

# SOLONOON SYSTECH Interim Report 2005

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# **Financial Highlights**

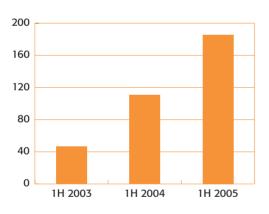
	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June			
	2005 US\$ million	Restated 2004 US\$ million	Growth %	
Turnover Gross profit Net profit	185.7 57.9 36.3	110.1 39.7 22.5	69 46 62	
Total assets Shareholders' funds	238.2 176.3	190.9* 148.7*	25 19	
(US cents) Earnings per share Dividends per share	1.50 0.51	1.08 0.34	39 54	

\* Figures extracted from 2004 interim report without restatement.

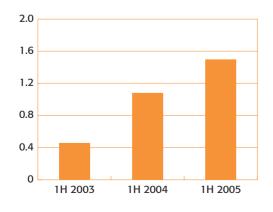
- Turnover grew by 69% as a result of gain in market share and timely introduction of new products
- Net profit rose to US\$36.3 million, an increase of 62% year-on-year
- Earnings per share was 1.50 US cents, or 11.7 HK cents

**Turnover (US\$ million)** 

• The Board resolved to declare an interim dividend per share of 4.0 HK cents, equivalent to 0.51 US cents

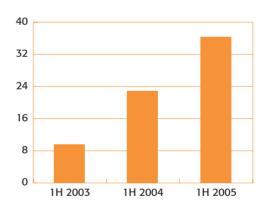




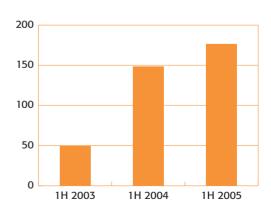


Note: All the numbers are unaudited

# **Net Profit (US\$ million)**



Shareholders' Funds (US\$ million)



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# **Interim Dividend**

The directors (the "Directors") of Solomon Systech (International) Limited (the "Company") have resolved to declare an interim dividend of 4.0 HK cents per share to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on 28 September 2005. The interim dividend will be paid on 7 October 2005.

# **Closure of Register of Members**

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 23 September 2005 to 28 September 2005, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Ground Floor, BEA Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on 22 September 2005.

## **Interim Results**

The Directors are pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2005 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period of last year as follows.

# **Condensed Consolidated Profit and Loss Account**

For the Six Months Ended 30 June 2005

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 Jun		
	Note	2005 US\$'000	Restated 2004 US\$'000
Turnover	5	185,713	110,125
Cost of sales		(127,782)	(70,429)
Gross profit	5	57,931	39,696
Other revenues		1,280	120
Research and development costs		(5,563)	(4,615)
Selling and distribution expenses		(1,588)	(688)
Administrative expenses		(7,168)	(7,243)
Other operating (expenses)/income		(27)	211
Operating profit	7	44,865	27,481
Finance costs		(1)	(1)
Share of results of an associated company		(74)	(22)
Profit before taxation	8	44.790	27,458
Taxation		(8,486)	(4,986)
Profit attributable to shareholders		36,304	22,472
Dividends	9	12,912	24,432
Earnings per share (US cents) Basic Diluted	10	1.50 1.50	1.08

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**

As at 30 June 2005

		Unaudited 30 June	Restated 31 December
	Note	2005	2004
ASSETS		US\$'000	US\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		9,066	9,548
Other financial assets Investment in an associated company		211 1,044	- 1 110
Fixed bank deposit		6,000	1,119 11,000
		16,321	21,667
			21,007
Current assets Inventories		27,779	42,458
Accounts and bills receivables	11	38,681	56,862
Prepayments, deposit and other receivables		2,451	1,304
Other financial assets		3,000	, _
Pledged bank deposits		130	2,130
Bank balances and cash		149,884	125,715
		221,925	228,469
Total assets		238,246	250,136
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders			
Share capital	14	32,297	32,279
Own shares held	15	(624)	(1,338)
Reserves			
Proposed dividend	9	12,912	38,655
Others		131,704	107,184
		176,289	176,780
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Obligations under finance leases		25	20
Deferred taxation	13	398	29
		423	49
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	12	36,334	54,760
Accrued charges and other payables		8,338	8,639
Tax payable		16,854	9,900
Obligations under finance leases		8	8
		61,534	73,307
Total liabilities		61,957	73,356
Total equity and liabilities		238,246	250,136
Net current assets		160,391	155,162
Total assets less current liabilities		176,712	176,829

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the Six Months Ended 30 June 2005

				Unaudi	ted			
			Own			Equity		
	Share	Share	shares	Merger	Exchange co	mpensation	Retained	
	capital	premium	held	reserve	reserve	reserve	earnings	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
At 1 January 2004, as previously reported	24,302	-	-	2,082	(1)	-	23,533	49,916
Effect of changes in accounting policies	_	-	(755)	-	-	384	394	23
At 1 January 2004, as restated	24,302	-	(755)	2,082	(1)	384	23,927	49,939
Exchange differences	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Capitalisation of retained earnings for								
issue of new shares	2,436	_	(1,530)	-	-	-	(906)	-
Issue of ordinary shares	5,541	91,431	-	-	-	-	-	96,972
Share issue expenses	-	(5,037)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,037
Dividends paid, net of portion								
for own shares held	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,020)	(16,020
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,472	22,472
Equity compensation	-	-	-	-	-	460	-	460
At 30 June 2004	32,279	86,394	(2,285)	2,082	-	844	29,473	148,787
At 1 January 2005, as previously reported	32,279	86,394	-	2,082	(41)	-	55,865	176,579
Effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-	(1,338)	-	-	1,616	(77)	201
At 1 January 2005, as restated	32,279	86,394	(1,338)	2,082	(41)	1,616	55,788	176,780
Exchange difference	_	_	_	_	(15)	-	-	(15
Exercise of share option	18	363	_	_	-	(66)	-	315
Dividends paid, net of portion								
for own shares held	-	_	-	-	-	-	(37,906)	(37,906
Profit for the period	-	_	-	-	-	-	36,304	36,304
Equity compensation	-	-	-	-	-	811	-	811
Value of equity compensation								
transferred to share premium	-	1,328	714	-	-	(1,328)	(714)	-
At 30 June 2005	32,297	88,085	(624)	2,082	(56)	1,033	53,472	176,289

