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LINMARK GROUP LIMITED

林麥集團有限公司*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Stock Code: 915

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2009

INTERIM RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shipment value amounted to approximately US\$179.2 million (equivalent to HK\$1,397.8 million), a decrease of approximately 41.2% as compared to approximately US\$304.7 million (equivalent to HK\$2,376.7 million) for the corresponding period last year.
- Revenue dropped by approximately 58.4% to approximately US\$49.9 million (equivalent to HK\$389.2 million) as compared to approximately US\$119.9 million (equivalent to HK\$935.2 million) for the corresponding period last year.
- Profit for the period amounted to approximately US\$442,000 (equivalent to HK\$3.4 million) as compared to a loss of approximately US\$8.3 million (equivalent to HK\$64.7 million) for the corresponding period last year.
- The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 0.75 HK cent per share in respect of the six months ended 31 October 2009, which should be payable on or about 14 January 2010 in cash to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 7 January 2010.

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

The board (“Board”) of directors (“Directors”) of Linmark Group Limited (“Company” or “Linmark”) announces the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) for the six months ended 31 October 2009, together with comparative figures for the previous corresponding period, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Condensed Consolidated Interim Income Statement

		For the six months ended	
		31 October	
		2009	2008
	<i>Note</i>	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		<i>US\$'000</i>	<i>US\$'000</i>
Revenue	3	49,929	119,893
Cost of sales		(35,008)	(99,402)
Gross profit		14,921	20,491
Other income		474	840
General and administrative expenses		(13,772)	(18,610)
Loss on deregistration of branches		(1,036)	–
Impairment loss on patents and trademarks	4	–	(10,137)
Finance costs		–	(42)
Share of loss of a jointly-controlled entity		(2)	(2)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	5	585	(7,460)
Tax	6	(143)	(846)
Profit/(Loss) for the period		442	(8,306)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		442	(4,565)
Minority interests		–	(3,741)
		442	(8,306)
Dividends	7	651	–
Earnings/(Loss) per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (expressed in US cent per share)	8		
– Basic		0.1	(0.7)
– Diluted		0.1	N/A

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income

	For the six months ended	
	31 October	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Profit/(Loss) for the period	<u>442</u>	<u>(8,306)</u>
Exchange differences:		
– on translation of foreign operations	(560)	(1,827)
– reclassification adjustment for loss on deregistration of branches included in the income statement	<u>1,036</u>	<u>–</u>
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax	<u>476</u>	<u>(1,827)</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax	<u>918</u>	<u>(10,133)</u>
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	918	(5,616)
Minority interests	<u>–</u>	<u>(4,517)</u>
	<u>918</u>	<u>(10,133)</u>

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position

		31 October 2009 (Unaudited) US\$'000	30 April 2009 (Audited) US\$'000
	<i>Note</i>		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,071	1,364
Intangible assets		26,333	26,489
Available-for-sale financial asset		84	84
Investment in a jointly-controlled entity		17	19
Deferred tax assets		86	86
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Total non-current assets		27,591	28,042
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		–	2,440
Trade receivables	10	6,999	18,239
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		5,180	7,309
Cash and cash equivalents		22,283	23,674
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Total current assets		34,462	51,662
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables	11	6,409	22,282
Accruals and other payables		9,896	12,040
Warranty provision		–	1,154
Balance of consideration payable for acquisitions of subsidiaries		1,149	1,149
Net liabilities of an unconsolidated investee company		5,255	–
Dividend payable to a minority shareholder of a subsidiary		–	742
Tax payable		1,847	2,143
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Total current liabilities		24,556	39,510
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		9,906	12,152
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		37,497	40,194
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITY			
Post-employment benefits		1,254	1,192
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Total non-current liability		1,254	1,192
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NET ASSETS		36,243	39,002
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EQUITY			
Share capital		13,500	13,500
Reserves		22,092	25,502
Interim dividend		651	–
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Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		36,243	39,002
Minority interests		–	–
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TOTAL EQUITY		36,243	39,002
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Notes:

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 October 2009 have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”).

