



英皇證券集團有限公司
Emperor Capital Group Limited

於百慕達註冊成立之有限公司(股份代號:717)
Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability (Stock Code:717)

Announces 2021/22 Interim Results

(Hong Kong, 27 May 2022) **Emperor Capital Group Limited** (“Emperor Capital Group” or the “Group”) (Stock code: 717), a one-stop financial services institution in Hong Kong, announced its interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2022 (the “Period”).

Against the backdrop of a tough business operating environment, the Group’s revenue decreased to HK\$244.8 million (2021: HK\$346.6 million) during the Period. Impairment allowances for margin loans, and other loans and advances of HK\$161.8 million (2021: HK\$140.1 million) was recognised. Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company was HK\$35.0 million (2021: profit of HK\$53.7 million). Basic loss per share was HK0.52 cent (2021: basic earnings per share of HK0.80 cent).

Financing

With uncertainties over the economic outlook, the Group continued to adopt stringent loan approval procedures, and remained prudent regarding the valuation of collaterals. The Group retained its pro-active approach to strengthening the overall credit risk management and control mechanism in its financing business. The Group also closely monitored the market situation and adjusted the interest rate and loan-to-value ratio on a timely basis, in order to optimise the balance between risk and capital. During the Period, the segment’s revenue was HK\$203.4 million (2021: HK\$283.2 million), accounting for 83.1% (2021: 81.7%) of the Group’s total revenue.

Brokerage Services

The Group offers web-based and mobile trading platforms which enable real-time transaction and investment portfolio monitoring. As at 31 March 2022, the Group operated 3 branches in Hong Kong and 3 liaison offices in mainland China. During the Period, the stock market remained volatile; revenue from brokerage services was HK\$36.0 million (2021: HK\$55.1 million), accounting for 14.7% (2021: 15.9%) of the Group’s total revenue.

Placing and Underwriting

During the Period, the revenue of the Group's placing and underwriting segment was HK\$1.5 million (2021: HK\$5.0 million), accounting for 0.6% (2021: 1.4%) of the Group's total revenue.

Corporate Finance

The Group handled a number of corporate advisory and IPO transactions during the Period. Revenue from the corporate finance segment increased mildly to HK\$4.0 million (2021: HK\$3.4 million), accounting for 1.6% (2021: 1.0%) of the Group's total revenue.

Ms. Daisy Yeung, Chief Executive Officer of Emperor Capital Group, said, "With the continuing impacts of a series of international events, the volatility of financial markets is likely to remain, adding to uncertainties regarding global economic development. On the other hand, China is expected to continue to be the growth engine of the global economy with its stable economic fundamentals. With Hong Kong remaining a vital link for access to China's market, the financial services industry will continue developing with a promising outlook. The co-ordinated development with neighbouring cities in the Greater Bay Area will create enormous business opportunities, and ample room for Hong Kong's development.

Ms. Yeung concluded, "In anticipation of continuing market volatility in the second half of the year, the Group will adhere to its cautious approach in its financing business, to minimise risks of default. The Group will also strengthen its wealth management business development, by offering more unique and quality investment funds and bond products and services, aiming to expand its high net worth customer base. Moreover, the Group will exercise stringent control over operating costs and adopt appropriate strategies to mitigate downside risk while seizing opportunities, and will endeavour to maintain steady businesses development."

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About Emperor Capital Group Limited

Established in 1993, Emperor Capital Group Limited (717.HK) is a renowned Hong Kong based financial institution providing a wide range of financial services including (i) commercial and personal lending as well as margin and IPO financing; (ii) brokerage services, wealth management and asset management; (iii) placing and underwriting services for listed issuers; and (iv) corporate finance advisory services. For more information, please visit its website: www.EmperorCapital.com.

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