# **Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

For the Six Months Ended 30 June 2005

	0	dited nded 30 June
	2005 US\$'000	Restated 2004 US\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	59,730 286	19,461
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities (note)	(35,832)	(8,141) 75,927
Increase in cash and cash equivalents Effect of foreign exchange rate changes Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	24,184 (15) 125,715	87,247 1 37,196
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	149,884	124,444
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents: Bank balances and cash	149,884	124,444

Note: Cash outflow from financing activities in 2005 represents mainly dividend payment and cash inflow from financing activities in 2004 represents mainly proceed from initial public offer.

# **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Accounts**

# 1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim accounts ("Interim Accounts") are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

These Interim Accounts should be read in conjunction with the 2004 annual report.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these Interim Accounts are consistent with those used in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2004 except the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following its adoption of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKFRS") which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2005.

These Interim Accounts have been prepared in accordance with those HKFRS standards and interpretations issued and effective as at the time of preparing these information (July 2005). The HKFRS and their interpretations that will be applicable at 31 December 2005, including those that will be applicable on an optional basis, are not known with certainty at the time of preparing these interim financial information and have not been applied in this Interim Accounts.

The changes to the Group's accounting policies and the effect of adopting these new policies are set out in note 2 below.

# 2 Changes in accounting policies

#### (a) Effect of adopting new/revised HKAS, HKAS-Int and HKFRS

In 2005, the Group adopted the new/revised standards of HKAS, HKAS-Int and HKFRS below, which are relevant to its operations. The 2004 comparatives have been amended as required, in accordance with the relevant requirements.

HKAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements
HKAS 2	Inventories
HKAS 7	Cash Flow Statements
HKAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
HKAS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment
HKAS 17	Leases
HKAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
HKAS 24	Related Party Disclosures
HKAS 27	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
HKAS 28	Investments in Associates
HKAS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosures and Presentation
HKAS 33	Earnings per Share
HKAS 36	Impairment of Assets
HKAS 38	Intangible Assets
HKAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
HKAS-Int 12	Consolidation - Special Purpose Entities
HKAS-Int 15	Operating Leases - Incentives
HKAS-Int 21	Income Taxes - Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciated Assets
HKFRS 2	Share-based Payments
HKFRS 3	Business Combinations

- (a) Effect of adopting new/revised HKAS, HKAS-Int and HKFRS (continued) The adoption of new/revised HKASs 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 21, 24, 27, 28, 33 and HKAS-Ints 15 and 21 did not result in substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies. In summary:
  - HKAS 1 resulted in differences in the presentation of minority interest, share of net after-tax results of associates and other disclosures.
  - HKASs 2, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 27, 28, 33 and HKAS-Ints 15 and 21 had no material effect on the Group's policies.
  - HKAS 21 had no material effect on the Group's policy. The functional currency of each of the consolidated entity has been re-evaluated based on the guidance to the revised standard. All the Group entities have the same functional currency as the presentation currency for respective entity financial statements.
  - HKAS 24 has affected the identification of related parties and some other related-party disclosures.

The adoption of HKASs 32 and 39 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy relating to the classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets. It has also resulted in the recognition of derivative financial instruments at fair value and the change in the recognition and measurement of hedging activities.

The adoption of HKFRS 2 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for share-based payments. Until 31 December 2004, the provision of shares or options did not result in an expense in the income statements. Effective on 1 January 2005, the Group expenses the cost of shares or options in the income statement. As a transitional provision, the cost of shares or options granted after 7 November 2002 and had not yet vested on 1 January 2005 was expensed retrospectively in the income statement of the respective periods.

The adoption of HKFRS 3, HKAS 36 and HKAS 38 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for goodwill. There was no material impact on the Interim Accounts as both the goodwill and intangible assets of the Group have been fully amortised as at 31 December 2004.

The adoption of HKAS-Int 12 has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for the consolidation of a special purpose entity ("SPE"). A SPE should be consolidated when the substance of the relationship between the Group and the SPE indicates that the SPE is controlled by the Group.

All changes in the accounting policies have been made in accordance with the transition provisions in the respective standards, wherever applicable. All standards adopted by the Group require retrospective application other than:

- HKAS 16 the initial measurement of an item of property, plant and equipment acquired in an exchange of assets transaction is accounted at fair value prospectively only to future transactions;
- HKAS 21 prospective accounting for goodwill and fair value adjustments as part of foreign operations;
- HKAS 39 does not permit to recognise, derecognise and measure financial assets and liabilities in accordance with this standard on a retrospective basis. The Group applied the previous SSAP 24 "Accounting For Investments in Securities" to investments in securities for the 2004 comparative information. The adjustments required for the accounting differences between SSAP 24 and HKAS 39 are determined and recognised at 1 January 2005.
- HKAS-Int 15 does not require the recognition of incentives for leases beginning before 1 January 2005; and
- HKFRS 2 only retrospective applicable for all equity instruments granted after 7 November 2002 and not vested at 1 January 2005.

