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**英皇娛樂酒店有限公司\***  
**Emperor Entertainment Hotel Limited**

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 296)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	Six months ended		Changes
	30 September		
	2015	2014	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue	<u>873,401</u>	<u>1,053,679</u>	-17.1%
Gross profit	<u>576,735</u>	<u>763,584</u>	-24.5%
EBITDA (after non-controlling interests)	<u>274,134</u>	<u>327,275</u>	-16.2%
EBITDA margin (after non-controlling interests)	<u>31.4%</u>	<u>31.1%</u>	+0.3 pp
Interim dividend per share	<u>HK\$0.028</u>	<u>HK\$0.05</u>	-44.0%

\* For identification purposes only

The board of directors (the “Board” or “Directors”) of Emperor Entertainment Hotel Limited (the “Company”) announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 September 2015 (the “Period”) together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2014 as set out below.

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

For the six months ended 30 September 2015

		<b>Six months ended</b>	
		<b>30 September</b>	
		<b>2015</b>	2014
		<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)
	<i>Notes</i>	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue	3	<b>873,401</b>	1,053,679
Cost of sales		<b>(21,691)</b>	(22,443)
Cost of hotel and gaming operations		<b>(274,975)</b>	(267,652)
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Gross profit		<b>576,735</b>	763,584
Other income		<b>45,288</b>	42,012
Fair value changes of investment properties		<b>(10,600)</b>	9,300
Impairment loss on prepaid lease payments		<b>(41,199)</b>	–
Selling and marketing expenses		<b>(176,683)</b>	(252,646)
Administrative expenses		<b>(198,222)</b>	(131,010)
Finance costs		<b>(7,319)</b>	(11,727)
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Profit before taxation	4&5	<b>188,000</b>	419,513
Taxation	6	<b>(31,662)</b>	(46,137)
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Profit and total comprehensive income for the period		<b>156,338</b>	373,376
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Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		<b>111,546</b>	263,722
Non-controlling interests		<b>44,792</b>	109,654
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		<b>156,338</b>	373,376
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Earnings per share	8		
Basic		<b>HK\$0.09</b>	HK\$0.20
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Diluted		<b>N/A</b>	N/A
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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

*As at 30 September 2015*

	As at 30 September 2015 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2015 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investment properties	721,400	732,000
Property, plant and equipment	1,432,763	1,465,881
Prepaid lease payments	506,695	554,981
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2,748	3,564
Goodwill	110,960	110,960
	<b>2,774,566</b>	<b>2,867,386</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories, at cost	13,036	14,002
Trade and other receivables	9 320,219	381,071
Prepaid lease payments	15,377	16,580
Pledged bank deposits	1,409,511	2,420,870
Short-term bank deposit	19,682	–
Bank balances and cash	1,904,973	674,036
	<b>3,682,798</b>	<b>3,506,559</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	10 221,803	211,587
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	3,037	5,283
Amounts due to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	138,000	150,000
Taxation payable	465,034	431,189
Bank borrowings – due within one year	35,100	38,271
	<b>862,974</b>	<b>836,330</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>2,819,824</b>	<b>2,670,229</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>5,594,390</b>	<b>5,537,615</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Bank borrowings – due after one year	488,700	507,600
Deferred taxation	113,174	115,684
	<b>601,874</b>	<b>623,284</b>
	<b>4,992,516</b>	<b>4,914,331</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	130	130
Reserves	3,334,704	3,301,311
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	<b>3,334,834</b>	<b>3,301,441</b>
Non-controlling interests	1,657,682	1,612,890
	<b>4,992,516</b>	<b>4,914,331</b>

Notes:

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

**2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties which are measured at fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods.

The accounting policies used in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, except as described below.

In the Period, the Group has adopted the following amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) and Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “revised HKFRSs”) issued by the HKICPA that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2015.

Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual improvements to HKFRSs 2010-2012 cycles
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual improvements to HKFRSs 2011-2013 cycles
Amendments to HKAS 19	Defined benefit plans: Employee contribution

The application of the above revised HKFRSs during the Period has had no material impact on the Group’s financial performance and position for the current period and/or on the disclosures set out in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not early applied any new standards or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective for the current accounting period.

### 3. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Service income from gaming operation in mass market hall	470,431	671,019
Service income from gaming operation in VIP room	252,218	214,568
Service income from gaming operation in slot machine hall	17,214	16,030
Hotel room income	49,090	64,491
Food and beverage sales	63,500	65,184
Rental income from investment properties	15,881	14,053
Others	5,067	8,334
	<u>873,401</u>	<u>1,053,679</u>

### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The executive directors of the Company (the "Executive Directors") have been identified as the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"). The Executive Directors review the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources.

