



ITE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8092)

ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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FINAL RESULTS

The board of directors (the “board”) of the company is pleased to announce the audited consolidated results of the company and its subsidiaries (“ITE” or the “group”) for the year ended 31 March 2018, together with the comparative audited figures for the previous year.

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Note	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Revenue	3, 4	25,436	22,349
Cost of services rendered		(14,635)	(12,969)
Cost of sales		(200)	(211)
Gross profit		10,601	9,169
Other income and other gains, net		352	633
Administrative expenses		(9,650)	(9,419)
Share of loss of an associate		-	-
Profit before taxation	5	1,303	383
Income tax credit	6	19	-
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the company		1,322	383
Other comprehensive expense for the year			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net of nil tax		-	(9)
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,322	374
Earnings per share	8		
Basic and diluted (HK cents)		0.14	0.04

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		200	488
Interest in an associate		-	-
Goodwill		-	-
		200	488
Current assets			
Inventories		1,254	1,306
Trade and other receivables	9	8,939	8,592
Loans to an associate		400	200
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		2,092	1,675
Income tax recoverable		-	8
Pledged bank deposits		2,000	2,000
Cash and cash equivalents		6,855	4,520
		21,540	18,301
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	6,205	5,230
Provisions		722	416
		6,927	5,646
Net current assets		14,613	12,655
Net assets		14,813	13,143
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		9,255	9,255
Reserves		5,558	3,888
Total equity		14,813	13,143

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to owners of the company						
	Share capital	Share premium	Merger reserve	Exchange reserve	Share option reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2016	9,274	20,487	10,749	379	1,029	(29,575)	12,343
Changes in equity for the year:							
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	383	383
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net of nil tax	-	-	-	(9)	-	-	(9)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(9)	-	383	374
Equity-settled share-based payments	-	-	-	-	692	-	692
Repurchase of shares	(19)	(247)	-	-	-	-	(266)
At 31 March 2017 and 1 April 2017	9,255	20,240	10,749	370	1,721	(29,192)	13,143
Changes in equity for the year:							
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	1,322	1,322
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net of nil tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	1,322	1,322
Equity-settled share-based payments	-	-	-	-	348	-	348
At 31 March 2018	9,255	20,240	10,749	370	2,069	(27,870)	14,813

Notes:

1. Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the GEM Listing Rules.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis except as otherwise stated in the significant accounting policies.

2. Adoption of new and revised HKFRSs

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the group. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has no material financial effect on the consolidated financial statements in the current or prior accounting periods. The group has not applied any new or revised HKFRSs that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3. Revenue

	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Provision of smartcard systems, radio frequency identification (“RFID”) and information technology (“IT”) services		
- Service revenue	13,705	10,070
- Income from maintenance services	11,229	11,580
- Sales of service related products	502	547
	25,436	22,197
Consultancy income	-	152
	<u>25,436</u>	<u>22,349</u>

4. Segment reporting

(a) Operating segment information

The group conducts its business within one business segment, smartcard systems, RFID, IT services and related services. All of the group's products and services are of a similar nature and subject to similar risk and returns. Accordingly, the group's operating activities are attributable to a single operating segment.

(b) Geographical information

The group's operations are principally located in Hong Kong, Macao and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The group's revenue from external customers and information about its non-current assets by geographical location are detailed below:

	Revenue from external customers		Non-current assets	
	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	21,815	19,766	199	482
Macao	3,621	2,583	1	2
PRC	-	-	-	4
	25,436	22,349	200	488

(c) Information about major customers

For the year ended 31 March 2018, there were two (2017: four) customers who accounted for over 10% of total revenue of the group with aggregate amount of HK\$5,724,765 (2017: HK\$10,397,710).

5. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(a) Staff costs (including directors' remuneration):		
Salaries, wages and other benefits	12,511	11,942
Retirement scheme contributions	460	454
Equity-settled share-based payments	348	692
	13,319	13,088
(b) Other items:		
Auditor's remuneration	373	361
Cost of inventories sold	5,533	4,063
Depreciation	353	344
Development costs	959	575
Exchange loss, net	8	9
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	2
Provisions	796	523
Operating lease charges: minimum lease payments		
- hire of properties	1,178	1,297
- hire of office equipment	48	48
Reversal of unused provisions	(490)	(589)
Write-off of inventories	217	9

6. Income tax

(a) Taxation in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income represents:

	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Current tax - Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Provision for the year	-	-
Over provision in respect of prior years	(19)	-
	<u>(19)</u>	<u>-</u>

The group is subject to income tax on an entity basis on profits arising in or derived from the jurisdictions in which subsidiaries within the group are domiciled and operated.