# (a) Effect of adopting new/revised HKAS, HKAS-Int and HKFRS (continued)

The following are the impact upon the adoption of HKFRS 2 Share-based Payments:

	30 June	31 December
	2005	2004
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Increase in equity compensation reserve	1,033	1,616
Increase in share premium	1,394	_
Decrease in retained earnings	2,427	1,616

	For the year ended 31 December	For the six n 30 June	nonths ended 30 June
	2004 US\$'000	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
Increase in research and development costs	210	371	_
Increase in selling and distribution costs Increase in administrative expenses	17 1,006	47 393	460
Decrease in basic earnings per share (US cents)	0.05	0.03	0.02
Decrease in diluted earnings per share (US cents)	0.05	0.03	0.02

The following are the impact upon the adoption of HKAS-Int 12 Consolidation-Special Purpose Entities:

	30 June	31 December
	2005	2004
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Increase in bank balance and cash	954	447
Increase in accrued charges and other payables	-	246
Increase in own shares held	624	1,338
Increase in retained earnings	1,578	1,539

	For the year ended 31 December	For the six r 30 June	<b>nonths ended</b> 30 June
	2004	2005	2004
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Increase in other revenue	1	5	_
Increase in basic earnings per share (US cents)	0.20	0.05	0.09
Increase in diluted earnings per share (US cents)	0.20	0.05	0.09

#### (b) New Accounting Policies

The accounting policies used for the Interim Accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2005 are the same as those set out in note 2 to the 2004 annual accounts except for the following:

2.1 Acquisition of subsidiaries and associates

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the profit and loss accounts.

An investment in an associate is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which it becomes an associate. On acquisition of the investment, the measurement and recognition of goodwill is same as that of goodwill arising from the acquisition of subsidiaries. Goodwill relating to an associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment. Appropriate adjustments to the investor's share of the profits or losses after acquisition are made to account based on their fair values at the date of acquisition.

2.2 Special purpose entities

Special purpose entities are all entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies. Special purpose entities are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and they are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

- 2.3 Foreign currency translation
  - (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the accounts of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated accounts are presented in US dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the profit and loss accounts, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges or qualifying net investment hedges.

Translation differences on non-monetary items, such as equity instruments held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation difference on non-monetary items, such as equities classified as available-for-sale financial assets, are included in the fair value reserve in equity.

#### (b) New Accounting Policies (continued)

- 2.3 Foreign currency translation (continued)
  - (c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each profit and loss account are translated at average exchange rates; and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognised as a separate component of equity.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities, and of borrowings and other currency instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are taken to shareholders' equity. When a foreign operation is sold, such exchange differences are recognised in the profit and loss account as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing ceases.

#### 2.4 Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary/associate at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in investments in associates. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

#### 2.5 Impairment of assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation, which are at least tested annually for impairment are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

#### (b) New Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 2.6 Investments

From 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004: The Group classified its investments in securities, other than subsidiaries, associates, as investment securities.

Investment securities Investment securities are stated at cost less any provision for impairment losses.

The carrying amounts of individual investments are reviewed at each balance sheet date to assess whether the fair values have declined below the carrying amounts. When a decline other than temporary has occurred, the carrying amount of such securities will be reduced to its fair value. The impairment loss is recongised as an expense in the profit and loss account. The impairment loss is written back to profit and loss account when the circumstances and events that led to the write-downs or write-offs cease to exist and there is persuasive evidence that the new circumstances and events will persist for the foreseeable future.

From 1 January 2005 onwards:

The Group classifies its investments in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

(a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

(b) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are included in trade and other receivables in the balance sheet.

(c) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Group's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. During the period, the Group did not hold any investments in this category.

#### (b) New Accounting Policies (continued)

- 2.6 Investments (continued)
  - (d) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date - the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Available for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognized in equity. When securities classified as available-for-sale are recognized in equity. When securities classified as available-for-sale are recognized in equity. When securities classified as available-for-sale are included in the income statement as gains or losses from investment securities.

The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances.

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. In the case of equity securities classified as available for sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered in determining whether the securities are impaired. If any such evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss - measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in the income statement - is removed from equity and recognized in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in the income statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the income statement.

2.7 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the income statement.

#### (b) New Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 2.8 Share-based compensation

The Group operates equity-settled, share-based compensation plans. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the shares or options is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the shares or options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of shares or options that are expected to become exercisable/vested. At each balance sheet date, the entity revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable and the number of shares that are vested. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the profit and loss account, and a corresponding adjustment to equity over the remaining vesting period.

The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

2.9 Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognized either as cash is collected or on a cost-recovery basis as conditions warrant.

### 3 Financial risk management

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value, interest risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk.

(a) Market risk

#### Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the Hong Kong dollar. Revenue and majority of the cost of sales are US dollar basis. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions, recognised assets and liabilities and net investments in foreign operations.

(b) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. It has policies in place to ensure that sales of products are made to customers within appropriate credit limits.

(c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, the Group aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

(d) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group has no significant interest-bearing assets or liabilities except for bank balances. In view of that, majority of these bank balances are under short maturity terms, the cash flow and fair value interest rate risk is considered to be low.

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 3.2 Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current ask price.

The nominal value less estimated credit adjustments of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

# 4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period are discussed below.

#### (a) Income taxes

The Group is subject to income taxes in several jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

#### (b) Share-based compensation

In determining the total expenses for the Group's share-based compensation plans, the Group estimates the number of options/shares that are expected to become exercisable/vested at the date of grant. At each balance sheet date before the options/shares that are become fully exercisable/vested, the Group will revise the total expenses where the number of options/shares that are expected to become exercisable/vested are different to previously estimated.

#### (c) Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

The Group determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for the Group's property, plant and equipment. Management will revise the depreciation charge where useful lives are different to previously estimated, or it will write-off or write-down technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold.