This condensed consolidated interim financial information is presented in United States dollars (“US\$”), unless otherwise stated.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2009.

2. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the audited annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 April 2009, except for the adoption of the new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”) interpretations as noted below.

IFRS 1 and IAS 27 Amendments	Amendments to IFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of IFRSs</i> and IAS 27 <i>Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements – Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate</i>
IFRS 2 Amendments	Amendments to IFRS 2 <i>Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations</i>
IFRS 7 Amendments	Amendments to IFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments Disclosure – Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments</i>
IFRS 8	<i>Operating Segments</i>
IAS 1 (Revised)	<i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i>
IAS 23 (Revised)	<i>Borrowing Costs</i>
IAS 32 and IAS 1 Amendments	Amendments to IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation</i> and IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements – Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation</i>
IFRIC 13	<i>Customer Loyalty Programmes</i>
IFRIC 15	<i>Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate</i>
IFRIC 16	<i>Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation</i>
IFRIC 18	<i>Transfer of Assets from Customers</i> ¹

Apart from the above, the International Accounting Standards Board issued its first *Improvements to IFRSs** which sets out amendments to a number of IFRSs primarily with a view to removing inconsistencies and clarifying wording for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. There are separate transitional provisions for each standard. The adoption of the amendments resulted in changes to accounting policies but did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.

¹ Effective for transfers of assets from customers received on or after 1 July 2009.

* *Improvements to IFRSs* contains amendments to IFRS 5#, IFRS 7, IAS 1, IAS 8, IAS 10, IAS 16, IAS 18, IAS 19, IAS 20, IAS 23, IAS 27, IAS 28, IAS 31, IAS 34, IAS 36, IAS 38, IAS 39, IAS 40 and IAS 41.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

Except for the adoption of IAS 1 (Revised) and IFRS 8 resulted in new or amended disclosures, the adoption of these new interpretations and amendments has had no significant financial effect on these interim financial information and there have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

IFRS 8 *Operating Segments*

The Standard requires disclosure of information about the Group's operating segments and replaces the requirement to determine primary (business) and secondary (geographical) reporting segments of the Group. Adoption of this Standard did not have any effect on the financial position or performance of the Group. The Group determined that the operating segments were the same as the business segments previously identified under IAS 14 *Segment Reporting*. This Standard requires an entity, including an entity with a single reportable segment, to disclose information for the entity as a whole about its products and services, geographical areas and major customers.

IAS 1 (Revised) *Presentation of Financial Statements*

The revised Standard separates owner and non-owner changes in equity. The statement of changes in equity includes only details of transactions with owners, with non-owner changes in equity presented as a single line. In addition, the Standard introduces the statement of comprehensive income: it presents all items of recognised income and expense, either in one single statement, or in two linked statements. The Group has elected to present two statements.

3. Segment information

For management purposes, the Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations and the products and services they provide. Each of the Group's business segments represents a strategic business unit that offers products and services which are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other business segments. Summary details of the business segments are as follows:

- (a) sales of merchandise (garment, labels and consumer electronic products); and
- (b) provision of services (procurement service and value-added services relating to the procurement agency business).

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects, as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements.

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

	Unaudited		
	For the six months ended 31 October 2009		
	Sales of merchandise US\$'000	Provision of services US\$'000	Total US\$'000
SEGMENT REVENUE			
Revenue from external customers	<u>40,124</u>	<u>9,805</u>	<u>49,929</u>
SEGMENT RESULTS			
	<u>874</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>2,008</u>
Loss on deregistration of branches	–	(1,036)	(1,036)
Interest income			24
Share of loss of a jointly-controlled entity			(2)
Corporate and other unallocated expenses			<u>(409)</u>
Profit before tax			585
Tax			<u>(143)</u>
Profit for the period			<u>442</u>

