTERLY RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “Board”) of M&L Holdings Group Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding periods in 2018.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

*For the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019*

	Notes	Unaudited Three months ended 30 September		Unaudited Nine months ended 30 September	
		2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>	3	<b>37,543</b>	26,642	<b>107,796</b>	89,052
Cost of sales		<u>(27,855)</u>	<u>(18,889)</u>	<u>(77,900)</u>	<u>(63,127)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>9,688</b>	7,753	<b>29,896</b>	25,925
Other income/(losses), net		(2)	2	63	65
Other gains		–	–	89	–
Changes in fair value of financial asset at fair value through profit or loss		22	–	(297)	–
Exchange losses		(2,302)	(2,401)	(2,284)	(3,495)
Selling expenses		(1,837)	(556)	(3,723)	(2,796)
Administrative expenses		<u>(7,952)</u>	<u>(7,335)</u>	<u>(24,521)</u>	<u>(23,341)</u>
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(2,383)</b>	(2,537)	<b>(777)</b>	(3,642)
Finance income		78	74	190	188
Finance costs		<u>(466)</u>	<u>(319)</u>	<u>(1,242)</u>	<u>(787)</u>
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(2,771)</b>	(2,782)	<b>(1,829)</b>	(4,241)
Income tax credit	4	<u>765</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>23</u>
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(2,006)</b>	(2,313)	<b>(1,691)</b>	(4,218)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
<i>Item that may be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>					
Currency translation differences		<u>(451)</u>	<u>(272)</u>	<u>(383)</u>	<u>(589)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<u><b>(2,457)</b></u>	<u>(2,585)</u>	<u><b>(2,074)</b></u>	<u>(4,807)</u>

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*For the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019*

	Unaudited		Unaudited	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>				
<b>attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders of the Company	(1,950)	(2,242)	(1,693)	(4,201)
Non-controlling interests	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(71)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(17)</u>
	<u><b>(2,006)</b></u>	<u><b>(2,313)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,691)</b></u>	<u><b>(4,218)</b></u>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>				
<b>attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders of the Company	(2,390)	(2,507)	(2,064)	(4,778)
Non-controlling interests	<u>(67)</u>	<u>(78)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(29)</u>
	<u><b>(2,457)</b></u>	<u><b>(2,585)</b></u>	<u><b>(2,074)</b></u>	<u><b>(4,807)</b></u>
<b>Loss per share</b>				
— Basic and diluted (expressed in HK cents per share)	5	<u><b>(0.33)</b></u>	<u><b>(0.37)</b></u>	<u><b>(0.28)</b></u>
		<u><b>(0.70)</b></u>		

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

*For the nine months ended 30 September 2019*

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company				Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Reserves HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000		
<b>At 1 January 2019</b> (audited)	6,000	43,303	63,332	112,635	1,448	114,083
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>						
Profit/(loss) for the period	–	(1,693)	–	(1,693)	2	(1,691)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>						
Currency translation differences	–	(371)	–	(371)	(12)	(383)
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,064)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,064)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(2,074)</u>
<b>At 30 September 2019</b> (unaudited)	<u>6,000</u>	<u>41,239</u>	<u>63,332</u>	<u>110,571</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>112,009</u>
<b>At 1 January 2018</b> (audited)	6,000	53,706	63,332	123,038	1,540	124,578
<b>Comprehensive income:</b>						
Loss for the period	–	(4,201)	–	(4,201)	(17)	(4,218)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>						
Currency translation differences	–	(577)	–	(577)	(12)	(589)
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	(4,778)	–	(4,778)	(29)	(4,807)
<b>Transactions with owners:</b>						
Dividends declared to the equity holders of the Company	<u>–</u>	<u>(4,800)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(4,800)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(4,800)</u>
<b>At 30 September 2018</b> (unaudited)	<u>6,000</u>	<u>44,128</u>	<u>63,332</u>	<u>113,460</u>	<u>1,511</u>	<u>114,971</u>

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

M&L Holdings Group Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 24 September 2015 as an exempted company with limited liability. The shares of the Company were listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 21 July 2017.