#### 5 Revenues and turnover

The Group is principally engaged in the research, design, development and distribution of integrated circuits ("ICs"). Revenues recognised during the period are as follows:

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000	
Turnover Sale of goods	185,713	110,125	
Other revenues Bank interest income Other income	1,270 10	78 42	
	1,280	120	
Total revenues	186,993	110,245	

#### 6 Segmental analysis

Business segment information is chosen as the primary reporting format because this is more relevant to the Group in making operating and financial decisions.

# (a) Business Segment

The Group has been operating in one single business segment, i.e. the research, design, development and distribution of ICs.

# (b) Geographical segments

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical presence of customers. Segment assets and capital expenditures are based on the geographical location of the assets.

#### (i) Segment revenue

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000	
Taiwan	71,186	43,434	
Hong Kong SAR	58,920	35,422	
Japan	45,224	15,391	
Korea	8,559	4,670	
Mainland China ("China")	363	1,865	
United States of America	20	311	
Others	1,441	9,032	
	185,713	110,125	

# 6 Segmental analysis (continued)

# (b) Geographical segments (continued)

# (ii) Capital expenditures by location of assets

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 200 US\$'000 US\$'00	
Hong Kong SAR	1,159	1,794
China	30	1,269
Taiwan	105	2,887
Others	209	147
	1,503	6,097

# (iii) Segment assets by location of assets

	Unaudited 30 June	Audited 31 December
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
Hong Kong SAR Taiwan Others	205,838 25,678 6,730	208,633 35,080 6,423
	238,246	250,136

Note: Others comprise China, Japan, Singapore and United States of America.

# 7 Operating profit

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
Operating profit is stated after crediting and charging the following:		
Crediting		
Gain on disposal of other investment	-	180
Charging		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,982	1,678
Depreciation of leased fixed assets	3	2
Amortisation of patents and intellectual property included in research		
and development costs	-	450
Amortisation of goodwill included in administrative expenses	-	50
Staff costs		
Non-equity compensation portion	7,296	5,722
Equity compensation – shares	714	380
Equity compensation – options	97	80

## 8 Taxation

The amount of taxation charged to the condensed consolidated profit and loss account represents:

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000	
Current taxation: Hong Kong profits tax	8,117	5,142	
Deferred taxation (note 13)	369	(156)	
	8,486	4,986	

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2004: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. No provision for income tax has been provided for subsidiaries operating outside Hong Kong as they did not generate any assessable profits in their respective jurisdictions during the period.

# 9 Dividends

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
		2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
(a)	Dividend attributable to the previous year, approved and paid during the period:		
	2004 final dividend, paid, of HK\$0.12 (approximately 1.54 US cents) per ordinary share (Note (i)) Less: Company's share of dividends paid on the shares held	38,655	_
	by a special purpose entity of the Group	(749)	_
		37,906	_
(b)	Dividend attributable to the year: 2004 first interim, paid, of HK\$0.066 (approximately 0.85 US cents) per ordinary share 2004 second interim, paid, of HK\$0.026 (approximately 0.34 US cents)	-	16,039
	<ul> <li>per ordinary share</li> <li>2005 interim, declared, of HK\$0.04 (approximately 0.51 US cents)</li> <li>per ordinary share (Note (ii))</li> </ul>	- 12,912	8,393
		12,912	24,432
	Less: Company's share of dividends paid on the shares held by a special purpose entity of the Group	(242)	(424)
		12,670	24,008

Notes:

(i) On 9 March 2005, the Directors proposed a final dividend of HK\$0.12 (approximately 1.54 US cents) per ordinary share. The final dividend was paid on 22 April 2005.

(ii) On 7 September 2005, the Directors declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.04 (approximately 0.51 US cents) per ordinary share which will be payable on 7 October 2005 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on 28 September 2005. The interim dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in these condensed accounts but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ended 31 December 2005.

#### 10 Earnings per share

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share are based on the Group's profit attributable to shareholders of US\$36,304,000 (2004 restated: US\$22,472,000).

The basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of 2,426,719,229 (2004 restated: 2,088,179,728) ordinary shares in issue excluding own shares held during the period. The diluted earnings per share is based on 2,428,155,857 (2004 restated: 2,088,302,275) ordinary shares which is the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue excluding own shares held during the period plus the weighted average number of 1,436,628 (2004 restated: 122,546) ordinary shares deemed to be issued at no consideration if all outstanding options had been exercised.

### 11 Accounts and bills receivables

The Group's sales to customers are entered into on credit terms of 30 days. The ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables at the respective balance sheet dates was as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June	Audited 31 December
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
0 - 30 days 31 - 60 days 61 - 90 days 91 - 120 days 121 - 365 days	38,558 116 1 6 	56,772  53  37
	38,681	56,862

# 12 Trade and other payables

The ageing analysis of trade payables at the respective balance sheet dates was as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June	Audited 31 December
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
0 - 30 days 31 - 60 days 61 - 90 days 91 - 120 days 121 – 365 days	35,906 120 61 1 246	53,618 624 375 36 107
	36,334	54,760

# 13 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using the principal taxation rates prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The movement on the deferred tax liabilities account is as follows:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
At beginning of the period Deferred taxation charged/(credited) to consolidated profit and loss account	29 369	587 (156)
At end of the period	398	431

### 14 Share capital

	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	
	No. of shares	US\$'000
Authorised	5,000,000,000	64,433
Issued and fully paid:		
At 31 December 2004 New issue of shares	2,504,854,351 1,400,000	32,279 18
At 30 June 2005 (Note)	2,506,254,351	32,297

Note:

Share options

The Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme

The Company has adopted the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme (the "Pre-IPO Scheme") at an extraordinary general meeting held on 25 February 2004 and a meeting of the Board on 19th March 2004. The purpose of the Pre-IPO Scheme is to recognise the contribution of certain directors of members of the Group to the growth of the Group and/or to the listing of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange.

