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HONG WEI (ASIA) HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

鴻偉(亞洲)控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8191)

**FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

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This announcement, for which the directors (the “Directors”) of Hong Wei (Asia) Holdings Company Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiary, the “Group”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”) for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

RESULTS

The board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Hong Wei (Asia) Holdings Company Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”) for the three months ended 31 March 2016 together with the comparative unaudited figures of the corresponding period in 2015.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months ended 31 March

	<i>Notes</i>	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000
Revenue	2	96,817	84,012
Cost of sales		<u>(71,119)</u>	<u>(61,512)</u>
Gross profit		25,698	22,500
Other income		3,682	3,526
Other gain/(losses)		(121)	–
Selling and distribution expenses		(9,334)	(7,693)
Administration expenses		(9,435)	(6,505)
Other expenses		(32)	(483)
Finance costs	3	<u>(5,632)</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>
Profit before tax		4,826	4,026
Income tax expense	4	<u>(631)</u>	<u>(525)</u>
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	5	<u>4,195</u>	<u>3,501</u>
Other comprehensive income which will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency		<u>2,207</u>	<u>1,651</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period		<u>2,207</u>	<u>1,651</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>6,402</u>	<u>5,152</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company		<u>6,402</u>	<u>5,152</u>
Basic earnings per share, in HK cents	6	<u>0.51</u>	<u>0.49</u>

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Statutory reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Foreign currency translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Accumulated profits <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Balance at 1 January 2015	189,015	(16,968)	9,715	13,038	60,017	254,817
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	3,501	3,501
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	1,651	–	1,651
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	1,651	3,501	5,152
Balance at 31 March 2015	<u>189,015</u>	<u>(16,968)</u>	<u>9,715</u>	<u>14,689</u>	<u>63,518</u>	<u>259,969</u>
Balance at 1 January 2016	253,928	(16,968)	13,251	(5,676)	81,136	325,671
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	4,195	4,195
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	2,207	–	2,207
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	2,207	4,195	6,402
Balance at 31 March 2016	<u>253,928</u>	<u>(16,968)</u>	<u>13,251</u>	<u>(3,469)</u>	<u>85,331</u>	<u>332,073</u>

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Directors have given careful consideration to the Group's financial performance, working capital, liquidity position and available banking facilities from its principal bankers. On the basis that the Group's business, operations and relationships with its suppliers remained stable and the banking facilities available to the Group, the Directors are of the view that the Group will be able to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The unaudited consolidated results for the three months ended 31 March 2016 have not been audited by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The accounting policies and basis of preparation used in the preparation of the unaudited consolidated results are consistent with those used in the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015, except for the adoption of the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS").

Amendments to HKFRS 11	Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations
Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure Initiative
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38	Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 41	Agriculture: Bearer Plants
Amendments to HKAS 27	Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements
Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28	Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception

2. REVENUE

Revenue represents revenue arising on sales of particleboards as follows:

	For the three months ended	
	31 March 2016 HK\$'000	31 March 2015 HK\$'000
Sales of particleboards	<u>96,817</u>	<u>84,012</u>

3. FINANCE COSTS

	For the three months ended	
	31 March 2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Interest on bank loans	4,819	6,621
Interest on puttable notes and guaranteed bonds	813	698
	<u>5,632</u>	<u>7,319</u>

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the three months ended	
	31 March 2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Deferred tax:		
Current year charge	631	525
	<u>631</u>	<u>525</u>

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group's income neither arises in, nor is derived from Hong Kong.

Under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of Hongwei (Renhua) is 25% during the three months ended 31 March 2016 and 2015 respectively.

Pursuant to the EIT Law and its implementation regulations, where an enterprise utilises the resources as listed in the Catalogue of Resources for Comprehensive Utilisation Entitling Enterprises to Income Tax Preferences (資源綜合利用企業所得稅優惠目錄) as its major raw materials to make products which are not restricted or prohibited by the state and are consistent with the relevant state or industrial standards, only 90% of the income derived therefrom shall be accounted for as taxable income of the enterprise in that year. During the three months ended 31 March 2016 and 2015 respectively, Hongwei (Renhua) is entitled to such preferential policy and only 90% of the income of Hongwei (Renhua) from the sale of particleboard was regarded as taxable income.

5. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

Profit has been arrived at after charging:

	For the three months ended	
	31 March 2016 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2015 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6,009	6,639
Amortization of Intangible Asset	138	–
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	116	125
Total depreciation and amortisation expenses	<u>6,263</u>	<u>6,764</u>
Employee benefits expenses (include Directors' emoluments)		
Salaries and other benefits	3,344	3,145
Contribution to retirement benefit schemes	412	484
Total employee benefit expenses	<u>3,756</u>	<u>3,629</u>
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	<u>71,119</u>	<u>61,512</u>

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share attributable to the owners of the company is based on the following data:

Earnings

	For the three months ended	
	31 March	31 March
	2016	2015
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share	4,195	3,501

Number of shares

	For the three months ended	
	31 March	31 March
	2016	2015
	'000	'000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	832,603	711,115

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group continues to engage in the manufacturing and sales of particleboards in 2016. The products of the Group were well received by the customers and as a result, new customers were acquired and sale were increased. Meanwhile, we are seeking to expand our supplier base for the supply of the residual wood materials which is a key raw material for the Group's production of particleboards. We have noted increase in the unit costs of wood materials purchased over the years. Given the continued expansion of our operations and the planned expansion of our production capacity, it would be in the best interests of the Company to consider upstream acquisitions of forestry rights in order to give us greater assurance on the supply of wood materials and better ability to control the costs of such raw materials.

Since the beginning of 2016, the Group has entered into acquisition agreements with different independent third parties for the purchases of forest rights at different locations within a 500-mile diameter from the Group's production base. These acquisitions are subject to downward adjustment on a dollar for dollar basis, should the market value of those forest rights determined by an independent valuer be less than the initial consideration. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 21 May 2016 and the annual results announcement of the Company dated 31 May 2016. The acquisitions are still in progress up to the date of this announcement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's revenue increased to approximately HK\$96.8 million from approximately HK\$84.0 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 15.2%. The increase was mainly due to the increase in sales volume as a result of wider product offerings and increase in number of new customers.

Cost of sales

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's costs of sales increased to approximately HK\$71.1 million from approximately HK\$61.5 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 15.6%. The increase was mainly attributed to increase in the quantity of goods sold.

Gross profit and margin

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's gross profit increased to approximately HK\$25.7 million from approximately HK\$22.5 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 14.2% which in line with increase in revenue and the Group's gross profit margin decreased slightly to approximately 26.5% as compared to that of approximately 26.8% for the three months ended 31 March 2015.

Selling and distribution expenses

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's distribution expenses increased by 21.3% to approximately HK\$9.3 million as compared to that of approximately HK\$7.7 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in transportation and other ancillary expenses.

Administration expenses

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's administrative expenses increased to approximately HK\$9.4 million from approximately HK\$6.5 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 45.0%. The increase was mainly attributed to increase in ancillary expenses to promote sales.

Finance costs

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's finance costs decreased to approximately HK\$5.6 million from approximately HK\$7.3 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing a decrease of approximately 23.0%. The decrease was mainly attributed to lower amount of outstanding bank loans and the decrease in interest rate for PRC loans as a result of a lower value of RMB against HKD as of 31 March 2016 as compared to that as at 31 March 2015.

Profit attributable to owners of the Company

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's profit attributable to owners of the Company increased to approximately HK\$4.2 million from approximately HK\$3.5 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 19.8%. The increase was mainly attributable to the decrease in finance cost and increase in sales.

Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company

During the three months ended 31 March 2016, the Group's total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company increased to approximately HK\$6.4 million from approximately HK\$5.2 million for the three months ended 31 March 2015, representing an increase of approximately 24.3%. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in profit attributable to owners of the Company and the income from exchange difference arising from translation of RMB to HKD during the three months ended 31 March 2016.

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

For the three months ended 31 March 2016, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any securities of the Company.

INTERESTS OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISER

As notified by the compliance adviser of the Company, VBG Capital Limited (“VBG”), as at 31 March 2016, except for the compliance adviser agreement entered into between the Company and VBG dated 23 December 2013, neither VBG or its directors, employees or close associates had any interest in relation to the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Board of the Company has reviewed and discussed with the management of the Group the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2016.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the three months ended 31 March 2016 (2015: Nil).

By order of the Board
Hong Wei (Asia) Holdings Company Limited
Wong Cheung Lok
Chairman

Hong Kong, 31 May 2016

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Cheung Lok, Ms. Cheung Ngai Kwan, Ms. Huang Xiuyan and Mr. Liu Jiayong; the non-executive Directors are Mr. Ong Chor Wei and Mr. Lai Ming Wai; and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. Xu Jianmin, Ms. Qian Xiaoyu and Mr. Wong Hei Chiu.

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