For gaming operation, the Executive Directors regularly analyse gaming revenue in terms of service income from mass market hall, VIP room and slot machine hall. No operating results nor discrete financial information is presented to the Executive Directors in relation to the above analyses. The Executive Directors review the revenues and operating results of gaming operation as a whole. The Executive Directors have identified the operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 as gaming operation and hotel operation.

The segment information reported externally is analysed on the basis of their types of services supplied by the Group's operating divisions which is consistent with the internal information that are regularly reviewed by the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of performance. This is also the basis of organisation in the Group, whereby the management has chosen to organise the Group around differences in services. The principal activities of the operating and reportable segments are as follows:

Gaming operation	–	Mass market hall, VIP room and slot machine hall operations and provision of gaming-related marketing and public relation services in the casino of the Grand Emperor Hotel in Macau
Hotel operation	–	Hotel operation in the Grand Emperor Hotel and the Inn Hotel Macau (formerly known as Best Western Hotel Taipa) in Macau including property investment income from investment properties in these hotels

#### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Executive Directors assess the performance of individual operating and reportable segments based on a measure of adjusted earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, exchange loss at corporate level, central administration costs, fair value changes of investment properties and impairment loss on prepaid lease payments (the “Adjusted EBITDA”).

Inter-segment revenue is charged at a price mutually agreed by both parties.

Information regarding the above segments is reported below:

##### Segment revenue and results

For the six months ended 30 September 2015

	Gaming operation (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Hotel operation (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Elimination (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$'000
SEGMENT REVENUE					
External revenue	739,863	133,538	873,401	-	873,401
Inter-segment revenue	-	1,411	1,411	(1,411)	-
Total	<u>739,863</u>	<u>134,949</u>	<u>874,812</u>	<u>(1,411)</u>	<u>873,401</u>
Segment result based on the Adjusted EBITDA	<u>339,933</u>	<u>61,625</u>	<u>401,558</u>		401,558
Bank interest income					42,982
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment					(75,972)
Exchange loss at corporate level					(73,398)
Release of prepaid lease payments					(8,290)
Fair value changes of investment properties					(10,600)
Impairment loss on prepaid lease payments					(41,199)
Finance costs					(7,319)
Unallocated corporate expenses					(39,762)
Profit before taxation					<u>188,000</u>

#### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

##### Segment revenue and results (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 September 2014

	Gaming operation (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Hotel operation (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Elimination (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (Unaudited) HK\$'000
SEGMENT REVENUE					
External revenue	901,617	152,062	1,053,679	–	1,053,679
Inter-segment revenue	–	1,411	1,411	(1,411)	–
Total	<u>901,617</u>	<u>153,473</u>	<u>1,055,090</u>	<u>(1,411)</u>	<u>1,053,679</u>
Segment result based on the Adjusted EBITDA	<u>431,520</u>	<u>84,557</u>	<u>516,077</u>		516,077
Bank interest income					34,934
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment					(71,386)
Exchange loss at corporate level					(1,645)
Release of prepaid lease payments					(8,290)
Fair value changes of investment properties					9,300
Finance costs					(11,727)
Unallocated corporate expenses					<u>(47,750)</u>
Profit before taxation					<u>419,513</u>

No analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by operating and reportable segments is disclosed as it is not regularly provided to the Executive Directors for review.

Other than the segment information as disclosed above, there was no other information reviewed by the CODM for both periods.

## 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging:		
Commission expenses in gaming operation (included in selling and marketing expenses)	144,599	214,424
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	75,972	71,386
Exchange loss	73,398	1,645
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	76	1,770
Release of prepaid lease payments	8,290	8,290
and after crediting:		
Bank interest income	<u>42,982</u>	<u>34,934</u>

## 6. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax:		
Macau Complementary Income Tax	34,172	46,398
Deferred taxation	(2,510)	(261)
	<u>31,662</u>	<u>46,137</u>

The Macau Complementary Income Tax is calculated at the applicable rate of 12% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in both periods as the estimated assessable profit is wholly absorbed by tax losses brought forward.



## 7. DIVIDENDS

A dividend of HK\$0.06 per share with an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$78,153,000 was paid to the shareholders of the Company during the Period as the final dividend of 2014/2015. A dividend of HK\$0.075 per share with an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$97,691,000 was paid to the shareholders of the Company during the corresponding period in 2014 as the final dividend of 2013/2014.