On 19th March 2004, options to subscribe for 6,300,000 new Shares of the Company were granted by the Company to directors and senior management of the Group at a nominal consideration of HK\$1.0 payable by each grantee. These options may be exercised at any time commencing 9th April 2005 to 8th April 2009, at the exercise price of HK\$1.75 per share. After the Listing, no option can be issued under the Pre-IPO Scheme.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding during the period are as follows:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005	2004
At beginning of the period Granted	6,300,000 —	— 6,300,000
Exercised	(1,400,000)	-
At end of the period	4,900,000	6,300,000

Subsequent to 30th June 2005 and up to the date of this report, options to subscribe for 3,900,000 shares in the Company were exercised at a price of HK\$1.75 per share.

#### The Share Option Scheme

The Company also adopted the Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme") under which options may be granted to subscribe for the Company's shares. Participants of the Scheme shall include directors (including executive directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors) and employees of any members of the Group and any advisers, consultants, distributors contractors, contract manufactures, suppliers, agents customers, business partners, joint venture business partners, service providers of any member of the Group who the Board considers have contributed or will contribute to the Group ("the Participants"). The purpose of the Scheme is to provide the Participants with opportunity to acquire proprietary interests in the Company and its Shares for the benefits of the Company with a flexible mean of either retaining, incentivising, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to Participants. The terms of the Scheme are in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities ("Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 14th June 2005, options to subscribe for 6,100,000 shares of the Company were offered by the Company to directors and senior management of the Group at a nominal consideration of HK\$1.0 payable by each grantee. These options may be exercised at any time commencing 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008, at the exercise price of HK\$2.695 per share.

### 14 Share capital (continued)

Movements in the number of share options outstanding during the period are as follows:

		Unaudited Six months ended 30 June	
	2005	2004	
At beginning of the period	-	_	
Granted	6,100,000	_	
Exercised	-	_	
At end of the period	6,100,000	_	

# 15 Own shares held

Own shares held represents the Company's share of the cost of 48,523,520 (as at 31 December 2004: 104,023,520) ordinary shares in the Company which were not yet granted or vested and were held by the trustees, the Special Purpose Entities, under the Pre-IPO Share Reward Scheme and Share Award Plan.

# **16 Commitments**

#### (a) Capital commitment for property, plant and equipment

	Unaudited 30 June	Audited 31 December
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
Contracted but not provided for	682	470

#### (b) Commitment under operating leases

At 30 June 2005, the Company and the Group had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June	Audited 31 December
	2005 US\$'000	2004 US\$'000
Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years	644 1,997	651 2,029
	2,641	2,680

# **Independent Review Report**



## 羅兵咸永道會計師事務所

# TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOLOMON SYSTECH (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

#### Introduction

We have been instructed by the company to review the interim financial report set out on pages 3 to 22.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

#### **Review work performed**

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 "Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the HKICPA. A review consists principally of making enquiries of management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial report and based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial report.

### **Review conclusion**

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 7 September 2005

PricewaterhouseCoopers 22nd Floor Prince's Building Central Hong Kong

# **Management Discussion and Analysis**

# **Financial Review**

### An Overview

For the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group's turnover increased by 69% to US\$185.7 million, as compared with the same period in 2004. This growth was mainly due to the Group's success in gaining market share and the introduction of new products. During the period, gross profit increased by 46% to US\$57.9 million. The Group's successful execution of cost reduction measures as well as ongoing price discussion with contract manufacturers more than offset the pricing pressure from customers, helped the Group's gross margin stay above 30%.

Net profit increased by 62% to US\$36.3 million. Owing to the Group's relentless effort to control operating expenses, the net profit margin was maintained at 20%. In short, the Group was able to deliver promising results.

In light of the Group's healthy financial position as well as its cash generative business model, the Board resolved to declare an interim dividend of 4.0 HK cents per share to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on 28 September 2005.

## Financial Position and Liquidity

Net cash flow from operations during the period amounted to US\$59.7 million. The Group ended the period with US\$149.9 million of net cash (i.e. cash and cash equivalents less bank loans). Going forward, the Group intends to use the cash for its product development, investment in securing production capacity, corporate venture investing as well as general corporate purposes. As at 30 June 2005, the Group had no borrowings and its cash balance was mainly deposited in interest-bearing accounts with reputable financial institutions.

The main trade receivables and payables of the Group are in US dollars. As regards payments of operational costs in currencies other than US dollars or Hong Kong dollars, the Group will convert US dollars or Hong Kong dollars into the currency of payment at the prevailing foreign exchange rate. During the review period, the Group did not use any derivative instruments to hedge its foreign currency exposure as the Directors considered the Group's foreign currency exposure to be insignificant.

## **Capital Expenditure**

Capital expenditure for the period was approximately US\$1.5 million (2004: US\$6.1 million), the majority of which was spent on the purchase of computer hardware and critical manufacturing equipment (in cooperative arrangement with contract manufacturers) to ensure the timely product delivery.

## **Capital Commitment and Contingent Liabilities**

The Group had no material capital commitments or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2005.

# **Business Review**

#### Book to Bill Ratio and Backlog

In the review period, the monthly book to bill ratio ranged from 0.5 to 1.3. The first half yearly ratio of 2005 was 0.9, attributable mainly to low ratios attained in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the book to bill ratio was 1.2. As at 30 June 2005, the Group registered an indicative backlog of orders in excess of 80 million units.