The address of the Company’s registered office is PO Box 1350, Clifton House, 75 Fort Street, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands. Its principal place of business in Hong Kong is located at 10th Floor, Empress Plaza, 17–19 Chatham Road South, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The Group, comprising the Company and its subsidiaries, is principally engaged in trading and lease of construction machinery and spare parts.

The ultimate holding company of the Group is JAT United Company Limited, which is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by Mr. Ng Lai Ming.

The condensed consolidated financial information is presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company. All value are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

The condensed consolidated financial information of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 which has not been audited but has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial information was approved for issue by the board of directors on 8 November 2019.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparation**

This condensed consolidated financial information for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretation (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the applicable disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. It has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain financial asset which has been measured at fair value.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of this condensed consolidated financial information are consistent with those described in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, except for the adoption of new or revised HKFRSs which have become effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Certain new or revised HKFRSs, potentially relevant to the Group’s accounting policies, have been issued, but not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group.

### 3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

	Unaudited Three months ended 30 September		Unaudited Nine months ended 30 September	
	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15</b>				
Timing of revenue recognition				
— At a point in time				
— Sales of goods	36,720	26,483	104,597	87,197
— Repair and maintenance services income	577	159	2,113	1,855
Timing of revenue recognition				
— Transferred over time	—	—	—	—
	<u>37,297</u>	<u>26,642</u>	<u>106,710</u>	<u>89,052</u>
<b>Revenue from other sources</b>				
— Machinery rental income	<u>246</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,086</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u><u>37,543</u></u>	<u><u>26,642</u></u>	<u><u>107,796</u></u>	<u><u>89,052</u></u>

The operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's chief operating decision-maker for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance. The executive directors considered the nature of the Group's business and determined that the Group has two reportable operating segments as follows:

- (i) Tunnelling — Supply of specialised cutting tools and parts for construction equipment
- (ii) Foundation — Supply of fabricated construction steel works and equipment

The executive directors assess the performance of the operating segments based on revenue and gross profit margin of each segment. As the Group's resources are integrated and there are no discrete operating segment assets and liabilities for the tunnelling and foundation business segments reported to the chief operating decision maker, accordingly, no operating segment assets and liabilities are presented.

Segment revenue reported represents revenue generated from external customers. There were no inter-segment sales during the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies.

- (a) The segment information provided to the executive directors for the reportable segments for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (unaudited) is as follows:

	<b>Tunnelling</b> <i>HKS'000</i>	<b>Foundation</b> <i>HKS'000</i>	<b>Total</b> <i>HKS'000</i>
Segment revenue (all from external customers)	100,079	7,717	107,796
Cost of sales	<u>(72,992)</u>	<u>(4,908)</u>	<u>(77,900)</u>
Segment results	27,087	2,809	29,896
Gross profit%	<u>27.07%</u>	<u>36.40%</u>	<u>27.73%</u>
Other income			63
Other gains			89
Changes in fair value of financial asset at fair value through profit or loss			(297)
Exchange losses			(2,284)
Selling expenses			(3,723)
Administrative expenses			<u>(24,521)</u>
<b>Operating loss</b>			(777)
Finance income			190
Finance costs			<u>(1,242)</u>
<b>Loss before income tax</b>			(1,829)
Income tax credit			<u>138</u>
<b>Loss for the period</b>			<u><u>(1,691)</u></u>

- (b) The segment information provided to the executive directors for the reportable segments for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 (unaudited) is as follows:

	Tunnelling <i>HK\$'000</i>	Foundation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Segment revenue (all from external customers)	70,986	18,066	89,052
Cost of sales	<u>(48,705)</u>	<u>(14,422)</u>	<u>(63,127)</u>
Segment results	22,281	3,644	25,925
Gross profit%	<u>31.39%</u>	<u>20.17%</u>	<u>29.11%</u>
Other income			65
Exchange losses			(3,495)
Selling expenses			(2,796)
Administrative expenses			<u>(23,341)</u>
<b>Operating loss</b>			(3,642)
Finance income			188
Finance costs			<u>(787)</u>
<b>Loss before income tax</b>			(4,241)
Income tax credit			<u>23</u>
<b>Loss for the period</b>			<u><u>(4,218)</u></u>

- (c) Revenue from external customers by customer location are as follows:

	Unaudited		Unaudited	
	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Hong Kong	3,457	11,623	9,187	29,503
The PRC	19,360	14,693	58,999	52,206
Singapore and other Asia-Pacific countries	3,894	326	17,903	7,343
Others	<u>10,832</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>21,707</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u><u>37,543</u></u>	<u><u>26,642</u></u>	<u><u>107,796</u></u>	<u><u>89,052</u></u>

#### 4 INCOME TAX EXPENSE/(CREDIT)

	Unaudited		Unaudited	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30 September		30 September	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Current taxation				
— Hong Kong profits tax	139	(77)	139	—
— Mainland China corporate income tax	(314)	(132)	32	117
— Singapore corporate income tax	—	—	—	—
— Australia corporate income tax	(37)	—	(4)	—
Deferred income tax	<u>(553)</u>	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(305)</u>	<u>(140)</u>
Income tax expense/(credit)	<u><b>(765)</b></u>	<u><b>(469)</b></u>	<u><b>(138)</b></u>	<u><b>(23)</b></u>

The Group is not subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands.

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018.

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 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of other group entities in Hong Kong not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The two-tiered profits tax rates regime is applicable to a nominated qualifying entity in the Group for its annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

Mainland China corporate income tax has been provided for at the rate of 25% on the estimated assessable profits for the Group’s operations in Mainland China for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018. Singapore corporate income tax has been provided for at the rate of 17% on the estimated assessable profit for the Group’s operations in Singapore for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018. Australia corporate income tax has been provided for at the rate of 30% on the estimated assessable profits for the Group’s operations in Australia for the three months and nine months ended 30 September 2019.

## 5 LOSS PER SHARE

### (a) Basic

The basic loss per share is calculated on the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the respective periods.

	Unaudited Three months ended 30 September 2019		Unaudited Nine months ended 30 September 2019	
	2018	2018	2018	2018
Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company ( <i>HK\$'000</i> )	(1,950)	(2,242)	(1,693)	(4,201)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ( <i>thousands</i> )	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>
Basic loss per share (expressed in HK cents)	<u>(0.33)</u>	<u>(0.37)</u>	<u>(0.28)</u>	<u>(0.70)</u>

### (b) Diluted

Diluted loss per share presented is the same as the basic loss per share as there were no potentially dilutive ordinary shares outstanding as at period end.

## 6 DIVIDENDS

The Board does not declare an interim dividend for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### BUSINESS REVIEW

#### **Background, recent development and outlook**

The Group is an integrated engineering solutions provider in connection with (i) the supply of specialised cutting tools and parts for construction equipment with particular focus on disc cutters which are widely used in conjunction with tunnel boring machines (“TBM”) and microtunnelling equipment; (ii) the supply of fabricated construction steel works and equipment; (iii) the supply of specialised construction equipment, and repair and maintenance services. Our business can broadly be categorized into two segments, namely tunnelling and foundation.

#### ***Hong Kong market***

Recently, no new TBM tunnelling projects was staged in Hong Kong which had in turn adversely affected our revenue from Hong Kong. Nevertheless, we will closely monitor the development of new railway schemes which were recommended in the “Railway Development Strategy” published by the Transport and Housing Bureau of Hong Kong in 2014.

In the quarter ended 30 September 2019, we had seen a disruption to the Legislative Council, which lead to delay in approving the budgets application of government construction projects. As a result, the demand for our products from customers of the foundation sector was weak in the quarter ended 30 September 2019.

On the whole, the management is confident that Hong Kong market will be recovered gradually in mid to long term.

#### ***PRC market***

The Group’s business in the PRC market was related to the supply of specialised cutting tools and parts mainly for tunnelling equipment manufacturers. We observed a mild growth in demand for our products from the PRC market. For the nine months ended 30 September 2019, the revenue from sales to the PRC market had increased mildly in comparison with the same period in 2018.

#### ***Singapore and other Asia-Pacific countries***

The Group has utilised Singapore as a regional hub to seek opportunities for expansion into Malaysia. The Group is prudently optimistic in the expansion of Malaysia market. Furthermore, in response to the slow performance of business in Singapore, the management have liaised actively with projects and customers in other Asia-Pacific countries for new business opportunities. We are delighted that we recorded revenue from these countries in the quarter ended 30 September 2019.