	Unaudited		
	For the six months ended 31 October 2008		
	Sales of merchandise <i>US\$'000</i>	Provision of services <i>US\$'000</i>	Total <i>US\$'000</i>
SEGMENT REVENUE			
Revenue from external customers	108,460	11,433	119,893
	<u>108,460</u>	<u>11,433</u>	<u>119,893</u>
SEGMENT RESULTS			
	844	2,006	2,850
	<u>844</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>2,850</u>
Impairment loss on patents and trademarks	(10,137)	–	(10,137)
Interest income			130
Finance costs			(42)
Share of loss of a jointly-controlled entity			(2)
Corporate and other unallocated expenses			(259)
			<u>(259)</u>
Loss before tax			(7,460)
Tax			(846)
			<u>(8,306)</u>
Loss for the period			<u>(8,306)</u>

4. Impairment loss on patents and trademarks

During the six months ended 31 October 2008, the Company's directors and the Group's management performed assessment on the impairment of Group's patents and trademarks arising from the previous acquisition of 60% equity interest in Dowry Peacock Group Limited ("Dowry Peacock"), a company incorporated in the United Kingdom ("UK"), in October 2005.

During the six months ended 31 October 2008, the Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$10,137,000 in the income statement in connection with these patents and trademarks. Such impairment charge on patents and trademarks was made by management with reference to (i) the unfavourable operating results of Dowry Peacock for the period ended 31 October 2008; and (ii) management's view that the outlook for the consumer electronics markets in the UK to be uncertain.

5. Profit/(Loss) before tax

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

	For the six months ended	
	31 October	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	<i>US\$'000</i>	<i>US\$'000</i>
Depreciation	449	727
Amortisation of intangible assets	114	573
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	37	(8)
	<u>449</u>	<u>727</u>
	<u>114</u>	<u>573</u>
	<u>37</u>	<u>(8)</u>

6. Tax

	For the six months ended	
	31 October	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Current		
– Hong Kong	111	475
– Elsewhere	56	34
(Overprovision)/Underprovision in prior years	(24)	43
Deferred	–	294
	<u>143</u>	<u>846</u>

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2008: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

7. Dividends

A final dividend of 2.2 HK cents per share in respect of the year ended 30 April 2009 was paid to shareholders of the Company on 17 September 2009.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 0.75 HK cent per share in respect of the six months ended 31 October 2009, which should be payable on or about 14 January 2010 in cash to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 7 January 2010.

8. Earnings/(Loss) per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the period is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately US\$442,000 (loss attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six months ended 31 October 2008: US\$4,565,000), and the weighted average number of 674,994,644 (six months ended 31 October 2008: 674,994,644) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 31 October 2009 was based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately US\$442,000. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation was the 674,994,644 ordinary shares in issue during the period, as used in the basic earnings per share calculation; and approximately 7,683,000 ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise of all share options.

Diluted loss per share for the six months ended 31 October 2008 have not been disclosed, as the share options outstanding during the period had anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share for that period.

9. Additions in property, plant and equipment

During the six months ended 31 October 2009, the Group spent approximately US\$373,000 (2008: US\$81,000) on acquisition of items of property, plant and equipment.

10. Trade receivables

The general credit terms granted to customers range from 60 days to 90 days. An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the balance sheet date, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	31 October 2009 (Unaudited) US\$'000	30 April 2009 (Audited) US\$'000
	<i>Note</i>	
Within 30 days	3,780	6,256
31 to 60 days	2,111	3,607
61 to 90 days	678	1,624
91 to 365 days	730	7,146
Over 1 year	846	5,903
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	8,145	24,536
Impairment of trade receivables	(1,146)	(6,297)
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	6,999	18,239
	<hr/> (i) <hr/>	<hr/> 18,239 <hr/>

Note (i): At 30 April 2009, approximately US\$7.1 million of the balance is attributable to Linmark Electronics Limited (“LEL”), a 60% subsidiary of the Company. The financial results of LEL have ceased to be consolidated since the appointment of administrators of LEL on 28 July 2009.