During the year ended 31 March 2018, no provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax was made as companies in the group incurred losses for tax purpose or had sufficient tax losses brought forward to set off against current year's assessable profits (2017: HK\$Nil).

No provision for income tax in the PRC and Macao have been made as the group did not have any assessable profit for taxation purpose in the PRC or Macao during the year ended 31 March 2018 (2017: HK\$Nil).

(b) At 31 March 2018, the group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of unused tax losses of approximately HK\$31,757,000 (2017: HK\$33,661,000) and deductible temporary differences of approximately HK\$Nil (2017: HK\$392,000) due to the uncertainty of the related tax benefits being realised through future taxable profits. The unused tax losses of approximately HK\$1,307,000 (2017: HK\$1,436,000) can be carried forward for offset against the taxable profits of subsequent years for five years following the first profit-making year. Other unused tax losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

7. Dividends

The board of directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2018 and 2017.

8. Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to owners of the company of approximately HK\$1,322,000 (2017: HK\$383,000) and the weighted average of 925,508,000 (2017: 926,733,042) ordinary shares in issue during the year, calculated as follows:

	2018	2017
Issued ordinary shares at 1 April	925,508,000	927,356,000
Effect of repurchase of shares	-	(622,958)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 March	<u>925,508,000</u>	<u>926,733,042</u>

As the company does not have any potential dilutive ordinary shares during the year ended 31 March 2018 and 2017, basic and diluted earnings per share are the same.

9. Trade and other receivables

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables	2,123	3,659
Other receivables	870	1,275
Gross amount due from customers for service contract work	4,611	2,120
Retention money receivables	165	185
Deposits and prepayments	1,170	1,353
	8,939	8,592

All of the trade and other receivables, apart from certain deposits of HK\$290,179 (2017: HK\$188,594) are expected to be recovered or recognised as expenses within one year.

(a) An ageing analysis of trade receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Less than 1 month	1,571	2,279
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	247	1,202
More than 3 months but less than 1 year	305	178
	2,123	3,659

Trade receivables are generally due within 30 to 45 days (2017: 30 to 45 days) from the date of billing.

(b) The ageing analysis of trade receivables that are neither individually nor collectively considered to be impaired as at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	495	1,321
Less than 1 month past due	1,085	1,761
More than 1 month but less than 3 months past due	238	399
More than 3 months but less than 1 year past due	305	178
Amounts past due	1,628	2,338
	2,123	3,659

10. Trade and other payables

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables	803	423
Accrued charges and other payables	1,892	2,054
Gross amount due to customers for service contract work	1,421	742
Deferred maintenance income	2,089	2,011
	6,205	5,230

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year or are repayable on demand.

An ageing analysis of trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows :

	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Less than 1 month	558	350
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	168	70
More than 3 months but less than 1 year	77	3
	803	423

SCOPE OF WORK OF BAKER TILLY HONG KONG

The figures in respect of the preliminary announcement of the group's results for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been agreed by the group's auditor, Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited ("Baker Tilly"), to the amounts nearest to thousands as set out in the group's consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by Baker Tilly in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by Baker Tilly on this preliminary announcement.

DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend the payment any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2018 and 2017.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management of the group has continued to utilise our professional and committed workforce and financial resources to achieve maximum return to our shareholders.

Business Review

During the year, our solution and professional services arm, ITE Smartcard Solutions Limited (“ITES”), has been awarded with a number of new contracts and orders by both new and old clients. The orders covered the supply of hardware and software and the provision of professional services to build up or enhance their application platforms.

ITES received a new contract from the Hospital Authority of HKSAR for the provision of the hardware of self-service payment kiosk for all public hospitals and clinics managed by the Hospital Authority. Under the scope of works, ITES shall provide more than 150 sets of optical character reader for Hong Kong identity card, the kiosk design and fabrication services together with maintenance throughout the contract period. We are very pleased to provide our products and services to serve the client and the public.

It has been a busy year. The delivery for the provision of design, implementation, and system support and maintenance for new self-service kiosks for the electronic passport system to the Immigration Department (“ImmD”) was completed. All self services kiosks are now available for public use at the ImmD Headquarters and six immigration branches. The kiosks, which have been designed and built to support highly automated workflow, are effectively enhancing the public service. We also completed the delivery of an Octopus based automated fare collection system for the Sai Kung Swimming Pool of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”). The project was completed within a very short time period to meet the summer swimming season. We also launched for the LCSD the city's first 24-hours self-service library station in December 2017, offering users round-the-clock public library services with enhanced convenience and accessibility. We successfully completed the field trial of New Parking Meter System Trial Scheme of the Transport Department, the trial validated more than 200,000 epayment transactions through wireless connectivity in nine months.