## ***Other countries***

We are also seeking actively for expansion opportunities in the global markets and have established a steady flow of revenue from our newly explored market. We will keep exploring expansion opportunities and identify the next growing point of the Group.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Revenue**

Our revenue increased by approximately HK\$18.7 million, or 21.0%, from approximately HK\$89.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$107.8 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in revenue recognized for our tunnelling segment by approximately HK\$29.1 million, or 41.0%, from approximately HK\$71.0 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$100.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. From the perspective of geographic locations of our customers, revenue derived from customers based in Hong Kong, decreased from approximately HK\$29.5 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$9.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019, while revenue derived from customers based in the PRC and Singapore and other Asia-Pacific countries increased by HK\$6.8 million and HK\$10.6 million to approximately HK\$59.0 million and HK\$17.9 million from the corresponding period in 2018, respectively.

### **Cost of sales**

Cost of sales represents costs and expenses directly attributable to our revenue generating activities. Our cost of inventories sold accounted for the largest part of our cost of sales. Our cost of sales increased by approximately HK\$14.8 million, or 23.5%, from approximately HK\$63.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$77.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. Such movement was primarily attributable to the increase in cost of inventory sold associated with our increase in revenue.

### **Gross profit**

Our gross profit increased by approximately HK\$4.0 million, or 15.4%, from approximately HK\$25.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$29.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. However, our gross profit margin decreased slightly from approximately 29.1% for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately 27.7% for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. The decrease in gross profit margin was largely due to the difference in the mix of customers and products supplied by us during the respective periods.

### **Other income and other gains**

The other income and other gains, primarily consisted of (i) inspection charges and (ii) gain from disposal of property, plant and equipment. Our net other income were approximately HK\$0.2 million and HK\$0.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 and 2018, respectively.

### **Exchange losses**

The exchange losses for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 was approximately HK\$2.3 million. The losses were mainly due to the further depreciation of Renminbi and Australian dollar during the nine months ended 30 September 2019.

### **Selling expenses**

Selling expenses mainly include freight charges and sales commission for our staff accounted for under the employee benefit expenses. Selling expenses increased from approximately HK\$2.8 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to HK\$3.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in freight charges associated with our increase in revenue.

### **Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses mainly include staff costs, Directors' remuneration and benefits (both accounted for under the employee benefit expenses), legal and professional fees, depreciation and amortisation, (reversal of provision)/provision for impairment loss on trade receivables and other administrative expenses. Administrative expenses increased by approximately HK\$1.2 million or 5.2% from approximately HK\$23.3 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to approximately HK\$24.5 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019.

### **Finance income and finance costs**

The net amount of finance costs increased by approximately HK\$0.5 million from approximately HK\$0.6 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to HK\$1.1 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2019. The finance costs were mainly related to the bank borrowings and the lease liabilities.

### **Income tax credit**

The income tax credit for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 was approximately HK\$0.1 million, while the income tax credit for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$23,000.

## **Loss attributable to equity holders of our Company**

We recorded a loss attributable to equity holders of our Company for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 of approximately HK\$1.7 million, and a loss attributable to equity holders of our Company of approximately HK\$4.2 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018.

## **CHARGES ON ASSETS**

As at 30 September 2019, certain machinery and equipment and inventories with carrying value of approximately HK\$7,046,000 (31 December 2018: HK\$7,574,000) were pledged to secure for the finance lease liabilities of approximately HK\$3,437,000 (31 December 2018: HK\$4,593,000). In addition, a life insurance policy of Mr. Ng Lai Ming with an insured sum of US\$1,582,862 has been assigned as security for the banking facilities.

## **CAPITAL COMMITMENT**

As at 30 September 2019, the Group had no capital commitment.

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 September 2019, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

The Company is committed to achieving high standards of corporate governance with a view to safeguarding the interests of our shareholders as a whole.

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules and had complied with the CG Code during the nine months ended 30 September 2019 and up to the date of this announcement, except for the deviation stipulated below.