11. Trade payables

An aged analysis of the trade payables as at the balance sheet date, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	31 October 2009 (Unaudited) US\$'000	30 April 2009 (Audited) US\$'000
	<i>Note</i>	
Within 30 days	3,694	4,322
31 to 60 days	1,665	2,303
61 to 90 days	367	1,290
91 to 365 days	294	10,598
Over 1 year	389	3,769
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	6,409	22,282
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Note (i): At 30 April 2009, approximately US\$13.8 million of the balance is attributable to LEL, a 60% subsidiary of the Company. The financial results of LEL have ceased to be consolidated since the appointment of administrators of LEL on 28 July 2009.

12. Related party transactions

- (a) During the six months ended 31 October 2009, the Group had the following material related party transactions:

		For the six months ended 31 October	
		2009	2008
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
Rental expenses paid to related companies	(i)	126	190
Royalty income from a related company	(ii)	–	39
Inspection income from a related company	(iii)	–	34
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Notes:

- (i) Rental expenses were determined based on the market rate and floor area.
- (ii) Royalty income was charged in accordance with the terms of agreement made between the parties.
- (iii) Inspection income was determined based on the rate agreed by both parties.
- (b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	For the six months ended 31 October	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Salaries, bonuses and allowances	537	216
Pension scheme contributions – defined contribution plans	32	7
Share-based payments	29	12
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Total compensation paid to key management personnel	<u>598</u>	<u>235</u>

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Review

Overview

For the six months ended 31 October 2009, shipment value amounted to approximately US\$179.2 million (equivalent to HK\$1,397.8 million), down by approximately 41.2% compared to approximately US\$304.7 million (equivalent to HK\$2,376.7 million) for the corresponding period last year. Revenue decreased by approximately 58.4% to approximately US\$49.9 million (equivalent to HK\$389.2 million). The drop in both shipment value and revenue is attributable to the drastic decline of business of the Group's electronics UK division Linmark Electronics Limited ("LEL") and by the global economic slow down that affected the Group's core customers.

The Group reported a profit after tax of approximately US\$442,000 (equivalent to HK\$3.4 million) for the six months ended 31 October 2009, against a loss of approximately US\$8.3 million (equivalent to HK\$64.7 million) for the corresponding period last year. The profit for the period under review included a non-cash expense item of approximately US\$1.0 million (equivalent to HK\$7.8 million) exchange losses arose from deregistration of overseas branches during the first half of the current financial year.

General and administrative expenses for the six months ended 31 October 2009 fell by approximately 26.0% to approximately US\$13.8 million (equivalent to HK\$107.6 million) as compared to the last corresponding period.

Segmental Analysis

The table below shows the shipment value to different markets during the period under review as compared to amounts in the previous corresponding period:

	Shipment value	
	For the six months ended	
	31 October	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	US\$' million	US\$' million
North America	100.2	160.3
Europe	39.4	85.0
Others	39.6	59.4
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Total	179.2	304.7
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During the period under review, shipment to North America decreased by approximately 37.5% to approximately US\$100.2 million (equivalent to HK\$781.6 million). North America is at present the largest market of the Group, contributing approximately 55.9% of the Group's total shipment value.

Shipment to Europe decreased by 53.6% to approximately US\$39.4 million (equivalent to HK\$307.3 million) which was largely due to the drop in sales of the electronics division in the UK. Shipment to Europe now accounts for approximately 22.0% of the Group's total shipment value.

Shipment grouped under "Others", comprising mainly shipments to the southern hemisphere, amounted to approximately US\$39.6 million (equivalent to HK\$308.9 million).

Financial Review

The Group's financial position remains healthy with cash and cash equivalents of approximately US\$22.3 million (equivalent to HK\$173.9 million) as at 31 October 2009. In addition, the Group has total banking facilities of approximately US\$33.1 million (equivalent to HK\$258.2 million) including borrowing facilities of approximately US\$0.4 million (equivalent to HK\$3.1 million) as at 31 October 2009.