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK\$0.028 per share for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 (2014/2015: HK\$0.05 per share) amounting to approximately HK\$36,471,000 (2014/2015: HK\$65,127,000).

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>30 September</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
<b>Earnings</b>		
Earnings (profit for the period attributable to the owners of the Company) for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	<b>111,546</b>	263,722
	<b>1,302,545,983</b>	1,302,545,983
	<b>N/A</b>	N/A
	<b>N/A</b>	N/A

Diluted earnings per share has not been presented as the Company has no dilutive potential ordinary shares for both periods.

## 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	30 September 2015 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 March 2015 (Audited) HK\$'000
Trade receivables	179,991	233,798
Less: Allowance for doubtful debts	(42,956)	(42,186)
	<u>137,035</u>	<u>191,612</u>
Chips on hand	141,509	135,386
Other receivables and prepayments	41,675	54,073
	<u>320,219</u>	<u>381,071</u>

The Group normally allows credit periods of up to 60 days to its trade customers, except for certain credit worthy customers with long term relationship and stable repayment pattern, where the credit periods are extended to a longer period. An ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables (net of allowances) based on the date of credit granted or the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is set out below:

	As at	
	30 September 2015 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 March 2015 (Audited) HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	117,708	170,541
31 – 60 days	2,580	5,881
61 – 90 days	678	834
91 – 180 days	3,379	856
Over 180 days	12,690	13,500
	<u>137,035</u>	<u>191,612</u>

Chips on hand represent chips issued by a gaming concessionaire in Macau which can be exchanged into their cash amounts.

## 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at	
	30 September 2015 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2015 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade payables	16,988	18,974
Construction payables and accruals	25,229	18,517
Other payables and accruals	161,586	156,096
Short-term advance	18,000	18,000
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	<b>221,803</b>	<b>211,587</b>
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An ageing analysis of the Group's trade payables based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is set out below:

	As at	
	30 September 2015 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2015 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	9,058	8,326
31 – 60 days	7,523	8,459
61 – 90 days	337	1,999
91 – 180 days	62	181
Over 180 days	8	9
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	<b>16,988</b>	<b>18,974</b>
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## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The Group principally engages in provision of entertainment and hospitality services in Macau.

### **MARKET REVIEW**

After years of unprecedented boom, Macau gaming market has undergone a massive correction since the second half of 2014, amid deepening concerns over China's economy and ongoing austerity initiatives. During the Period, Macau's gross gaming revenue continued to struggle, and posted a decline of 35.9% year-on-year to MOP111,717 million. Tourist traffic from the mainland, which represents around two-thirds of the total visitor arrivals to Macau, has fallen year-on-year for six straight months during the Period. The appetite for gambling has further dampened in the wake of the recent stock market turmoil and the surprise devaluation of Renminbi.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Overall Review**

During the Period, the Group's revenue declined moderately to HK\$873.4 million (2014: HK\$1,053.7 million), amid a challenging macro environment in Macau. The Group's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and after non-controlling interests was HK\$274.1 million (2014: HK\$327.3 million). The EBITDA margin after non-controlling interests was 31.4% (2014: 31.1%). Profit for the Period attributable to the owners of the Company was HK\$111.5 million (2014: HK\$263.7 million). Such decline was mainly attributable to: i) a net loss on the hotel property valuation due to the downturn of the Macau property market; ii) an exchange loss on offshore traded Renminbi ("CNH") deposits held by the Group due to abrupt devaluation of Renminbi in August 2015; and iii) a moderate decline of revenue due to economic downturn. Basic earnings per share was HK\$0.09 (2014: HK\$0.20). The Board declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.028 (2014: HK\$0.05) per share.

#### **Capital Structure, Liquidity and Financial Resources**

There was no change in capital structure during the Period. The Group continued to maintain a strong cash position and a healthy financial position, supported by its ongoing and stable cash inflows. The Group funded its operations and capital expenditure by cash generated internally from its operations.

As at 30 September 2015, aggregate of bank balances and cash, short-term bank deposits and pledged bank deposits of the Group amounted to HK\$3,334.2 million (31 March 2015: HK\$3,094.9 million), which are mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Macau Patacas and CNH. To sustain its liquidity, the Group pledged certain CNH deposits in favour of several banks as security for obtaining additional banking facilities to the Group.