As required by code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and the chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. We do not have a separate chairman and chief executive officer and Mr. Ng Lai Ming currently performs these two roles concurrently. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both the chairman and chief executive officer in the same person has the benefit of ensuring consistent leadership within the Group for more effective and efficient overall strategic planning for the Group. The Board considers that the balance of power and authority within the Group will not be impaired by the present arrangement and the current structure will enable the Company to make and implement decisions more promptly and effectively. The Board will from time to time review and consider splitting the roles of chairman of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Company to ensure that appropriate and timely arrangements are in place to meet changing circumstances.

**DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION**

As at 30 September 2019, the interests and short positions of the Directors in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong (“SFO”)), which were 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 in which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

**Long positions in shares of the Company**

<b>Director</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Percentage of the Company's issued shares capital</b>
Mr. Ng Lai Ming ( <i>note 2</i> )	Interest in a controlled corporation ( <i>note 1</i> )	364,095,000	60.68%
Mr. Cheung King	Beneficial owner	31,005,000	5.17%
Mr. Ng Lai Tong	Beneficial owner	29,025,000	4.84%
Mr. Ng Lai Po	Beneficial owner	4,500,000	0.75%

*Notes:*

- (1) The 364,095,000 shares are owned by JAT United Company Limited (“JAT United”), which is wholly owned by Mr. Ng Lai Ming. Mr. Ng Lai Ming is deemed to be interested in all the shares held by JAT United under the SFO.
- (2) Mr. Ng Lai Ming is the brother of Mr. Ng Lai Tong and Mr. Ng Lai Po.

**Directors' interests in an associated corporation of the Company**

<b>Director</b>	<b>Associated corporation</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of shares/Position</b>	<b>Percentage of the shareholding</b>
Mr. Ng Lai Ming	JAT United	Beneficial owner	1/Long position	100%

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2019, none of the Directors or any chief executive of the Company had an interest or short position in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were 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 in which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY**

So far as the Directors are aware, as at 30 September 2019, the following person(s), not being a Director or chief executive of our Company, had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were required pursuant to section 336 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein or were, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any other member of our Group:

### **Long position in the shares of the Company**

<b>Shareholder</b>	<b>Capacity/Nature of interest</b>	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Percentage of the Company's issued shares capital</b>
JAT United ( <i>note 1</i> )	Beneficial owner	364,095,000	60.68%
Ms. Law So Lin ( <i>note 2</i> )	Interest of spouse	364,095,000	60.68%

#### *Notes:*

- (1) JAT United is wholly owned by Mr. Ng Lai Ming. Mr. Ng Lai Ming is deemed to be interested in all the shares held by JAT United under the SFO.
- (2) Ms. Law So Lin is the spouse of Mr. Ng Lai Ming, therefore she is deemed to be interested in all the shares in which Mr. Ng Lai Ming is interested in.

Saved as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2019, no other person had any interests or short positions in the shares of underlying shares of the Company which were required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were required pursuant to section 336 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein.

## **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the “Share Option Scheme”) on 19 June 2017 and no options have been granted, exercised or cancelled since then and up to the date of this announcement.

The Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years from the adoption date, after which no further options may be issued.

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

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries, had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the nine months ended 30 September 2019.

## **COMPETING INTERESTS**

None of the Directors, substantial shareholders of the Company or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which compete with the business of the Group during the nine months ended 30 September 2019 and up to and including the date of this announcement.

## **INTERESTS OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISER**

As notified by the Company’s compliance adviser, VMS Securities Limited (the “Compliance Adviser”), except for the compliance adviser agreement entered into between the Company and the Compliance Adviser which commenced on 21 July 2017, neither the Compliance Adviser nor its directors, employees or associates had any interests in relation to the Company as at the date of this announcement which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The members of the audit committee are Mr. Tai Wai Kwok, Ir Lo Kok Keung and Mr. Lau Chi Leung, all of whom are independent non-executive Directors. Mr. Tai Wai Kwok is the chairman of the audit committee. The audit committee has reviewed this announcement and has provided advice and comments thereon.

By order of the Board  
**M&L Holdings Group Limited**  
**Ng Lai Ming**  
*Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 8 November 2019

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Ng Lai Ming, Mr. Ng Lai Tong, Mr. Cheung King and Mr. Ng Lai Po and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Tai Wai Kwok, Ir Lo Kok Keung and Mr. Lau Chi Leung.*

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