#### **Product Shipment**

The growth of units shipment in the first half was impressive, representing an increase of 66% year-on-year. This exceptional growth, primarily due to strong demand for high-end cellular phones and MP3 players, was predicted by the Group at the beginning of the year. The Group's ability to deliver strong results further attested to the benefits derived from its extensive customer network, comprehensive product offerings and timely introduction of new products to capture market demand. The shipment breakdown by product type is as follows:

Units Shipped (million)	1H 2005	1H 2004	Growth (%)	2004
Monochrome STN	18.3	28.0	(35)	47.1
Color STN	61.4	28.8	113	88.2
m-TFT	12.2	0.1	NA	7.1
OLED	16.0	8.1	98	14.1
Miscellaneous	0.4	0.1	300	0.5
Total	108.3	65.1	66	157.0

Note: Miscellaneous includes graphic controller, PDA driver ICs, large display driver ICs (for 1H 2005 only) and others Abbreviation: STN stands for super twisted nematic, TFT thin film transistor and OLED organic light emitting device

Total shipment of display ICs in the review period was 108.3 million units. According to IDC's forecast in April 2005, global shipments of cellular phones for 2005 are expected to exceed 760 million units (2004: 692 million units) with roughly 15% of this figure attributable to 2G phones, 75% to 2.5G and the remainder to 3G. The Group believes that its global market share in cellular phone display ICs is close to 20%.

Among the Group's products, monochrome STN display ICs shipments declined by 35% to 18.3 million units during the review period due to the fact that more and more cellular phones are using color displays. At the same time, color STN ("CSTN") display ICs recorded a strong momentum of growth. The shipment for the period reached 61.4 million units, an increase of 113% as compared to the same period in 2004. Mobile TFT ("m-TFT") display ICs emerged strongly with shipment of 12.2 million units, thanks to the increasing popularity of high-end cellular phones. OLED display ICs also showed phenomenal growth due to rapid adoption of OLED display in MP3 players. The shipment of OLED display ICs increased by 98% year-on-year to 16 million units. In the first half, the Group also started the pilot shipment of large display TFT driver ICs which, in the Group's opinion, will be one of the growth drivers from 2006 onwards.

#### **Business Relationships**

To win new business from existing or potential customers, it is recognized that in addition to competitive pricing, field application support and reliable solutions are equally important. In the first half, the Group established an additional office in Hsinchu (Taiwan) so as to provide customers with more timely services and support. Briefly, the Group currently serves more than 70 display module makers around the world, including some well known names such as Alps, Arima Display, AU Optronics, BYD, Giantplus, Hosiden, Hyundai LCD, InnoLux, Kopin, Nanya Technology, Ness Display, Optrex, Osram, Philips MDS, Picvue, Quanta Display, RiTdisplay, Samsung SDI, Sanyo Epson Imaging Devices, Sharp, TDK, Truly, Varitronix and Wintek.

The Group believes its display ICs are deployed in cellular phones of global brand names, for example BenQ, Bird, DBTEL, Kyocera, LG, Motorola, Nokia, Panasonic, Pantech, Philips, Samsung, Siemens, Sony Ericsson, TCL, UTStarcom, etc. and in MP3 players with brand names including Creative, IRiver, JNC, Kiss, Sony and others.

#### **Research and Development**

In the past six months, research and development costs were approximately US\$5.6 million. To support business growth and to be competitive in the marketplace, the Group will keep on enhancing the features of existing products and developing future products, e.g. LTPS m-TFT display ICs, AM-OLED display ICs, LED driver ICs, multi media processors, large display timing controllers, power management ICs and others. In the first half of 2005, the Group filed one patent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and had four technical papers published in international magazines such as Information Display and Display Devices.

As at 30 June 2005, the Group had over 170 professionals in the design and engineering function, representing approximately 65% of the Group's total employees. The Group's R&D team continually designed products using various wafer technologies including 0.18µm technology. In addition, the Group formed a specialist team to develop its own wafer process technology so as to reduce costs and cycle time.

#### Human Resources

As at 30 June 2005, the total number of the Group's employees was close to 270, of which approximately 70% were based in its Hong Kong head office.

As a technology company, the Group values highly its human resources. To reward talent, the Group offers competitive remuneration to employees and constantly provides employees with trainings, career development programs, job satisfaction and a first-rate working environment in the hope that they will enjoy working with the Group and contribute their efforts to the Group's success. Winning the "Employer of the Year 2004 Award" from JobsDB.com in March 2005 clearly demonstrated that the Group holds its employees in high regard. In the first half of 2005, most employees were granted cash bonuses and Company's shares in recognition of their performance in 2004.

# **Prospects**

As regards the display business, the Group has restructured it into two parts. The first one is display panel electronics, which the Group is offering today such as driver and controller ICs supporting monochrome STN, color STN, m-TFT and OLED display technologies. The second one is display system ICs, which are complementary and enable the Group to provide customers with "total display solutions". In respect of display panel electronics, the Group is broadly optimistic about the business growth in the second half because of the expected continuous strong demand for cellular phones and proliferation of MP3 players.

# **Display Panel**

# Mobile Display

In the cellular phones market, there are essentially four display panel technologies, namely monochrome STN, color STN, m-TFT and OLED. Each of them is experiencing different phase of growth because of their uniqueness in display characteristics. Generally speaking, the market will see continued migration from monochrome to color display and will have more cellular phones with entertainment features such as embedded cameras, video recording function, Internet access, MP3, radio, MMS, photo albums, etc.

Regarding the Group's business in the second half, it is expected that the growth of monochrome display ICs will likely remain flat. Despite the industry anticipating that m-TFT will gradually replace color STN display technology, the Group maintains a positive view on the 2005 unit shipment of color STN display ICs because (i) the overall demand for color display is modestly strong (ii) the cellular phones sub-display segment is still dominated by color STN and (iii) there is a trend of color STN being adopted in other consumer electronic products such as DECT phones.