Our R&D arm, RF Tech Limited, has been adding new hardware and software libraries to our product family. Our continual efforts in innovation and R&D have resulted in the launch of a new product family for Internet-of-Things (“IoT”) and smartcity applications. Our HOMAC GSM10 is an IoT-enabled smart parking sensor that supports most sensitive real-time magnetic impedance data acquisition of vehicle, when working with our intelli-VRMS vehicle recognition algorithms, it can accurately analyze the presence or absence of a car in a parking space through wireless connectivity. We also launched a new product line of intelli-IEMS intelligent energy management system for sustainability applications.

Future Prospect

Since our establishment, we have been focusing on our core business and technologies, we continue to devote our efforts and resources for the long term growth of the group building on our *Innovation, Technology and Excellency*, three words which bestly explain ITE.

All members of the company performed professionally under the corporate vision, mission and core value. Every year, new intellectual assets are created, accumulated and protected, and the range of professional services continues to expand to meet the fast growing needs of the changing market. We have firmly maintained our position as the pure rider to provide innovative solutions to our clients.

With improving efficiency and effectiveness, new product development and professional services enhancement, the directors are optimistic that our sustainability and profitability will continue to improve.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

As far as the board of directors of the company and management are aware, the group has complied in material respects with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the business and operation of the group. During the year, there was no material breach of or non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations by the group.

Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 March 2018, the group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$25 million, representing an increase of 14% over last year. Profit for the year attributable to owners of the company for the year ended 31 March 2018 was approximately HK\$1.3 million as compared to that of approximately HK\$0.4 million for last year.

Segmental Information

During the year, the group recorded an increase in turnover for about 14% when compared with last year and the group's gross profit margin remained stable at 42%.

The service revenue generated from core business, i.e. the provision of the smartcard systems, RFID and information technology ("IT") services and related sales, was HK\$14,207,046 (2017: HK\$10,617,106) which increased by 34%. However, the income from maintenance services decreased by 3% to HK\$11,228,885 (2017: HK\$11,580,006).

The group's administrative expenses increased slightly by 2% to HK\$9,649,742 (2017: HK\$9,418,936). Included in administrative expenses, the related share-based payment expense amounted to HK\$347,847 (2017: HK\$692,153) was fully recognized during the year. In addition, the research and development cost and associated sponsorship was significant increased by 43% to HK\$1,112,366 (2017: HK\$777,764). Expenditure on research and development activities was totally expensed in profit or loss during the year.

During the year, the group maintained a healthy liquidity position and therefore the finance costs was HK\$Nil (2017: HK\$Nil).

Liquidity and Financial Resources

The group generally financed its operations with its internally generated cash flows. At 31 March 2018, the group did not have any outstanding borrowings. At 31 March 2018, the current ratio of the group was 3.11 (2017: 3.24) while the liquidity ratio was 2.93 (2017: 3.01).

The group continues to adopt a conservative approach in its treasury policy. The group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit evaluations of the financial condition of its customers. Besides, the group's liquidity and financing arrangements are also reviewed regularly.

Taking into consideration the stringent cost control and the existing financial resources available to the group, it is believed that the group should have adequate financial resources to meet its operation, development requirements and investments in the future.

Gearing Ratio

At 31 March 2018, the gearing ratio of the group, which is calculated as the ratio of total borrowings to total equity, was Nil (2017: Nil).

Treasury Policy

The group has adopted a prudent financial management approach towards its treasury policies and thus maintained a healthy liquidity position throughout the period under review. The group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit assessments and evaluations of the financial status of its customers. To manage liquidity risk, the board closely monitors the group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the group's assets, liabilities and other commitments can meet its funding requirements from time to time.

Significant Investments

The group had no significant investments during the year under review.

Material Acquisitions or Disposals of Subsidiaries and Affiliated Companies

During the year under review, the group had no acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies.

Employment Information

The group recognises that its staff is one of the group's most important assets. Aiming at providing competitive salary packages, the group adjusts employees' salary level in close association with the performance, qualifications and experience of individual staff as well as labour market conditions. In addition to the regular remuneration, discretionary bonus and share options may be awarded to eligible employees with reference to individual performance and the group's business performance.

The group enjoys good relations with its staff and has not experienced any disruption of operations due to major labour disputes. In addition to the remuneration as mentioned above, the group also provides fringe benefits which comply with the relevant laws and regulations of the PRC and Hong Kong including contributions to the Social Security Scheme in the PRC and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme in Hong Kong. Besides, the group also provides on-going training programmes for its employees to keep them abreast of the latest market trends and new technologies.