The Group has a current ratio of 1.4 and gearing ratio of zero, based on no interest-bearing borrowing and total equity of approximately US\$36.2 million (equivalent to HK\$282.4 million) as at 31 October 2009. There has not been any material change in the Group's borrowings since 31 October 2009.

Trade receivables decreased from approximately US\$18.2 million (equivalent to HK\$142.0 million) as at 30 April 2009 to approximately US\$7.0 million (equivalent to HK\$54.6 million) as at 31 October 2009. At 30 April 2009, approximately US\$7.1 million (equivalent to HK\$55.4 million) of the trade receivables is attributable to LEL. The financial results of LEL have ceased to be consolidated with those of the Group since the appointment of administrators of LEL on 28 July 2009. Trade receivables aged over 90 days, which amounted to approximately US\$1.6 million (equivalent to HK\$12.5 million), are being carefully monitored by management.

The Group's net asset value as at 31 October 2009 was approximately US\$36.2 million (equivalent to HK\$282.4 million).

The Group had no material contingent liability as at 31 October 2009 and there has been no material change since then.

The majority of the Group's transactions during the period under review were denominated in US dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Sterling. To minimize exchange risks, sales and purchases are generally transacted in the same currency.

Remuneration Policy and Staff Development Scheme

As at 31 October 2009, the Group had 557 staff. The total staff costs for the period under review amounted to approximately US\$9.2 million (equivalent to HK\$71.8 million) (2008: US\$11.2 million (equivalent to HK\$87.4 million)). The Group offers competitive remuneration schemes to its employees based on industry practices, individual and the Group's performance. In addition, share options and discretionary bonuses are also granted to eligible staff based on both the Group's as well as individual performance.

Administration of LEL

On 28 July 2009, LEL, a company incorporated in the UK and a 60% subsidiary of the Company, filed a notice of appointment of administrators in the UK, pursuant to which joint administrators ("Administrators") of LEL ("Appointment") have been appointed pursuant to paragraph 22 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 of the UK. The Appointment brings into effect a statutory moratorium which prevents any action by the creditors of LEL, so that the Administrators can effect the reorganisation of LEL and/or the orderly realisation of its assets for the benefit of creditors. Upon the Appointment, the legal control of business of LEL was transferred from the directors of LEL to the Administrators. Since then, the Company has lost control over the financial and operating policies of LEL and therefore, the financial results of LEL have ceased to be consolidated with those of the Group upon the Appointment.

Based on the update from the Administrators of LEL, the liquidation of LEL is expected to occur in the second half of the current financial year.

For the six months ended 31 October 2009, LEL contributed revenues of approximately US\$1.7 million (equivalent to HK\$13.3 million) (2008: US\$44.0 million (equivalent to HK\$343.2 million)) and net loss of approximately US\$121,000 (equivalent to HK\$944,000) (2008: US\$12.2 million (equivalent to HK\$95.2 million)) to the Group.

As at 31 October 2009, the total net liabilities of LEL included in the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group amounted to approximately US\$5.3 million (equivalent to HK\$41.3 million).

Prospects

The Group finally came to terms with its loss-making electronics division LEL in the UK in July 2009 thus enabling management to fully focus on its core competency. Management expects a material positive impact on the Group's earnings once the liquidation process of LEL is completed, which is expected to be in the second half of the current financial year.

In October 2009, markets started to talk about signs of economic recovery, especially in the US. But the prospects of a better holiday season faded away with disappointing sales for Thanksgiving and with consumers' polls showing they are not willing to spend as much this Christmas as they did last year. Last but not least, the recent financial turmoil in Dubai is the last clear sign that the crisis may not be over yet. Management therefore expects the second half of the current financial year to remain challenging.

The Group's core customers remain very prudent and want to keep inventory at a low level while maintaining their pressure on keeping prices low.