Two other up-and-coming businesses are the increasing application of m-TFT in cellular phones and the rising popularity of OLED type MP3 players. For the former, the Group will be devoting more resources to gaining more customers as well as promoting m-TFT applications in other AV equipment with medium-sized display. As regards OLED, the Group believes its leadership can be extended whenever cellular phones start to adopt full color OLED main displays.

#### Large Display

Following the pilot shipment of large display TFT driver ICs in the first half, the Group will ramp up the production in the second half, targeting three areas, namely notebook computers, LCD monitors and LCD TVs. In addition, it is the Group's strategy to work with a few more world-class large panel manufacturers in the region, particularly Japan and China.

#### New Display

Last year, the Group had micro display ICs ready for customers to commercialize. In the first half of 2005, we saw the Group's micro display ICs being used in portable video eyewear applications. One of the applications can provide viewers with a virtual image equivalent to a 54-inch flat panel screen viewed from nine feet, a truly private cinema experience. That said, the Group's micro display ICs can be applied to high definition movies, stereo 3D games entertainment as well as viewfinders of high-end digital cameras. Further, with the forthcoming commercialization of e-paper display ICs, whose application ranges from timepiece to electronic signboard, the Group is well positioned to reap future economic value derived from these new businesses.

## **Display System**

This is a new display business to which the Group is committed in the long term. Display system ICs are those complementing the Group's existing products. In this business area, the Group sees growth opportunities in connectivity, timing controller, image processor as well as power management. For the connectivity, it deals with communications inside a cellular phone or TV set, examples are MPL, MIPI, LVDS and HDMI. Additionally, the Group is developing business in timing controller and image processor. Other products that the Group will further explore are power management ICs and application specific controllers.

Apparently, this new business will not immediately contribute to the Group's turnover. However, with strategic alliances, business cooperation and technology acquisitions, the Group believes the display system business can further its business relationship with customers by offering them "total display system solutions" as well as provide alternative sources of revenue in the near future.

# **Directors' Interest**

As at 30 June 2005, the interests and short positions of each Director and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as notified to the Company pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies were as follows:

		Dire	ctly	Beneficially		
Name of Director		Owned		Owned	Total	Percentage
		<b>Shares</b> (note (vi))	<b>Options</b> (note (vii))			
Chang Ching Yi, Steven	Long position Short position	2,800,000	1,600,000	-	4,400,000	0.18%
Choy Kwok Hung, Patrick	Long position Short position		1,000,000	-	1,000,000	0.04%
Huang Hsing Hua (note (i))	Long position Short position	12,000,000	300,000	2,820,000 2,820,000	15,120,000 2,820,000	0.60% 0.11%
Kao Kuen, Charles	Long position Short position		1,000,000	-	1,000,000	0.04%
Lai Woon Ching (note (ii))	Long position Short position	35,369,600 —	300,000	3,420,000 3,420,000	39,089,600 3,420,000	1.56% 0.14%
Lam Pak Lee	Long position Short position	25,000,000	1,600,000	-	26,600,000 _	1.06%
Leung Kwong Wai (note (iii))	Long position Short position	105,400,001	1,600,000	11,600,000 11,600,000	118,600,001 11,600,000	4.73% 0.46%
Lo Wai Ming (note (iv))	Long position Short position	31,360,000	300,000	5,820,000 5,820,000	37,480,000 5,820,000	1.50% 0.23%
Sun, Patrick	Long position Short position		1,300,000	-	1,300,000	0.05%
Wong Yuet Leung, Frankie	Long position Short position		1,000,000	-	1,000,000	0.04%

(i) Out of the 2,820,000 Shares held by Mr. Huang:

(a) 2,400,000 Shares are subject to a lock-up and shall be released in three equal tranches of 800,000 Shares each on 8th April of 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. These Shares are held by HSBC International Trustee Limited as custodian (the "Custodian") for Mr. Huang under the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan;

(b) 420,000 Shares are subject to a two year vesting period and held by HSBC International Trustee Limited as trustee (the "Trustee") for the benefits of Mr. Huang under the Share Award Plan of the Company.

- (ii) Out of the 3,420,000 Shares held by Mr. Lai:
  - (a) 3,000,000 Shares are subject to a lock-up and shall be released in three equal tranches of 1,000,000 Shares each on 8th April of 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. These Shares are held by the Custodian for Mr. Lai under the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan;
  - (b) 420,000 Shares are subject to a two year vesting period and held by the Trustee for the benefits of Mr. Lai under the Share Award Plan of the Company.
- (iii) Out of the 11,600,000 Shares held by Mr. Leung:
  - (a) 9,000,000 Shares are subject to a lock-up and shall be released in three equal tranches of 3,000,000 Shares each on 8th April of 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. These Shares are held by the Custodian for Mr. Leung under the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan;
  - (b) 2,600,000 Shares are subject to a two year vesting period and held by the Trustee for the benefits of Mr. Leung under the Share Award Plan of the Company.
- (iv) Out of the 5,820,000 Shares held by Mr. Lo:
  - (a) 5,400,000 Shares are subject to a lock-up and shall be released in three equal tranches of 1,800,000 Shares each on 8th April of 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. These Shares are held by the Custodian for Mr. Lo under the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan;
  - (b) 420,000 Shares are subject to a two year vesting period and held by the Trustee for the benefits of Mr. Lo under the Share Award Plan of the Company.
- (v) Details of the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan and Share Award Plan are set out in the prospectus of the Company dated 25th March 2004 issued in connection with the IPO.
- (vi) These are ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company.
- (vii) These are options granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and the Share Option Scheme (see section headed "Share Option Schemes" below).

Share options were granted to Directors and senior management under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme on 19th March 2004. Share options were granted to Directors and senior management on 14 June 2005 under the Share Option Scheme. Both the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and the Share Option Scheme were approved by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 25th February 2004 and adopted by the Board of Directors on 19th March 2004. Please refer to the section headed "Share Options Schemes" above for more details.