At 31 March 2018, the group had 48 (2017: 50) full-time employees, of which 46 (2017: 46) are based in Hong Kong and the rest are in the PRC and Macao. Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, was approximately HK\$13 million (2017: HK\$13 million) for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Charges on Group Assets

At 31 March 2018, HK\$2,000,274 time deposit (2017: HK\$2,000,274) was pledged to a bank to secure certain banking facilities of a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

Future Plans for Material Investments

The group did not have any plans for material investment and acquisition of material capital assets as at 31 March 2018.

Exposure to Fluctuations in Exchange Rates and Related Hedges

The group's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses are mainly denominated in HK\$, United States dollars ("US\$"), Japanese Yen ("JPY"), Macao Patacas ("MOP") and Renminbi ("RMB"). The exchange rates between HK\$, US\$, JPY, MOP and RMB have been very steady for the past few years. During the year, the group generally used the receipts from customers to pay its suppliers and meet its capital requirements. They are denominated in the local currency of the place in which the subsidiaries operate. The group does not currently engage in hedging to manage possible exchange rate risk as the group considers the cost associated with such hedging arrangements would exceed the benefits. However, management will continue to monitor the possible exposure to exchange rate risk and will take such measures as it deems prudent.

Contingent Liability

At 31 March 2018, the company did not have any contingent liability.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The company operates the 2011 Scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the group's operations. Eligible participants of the 2011 Scheme include the company's directors, including independent non-executive directors, other employees of the group, suppliers of goods or services to the group, customers of the group, advisers and consultants, etc. The 2011 Scheme became effective on 8 August 2011 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2011 Scheme and any other share option scheme of the company shall not exceed 30% of the total number of shares of the company in issue. The maximum number of shares issuable under share options to each eligible participant in the 2011 Scheme and any other share option scheme of the company within any 12-month period, is limited to 1% of the shares of the company in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting.

Share options granted to directors, chief executives or substantial shareholders of the company, or to any of their associates, are subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive directors. In addition, any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the company, or to any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares of the company in issue at any time or with an aggregate value (based on the price of the company's shares at the date of the grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, within any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 21 days from the date of the offer upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercisable period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors, and commences after a certain vesting period and ends on a date which is not later than 10 years from the date of the offer of the share options or the expiry date of the 2011 Scheme, if earlier.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors, but may not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the company's shares on the date of the offer of the share options, (ii) the average closing price of the company's shares for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the offer; and (iii) the nominal value of the share.

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at shareholders' meetings.

On 9 July 2015, the company granted share options to certain eligible participants to subscribe for an aggregate of 10,950,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the company, represented approximately 1.18% of all the shares in issue as at the date of the grant.

On 6 December 2016, the company further granted share options to certain eligible participants to subscribe for an aggregate of 14,650,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the company, represented approximately 1.58% of all the shares in issue as at the date of the grant.

(a) The following table details the company's share options in issue under the 2011 Scheme during the year

Participant	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Exercise price per share HK\$	Number of exercisable and outstanding share options			
				At 1 April 2017	Granted during the year	Lapsed during the year	At 31 March 2018
Independent non-executive directors	9 July 2015	9 January 2016 to 7 August 2021	0.154	2,700,000	-	-	2,700,000
Directors of subsidiaries of the company	9 July 2015	9 January 2016 to 7 August 2021	0.154	3,750,000	-	-	3,750,000
Other employees	9 July 2015	9 January 2016 to 7 August 2021	0.154	4,500,000	-	-	4,500,000
Executive directors	6 December 2016	5 June 2017 to 7 August 2021	0.146	2,700,000	-	-	2,700,000
Independent non-executive directors	6 December 2016	5 June 2017 to 7 August 2021	0.146	2,700,000	-	-	2,700,000
Directors of subsidiaries of the company	6 December 2016	5 June 2017 to 7 August 2021	0.146	3,350,000	-	-	3,350,000
Other employees	6 December 2016	5 June 2017 to 7 August 2021	0.146	4,750,000	-	(500,000)	4,250,000
			Total	<u>24,450,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>23,950,000</u>
Weighted average exercise price (HK\$)				<u>0.15</u>			

During the period between the date of grant and the end of the reporting period, total of 500,000 (2017: 1,150,000) share options were lapsed due to resignation of relevant employee. No share options were exercised by the eligible participants during the year ended 31 March 2018 and 2017.

(b) Fair value of share options and assumption

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted is measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the share options granted is measured based on a binomial model. The contractual life of the share options is used as an input into this model. Expectations of early exercise are incorporated into the binomial model.

