

Note 27 Post balance sheet event

1. London Asia Capital plc

London Asia Capital plc is pursuing an action against a former director of this company, Mr Simon Littlewood, and his wife, Josee Lai, in the courts of Hong Kong. The claim arises from the share swaps in 2007. In those share swaps London Asia Capital Land Limited was issued with 21,505,376 ordinary shares of London Asia Capital plc at 12p each, in return for a 60% shareholding in London Asia Capital Land Limited. Simon Littlewood and Josee Lai failed to arrange the issue of that 60% shareholding as consideration, and failed to pay London Asia Capital Land Limited the premium of approximately £3,870,471 which is claimed.

A writ has been filed at the court and was issued and served on 22 June 2010.

2. Huang He Securities Limited

This company is pursuing a claim against Mr Yeo Chee Chiow, a former director, for unpaid share premium pursuant to a Shareholders' Agreement entered into in May 2007. At the time, the defendant subscribed for 120,020 ordinary shares in the company at HK\$500 per share, for consideration of HK\$1 per share paid-up and HK\$499 as unpaid share capital. The directors have called for the unpaid share capital but the defendant has failed to pay the total sum of unpaid share premium due of HK\$59,889,481 (approximately £5,159,628) plus interest at a rate of 15 per cent per annum.

The defendant, who is believed to reside in Singapore, has alleged that a fraud has been committed against him, and specifically that signatures on some, but not all, of the documents are not his signatures.

A writ has been filed at the court in Hong Kong and was issued on 5 January 2010.

3. London Asia Limited

This company is pursuing a claim for unpaid share premium against Mr Koo Kok Wai, a former director, who subscribed for shares in August 2007. The defendant applied for 119,999 shares in the company for consideration of HK\$1 per share paid-up and HK\$499 as unpaid share. The directors have called for the unpaid share capital but the defendant has failed to pay the total sum of HK\$59,879,501 (approximately £5,163,012) plus interest at a rate of 15 per cent per annum.

A writ has been filed at the court in Hong Kong and was issued on 24 June 2010.

4. London Asia Capital (S) Pte Ltd

As a result of directors' investigations into the business of the Hong Kong companies, it has also become apparent that there have been a number of transactions processed through this Singapore company which have not properly been accounted for. Investigations into this matter are ongoing and may lead to litigation in due course.