Fierce competition has resulted in a key customer in North America not renewing their agency agreement with the Group. While it would have a significant impact on the Group's shipment value in the next financial year, it would have little impact on revenue. However, the drop in shipment value is expected to be partially offset by the growing volume of new accounts in the US and Europe that the Group added to its portfolio earlier this year.

Management's efforts on reducing operating expenses to compensate for the loss in volume compared to the same period last year have enabled the Group to maintain a reasonable level of profitability, and management will continue to streamline operations and maintain expenses under stringent control.

Despite an overall decline in shipment value, the Group has registered growth with several core customers who have recognised the Group's efforts and progress in improved performance and competitiveness. The Group's entire management team is clearly focused on further maintaining a high level of customer service and competitiveness through stringent controls along the entire supply chain.

With performance being under control at a high level, the Group's main focus in the second half of the financial year will be on acquiring new customers and maximizing revenue from existing ones. Management has taken the first steps and started building a sales and marketing force in Australia and North America that will support the Group's existing management in their constant efforts to drive growth and profitability. The addition of a sales and marketing support team in Europe is planned at the beginning of the next financial year.

Management remains optimistic that the elimination of unprofitable businesses and the measures taken to improve performance and customer satisfaction, coupled with a strong initiative to acquire new customers and businesses have set a solid foundation for success mid to long term.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared the payment of an interim dividend of 0.75 HK cent per share in respect of the six months ended 31 October 2009 and such interim dividend will be paid in cash on or about 14 January 2010 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 7 January 2010.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

In order to determine the entitlement to the interim dividend for the period under review, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 5 January 2010 to 7 January 2010, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Tricor Standard Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 4 January 2010.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the period under review.

REVIEW OF RESULTS

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended 31 October 2009 have been reviewed by Ernst & Young, the external auditors of the Company, in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagement 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The audit committee, comprising the three independent non-executive Directors referred to below, has reviewed with management and the Company's external auditors the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters, including the report prepared by the external auditors to the audit committee in respect of the review of the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 31 October 2009.

The audit committee has also reviewed the terms and conditions of the connected transactions of the Company that took place during the period under review.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A corporate governance report has been published and included in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2009, in which the Company reported the adoption of most of the Code Provisions as stated in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("Code") of the Company, save for the deviation from Code Provision A.2.1 and modifications made to Code Provision B.1.3. For the period under review, the Company has fully complied with the Code Provisions of the Code, save for modifications made to Code Provision B.1.3.

Code Provision B.1.3

The terms of reference of the remuneration committee were in compliance with the Code Provisions except that Code Provisions B.1.3(a) and B.1.3(b) have been combined and modified such that the remuneration committee has the power to do such things and to approve all matters in relation to compensation regarding all the directors and the senior management of the Group in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective agreement/contract with the Company, or as the case may be, the relevant subsidiary of the Company. In addition, the remuneration committee is also delegated with the authority to exercise all the powers of the board of directors of the Company in relation to the share option scheme of the Company.

Management considers that the remuneration committee can better serve its functions under the modified terms (“Modified Terms”) of reference of the remuneration committee set out above as its duties under the Modified Terms are more extensive and onerous than those prescribed in the Code Provisions. The Company therefore proposes that the remuneration committee shall continue to abide by the provisions of the Modified Terms in the future. Management will review the terms regularly and make appropriate changes if necessary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive directors, being Mr. WANG Lu Yen (chairman), Mr. Michel BOURLON (chief executive officer) and Mr. KHOO Kim Cheng, two non-executive directors, being Mr. WONG Wai Ming and Mr. Mark HSU and three independent non-executive directors, being Mr. WANG Arthur Minshiang, Mr. TSE Hau Yin, Aloysius and Mr. Jakob Jacobus Koert TULLENERS.

PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

The results announcement is published on the designated website of the Stock Exchange for news dissemination at www.hkexnews.hk and on the Company’s website at www.linmark.com. The 2010 interim report will be despatched to the shareholders and available on the same websites on or about 18 December 2009.

By Order of the Board
WANG Lu Yen
Chairman

Hong Kong, 11 December 2009

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