The inputs into the model were as follows:

Date of grant	9 July 2015	6 December 2016
Total number of share options	10,950,000	14,650,000
Share price of the company at the date of grant	HK\$0.152	HK\$0.146
Exercise price per share	HK\$0.154	HK\$0.146
Expected volatility	91%	76%
Option life	6.08 years	4.67 years
Expected dividend yield	Nil	Nil
Risk-free interest rate	1.26%	1.18%

The expected volatility is based on the historic volatility of the company's share price and it is assumed there is no material change over the whole life of share options.

The total fair value of the share options granted during 2017 was approximately HK\$1,080,000 with fair value of HK\$0.08 for each option. The group has recognised equity-settled share-based payments of HK\$347,847 (2017: HK\$692,153) arising from options vested during the year.

Save as disclosed above, no share options was granted, exercised, cancelled, or lapsed in accordance with the terms of the share option scheme of the company during both the current and prior year.

PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the year, the company repurchased nil shares (2017: 1,848,000 shares HK\$0.01 each) in the share capital of the company on the Stock Exchange pursuant to the general mandates granted by the shareholders at the annual general meetings of the company held on 8 August 2017.

Save as disclosed above, neither the company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the company's shares during the year.

COMPETING INTERESTS

As at 31 March 2018, the directors were not aware of any business or interest of each director, managing shareholder and the respective associates of each that competes or may compete with the business of the group and any other conflicts of interest which any such persons have or may have with the group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The company has established an audit committee (the “Audit Committee”) with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors, Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (being the chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. Kam Hau Choi, Anthony and Mr. Wong Wang Fat, Andrew.

The primary duties of the audit committee are to review the company’s annual report and accounts, half-yearly report and quarterly reports and to provide advices and comments thereon to the Board. The audit committee meets at least four times a year with management to review the accounting principles and practices adopted by the group and to discuss auditing, financial reporting matters, internal control and also risk management system. The principal terms of reference includes, inter alia, its relationship with the company’s external auditor, review of the company’s financial information and oversight of the financial reporting system and internal control procedures of the company.

The group’s financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been reviewed by the audit committee, who is of the opinion that such statements comply with the applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures had been made.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The company is firmly committed to maintaining statutory and regulatory standards and adherence to the principles of corporate governance emphasising transparency, independence, accountability, responsibility and fairness. The board ensures that effective self-regulatory practices exist to protect the interests of the shareholders of the company.

The company has applied the principles and complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “Code”) contained in Appendix 15 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprises Market of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “GEM Listing Rules”) throughout the year ended 31 March 2018, save for the deviations discussed below.

Under the code provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive officer should be clearly established and set out in writing.

Mr. Lau Hon Kwong, Vincent is both the chairman and chief executive officer of the company who is responsible for managing the board and the group’s business. Mr. Lau has been both chairman and chief executive officer of the company since its incorporation. The board considers that, with the present board structure and scope of business of the group, there is no imminent need to separate the roles into two individuals as Mr. Lau is perfectly capable of distinguishing the priority of these roles in which he has been acting. However, the board will continue to review the effectiveness of the group’s corporate governance structure to assess whether the separation of the positions of chairman and chief executive officer is necessary.

Under the code provision A.4.1 stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. However, the non-executive directors do not have a specific term of appointment, but are subject to rotation in accordance with the articles of association of the company. As such, the company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to serve the purpose of the code provision A.4.1 of the Code.

The company has not arranged any insurance coverage for the directors’ liabilities in respect of any potential legal actions against the directors. Given the nature of the company’s business, directors believe that the occurring of legal actions against the directors is very slight, and the company still can achieve excellent corporate government through various management and monitoring mechanism so as to reduce such risks, such as periodic review on the effectiveness of internal control system, clear division of duties and providing training for staffs and the management. The board will review, on a regular basis, the necessity to arrange insurance cover for potential legal actions against the directors.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULES 5.48 TO 5.67 OF THE GEM LISTING RULES

The company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealing as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 March 2018. Having made specific enquiry of all directors, the directors have complied with such code of conduct and the required standard of dealings throughout the year ended 31 March 2018.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON THE GEM WEBSITE

The annual report of the company containing all the information required by the GEM Listing Rules will be published on the GEM website in due course.

By order of the Board
ITE (Holdings) Limited
Lau Hon Kwong, Vincent
Chairman

Hong Kong, 12 June 2018

The board as of the date of this announcement comprises Mr. Lau Hon Kwong, Vincent, Mr. Cheng Kwok Hung and Mr. Liu Hoi Wah as executive directors, Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen, Mr. Kam Hau Choi, Anthony and Mr. Wong Wang Fat, Andrew as independent non-executive directors.

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