At the end of the reporting period, the carrying amount of the Group's CNH denominated monetary assets was about 23% of the total assets, which was mainly deposited in the banks to earn higher interest income. Although the Group recorded an exchange loss after non-controlling interests of HK\$47.9 million as a result of the abrupt devaluation of Renminbi during the Period, the impact of such exchange loss was partly mitigated by bank interest income after non-controlling interests of HK\$28.2 million. The Directors keep closely monitoring exposure to foreign exchange risk as well as interest rate risk, and if necessary will take appropriate actions to mitigate these exposures.

Other than as described above, the Group did not experience any significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations during the Period.

The Group's current assets and current liabilities as at 30 September 2015 were HK\$3,682.8 million and HK\$863.0 million (31 March 2015: HK\$3,506.6 million and HK\$836.3 million), respectively. Advances from non-controlling interests of a subsidiary of the Company amounted to HK\$138.0 million (31 March 2015: HK\$150.0 million), which is denominated in Hong Kong dollars, unsecured, interest-free and repayable at the discretion of non-controlling interests and availability of surplus fund of the subsidiary. Bank borrowings of HK\$523.8 million (31 March 2015: HK\$545.9 million), denominated in Hong Kong dollars, is secured and interest bearing at prevailing market rates and has a fixed repayment term. During the Period, the Group partially repaid the advances from non-controlling interests and bank borrowings in aggregate of HK\$34.1 million. As a result, the gearing ratio of the Group (expressed as a percentage of total borrowings over total equity) decreased to 13.3% (31 March 2015: 14.2%) as of 30 September 2015.

### **Pledge of Assets**

As at 30 September 2015, assets with carrying values of approximately HK\$3.8 billion (31 March 2015: HK\$4.9 billion) were pledged to several banks as security for banking facilities, for a total of approximately HK\$2.0 billion (31 March 2015: HK\$3.0 billion) granted to the Group. In addition, the Group has a bank deposit of HK\$0.3 million (31 March 2015: HK\$0.3 million) pledged to a bank as security for the use of ferry ticket equipment provided by a third party to the Group.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group currently operates two hotels, Grand Emperor Hotel (“GEH”) and Inn Hotel Macau (“IHM”), in Macau.

GEH, the Group’s flagship project, on the Peninsula, is an award-winning 26-storey gaming hotel with a total gross floor area of 655,000 square feet and 307 guest rooms. It has six gaming floors, covering over 130,000 square feet, and offers slot machines as well as gaming tables in the gaming concourse and the VIP room. With strong commitment to providing guests with unparalleled entertainment and hospitality experiences, the Group delivers consistently top quality services that translate into high levels of customer satisfaction and loyalty.

IHM is a 17-storey hotel with total gross floor area of approximately 209,000 square feet, and 287 guest rooms. During the Period, refurbishment of IHM was carried out in phases, with upgrading of room furnishings, exterior walls and public areas, to create a more comfortable and contemporary experience for guests. Through extending coverage from the Peninsula to Taipa, the Group can fully capture the potential of Macau’s hospitality market.

### **Gaming Revenue**

The Group’s casino in GEH is operated under the gaming licence held by Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. During the Period, the Group’s gaming revenue declined moderately to HK\$739.9 million (2014: HK\$901.6 million), accounting for 84.7% of the Group’s total revenue. Nevertheless, the Group managed to achieve a growth in revenue from the VIP room, leveraging its strong and loyal premium customer base.

#### *Gaming Concourse*

The gross win in the gaming concourse fell to HK\$844.4 million (2014: HK\$1,209.1 million). Revenue from the gaming concourse was HK\$470.5 million (2014: HK\$671.0 million). The segment accounted for 53.9% of the Group’s total revenue, compared with 63.7% in the same period last year. There were 67 tables (2014: 67 tables) in the gaming concourse. Average win per table per day was HK\$69,000 (2014: HK\$99,000).

#### *VIP Room*

The Group self-managed a VIP room with 10 tables (2014: 10 tables), with the rolling amount of HK\$10.2 billion (2014: HK\$11.4 billion). Revenue from VIP room grew by 17.5% to HK\$252.2 million (2014: HK\$214.6 million), accounting for 28.9% of the Group’s total revenue. Average win per table per day increased to HK\$243,000 (2014: HK\$207,000).

#### *Slot Machines*

The segment recorded a gross win of HK\$38.8 million (2014: HK\$36.0 million), with a capacity of 196 slot seats (2014: 200 slot seats). Segmental revenue was HK\$17.2 million (2014: HK\$16.0 million), accounting for 1.9% of the Group’s total revenue. Average win per seat per day was HK\$1,100 (2014: HK\$1,020).

