

2003 Interim Results

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Earnings per share HK\$0.25

Recommended final dividend of HK3 cents per share

HONG KONG, 9th September 2003. Great Eagle Holdings Limited (SEHK:041) today announced its results for the 6 months ended 30th June 2003. Group turnover was HK\$1,114.036 million (2002: HK\$1,214.218 million). Profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$144.688 million (2002: HK\$252.421 million). Earnings per share was HK\$0.25 (2002: HK\$0.44).

The Board is recommending an interim dividend of HK3 cents per share (2002: HK5 cents per share).

Dr. K.S. Lo, deputy chairman and managing director of Great Eagle Holdings Limited, comments on the half-year results, "The war in Iraq and SARS had a major negative impact on the performance of our hotels in the first six months of 2003. There was also a decline in income of our Hong Kong rental portfolio as the soft economy continued to pressure rent rates. The hotel business has been recovering gradually in the second half. Recently there have also been clear signs sentiments in the Hong Kong have improved. Grade-A office leasing activities have also been on the rise. We should be seeing a stabilisation of rent rates in the next several months. In the mean time, construction at our Langham Place retail, office and hotel project in Mongkok has been making satisfactory progress. We are planning to commence leasing and marketing of the various components later in the year. Such activities should benefit from the recent improvement in general market conditions."

The Great Eagle Group is one of Hong Kong's leading property and hotel companies. Headquartered in Hong Kong, the Group develops, invests in and manages high quality office, retail, residential and hotel properties in Hong Kong, North America and Europe. Its core commercial properties comprise 1.6 million square feet of Grade-A office space in the prime commercial districts of Hong Kong. It is also developing a 1.78 million square feet office, retail and hotel complex in the prime shopping district of Mongkok, Kowloon. The Group's extensive international hotel portfolio currently comprises seven gateway city luxury properties with over 4,000 rooms.

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