## **Hotel Revenue**

The Group's hotel revenue derives from the hospitality income of GEH and IHM. The hotel revenue was HK\$133.5 million (2014: HK\$152.1 million), accounting for 15.3% of the total revenue.

As of 30 September 2015, GEH and IHM provided 307 and 287 guest rooms, respectively. During the Period, the average room rates of GEH and IHM were HK\$1,044 per night (2014: HK\$1,292 per night) and HK\$496 per night (2014: HK\$586 per night), with occupancy rates of 86% (2014: 88%) and 90% (2014: 96%), respectively. Combined room revenue was HK\$49.1 million (2014: HK\$64.5 million). Combined revenue from food and beverage was HK\$63.5 million (2014: HK\$65.2 million), while the aggregate amount of rental and other revenue was HK\$20.9 million (2014: HK\$22.4 million).

## **OUTLOOK**

The uncertainties in the macro economy, and the regulatory headwinds towards the gaming market, will continue to pose challenges to all gaming operators in Macau. To minimise the adverse impact under tough market conditions, the Group strives to improve operational efficiency, enhance its competitive edges and promptly respond to market changes. As demonstrated by a modest growth in VIP segment, the Group's core strength lies in its proven capability to achieve high levels of customer satisfaction by offering unique gaming and hospitality experiences to guests. The Group remains committed to reinforcing its competitive edge in providing superior customer services, in order to be well-positioned to capture the full potential once the gaming market rebounds.

In view of a propensity for gambling and rising income levels among Chinese, the Group remains cautiously optimistic about the prospects for tourism and the gaming market in Macau in the long run. The Group continues to seek and evaluate potential expansion opportunities in the city, aiming to drive long-term growth and maximise future returns to shareholders.

## **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 30 September 2015, the Group's number of employees was 1,258 (31 March 2015: 1,244). Total staff costs including Directors' remuneration and the other staff costs for the Period were HK\$218.6 million (2014: HK\$221.5 million). Employees' remuneration was determined in accordance with individual's responsibilities, competence and skills, experience and performance as well as market pay level. Staff benefits include medical and life insurance, retirement benefits and other competitive fringe benefits.

To provide incentives or rewards to the staff, the Company has adopted a share option scheme, particulars of which will be set out in the section headed "Share Options" of the interim report of the Company.

## **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.028 per share (“Interim Dividend”) for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 (2014/2015: HK\$0.05 per share) amounting to approximately HK\$36,471,000 (2014/2015: HK\$65,127,000). The Interim Dividend will be payable on 17 December 2015 (Thursday) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 11 December 2015 (Friday).

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed, for the purpose of determining shareholders’ entitlement to the Interim Dividend, from 10 December 2015 (Thursday) to 11 December 2015 (Friday), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

In order to qualify for the Interim Dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company’s Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on 9 December 2015 (Wednesday).

## **REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS**

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have not been audited or reviewed by the Company’s auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, which comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### **Corporate Governance Code**

The Company had complied throughout the Period with all the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.

### **Model Code for Securities Transactions**

During the Period, the Company has adopted its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors (“EEH Securities Code”) on no less exacting terms than the required standards set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules – Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”). Having made specific enquiry to the Directors, all of them confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings as set out in the Model Code and the EEH Securities Code throughout the Period.

Relevant employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Group are also subject to compliance with written guidelines in line with the Model Code. No incident of non-compliance by relevant employees was noted during the Period.

We continue to comply with our policy on inside information in compliance with our obligations under the Securities and Future Ordinance and the Listing Rules.



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

During the Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## **PUBLICATION OF THE UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT**

The interim results announcement is published on the Stock Exchange's website (<http://www.hkexnews.hk>) and the Company's website (<http://www.emp296.com>). The interim report will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and will be available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

By order of the Board  
**Emperor Entertainment Hotel Limited**  
**Luk Siu Man, Semon**  
*Chairperson*

Hong Kong, 18 November 2015

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises:

*Non-executive Director:*

Ms. Luk Siu Man, Semon

*Executive Directors:*

Mr. Wong Chi Fai  
Ms. Fan Man Seung, Vanessa

*Independent Non-executive Directors:*

Ms. Chan Wiling, Yvonne  
Mr. Yu King Tin  
Ms. Kwan Shin Luen, Susanna