Save as set out above, and other than the arrangements under the Pre-IPO Loyalty Plan and the Share Award Plan as set out in the prospectus of the Company dated 25th March 2004 issued in connection with the IPO, at no time during the period was the Company, its subsidiaries or its associated company a party to any arrangement to enable the directors or the chief executive of the Company to hold any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares in the Company or its associated corporation.

# **Substantial Shareholders**

The register of substantial shareholders maintained under section 336 of the SFO shows that as at 30 June 2005, the Company had been notified of the following substantial shareholders' interests and short positions. These interests are in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and the chief executive.

	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company			
	Capacity	Long/ Short Position	Number of shares	Percentage
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Attributable interest of controlled corporation	Long Short	175,507,865 —	7.0%

Save as disclosed above, the Company was not notified of any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as at 30 June 2005.

# **Share Option Schemes**

# **The Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme**

The Company adopted the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme (the "Pre-IPO Scheme") at an extraordinary general meeting held on 25th February 2004 and a meeting of the Board on 19th March 2004. The purpose of the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme is to recognise the contribution of certain directors and members of the Group to the growth of the Group and/or to the listing of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange.

On 19th March 2004, options to subscribe for 6,300,000 new Shares of the Company were granted by the Company to directors and senior management of the Group at a nominal consideration of HK\$1.0 payable by each grantee. After the Listing Date, no options can be issued under the Pre-IPO Scheme.

Details of the share options outstanding as at 30 June 2005 which have been granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme are as follows:

Number of options							Exercis	e period
	Held on 1st January	Granted during the	Exercsied during the	Held on 30th June	Exercise price	Grant		
	2005	period	period	2005	HK\$	date	Begins	Ends
Executive and Non- executive Directors								
Lam Pak Lee	800,000	-	_	800,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Chang Ching Yi, Steven	800,000	_	-	800,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Wong Yuet Leung, Frankie	500,000	-	_	500,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Leung Kwong Wai	800,000	-	_	800,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Huang Hsing Hua	300,000	_	(300,000)	-	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Lai Woon Ching	300,000	-	(300,000)	-	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Lo Wai Ming	300,000	-	(300,000)	_	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Independent Non- executive Directors								
Choy Kwok Hung, Patrick	500,000	_	_	500,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Kao Kuen, Charles	500,000	_	_	500,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Sun, Patrick	500,000	-	-	500,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Senior Management								
Lin Hsin Yih	500,000	-	(500,000)	_	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Lui Kit Har, Keziah	500,000	-	-	500,000	1.75	19 March 2004	9 April 2005	8 April 2009
Total	6,300,000	_	(1,400,000)	4,900,000				

The above options were granted prior to the Company's shares being listed and the IPO Offer Price was used as the exercise price.

No option under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme lapsed or was cancelled during the year.

# **The Share Option Scheme**

The Company also adopted the Share Option Scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") under which options may be granted to subscribe for the Company's Shares. Participants of the Share Option Scheme may include directors (including executive directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors) and employees of any members of the Group and any advisers, consultants, distributors contractors, contract manufactures, suppliers, agents, customers, business partners, joint venture business partners, service providers of any members of the Group who the Board considers have contributed or will contribute to the Group (the "Participants"). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide Participants with an opportunity to acquire proprietary interests in the Company for the benefits of the Group with a flexible means for retaining, incentivising, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to Participants. The terms of the Share Option Scheme are in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

On 14th June 2005, options to subscribe for 6,100,000 Shares of the Company were offered by the Company to directors and senior management of the Group at a nominal consideration of HK\$1.00 payable by each grantee at a weighted average exercise price of HK\$2.695 per share.

Details of the share options outstanding as at 30 June 2005 which have been granted under the Share Option Scheme are as follows:

Number of options						Exerci	se period	
Name of Participants	Held on 1st January 2005	Granted during the period	Exercsied during the period	Held on 30th June 2005	Exercise price HK\$	Grant date	Begins	Ends
Executive and Non- executive Directors		Ponou	Penea				208.00	
Lam Pak Lee	_	800,000	_	800,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Chang Ching Yi, Steven	_	800,000	_	800,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Wong Yuet Leung, Frankie	_	500,000	_	500,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Leung Kwong Wai	_	800,000	_	800,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Huang Hsing Hua	_	300,000	_	300,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Lai Woon Ching	_	300,000	-	300,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Lo Wai Ming	-	300,000	_	300,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Independent Non- executive Directors								
Choy Kwok Hung, Patrick	_	500,000	_	500,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Kao Kuen, Charles	_	500,000	_	500,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Sun, Patrick	-	800,000	-	800,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Senior Management								
Lui Kit Har, Keziah	_	500,000	_	500,000	2.695	14 June 2005	1 July 2006	30 June 2008
Total	_	6,100,000	_	6,100,000				

No option under the Share Option Scheme lapsed, or was cancelled or exercised during the period.

# **Valuation of options**

According to the Black-Scholes Model, the fair value of the options granted during the period in 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

	Pre-IPO Option Scheme	Share Option Scheme
Date of Grant	19 March 2004	14 June 2005
Closing price at date of grant	HK\$1.75 (note)	HK\$2.675
Option value		
Original value at date of grant	Nil	US\$503,000
Revised on 1 Jan 2005 according to HKFRS-2	US\$297,000	N/A

Note: Since these options were granted on 19th March 2004, which is prior to the Company's listing, the Directors are of the opinion that the fair value of the options granted cannot be estimated reliably as at the date of grant as there was no active market price for the Company's shares on the date of grant. For recalculating the value for the purpose of HKFRS2, HK\$1.75, being the IPO offer price, was used.

# **Corporate Governance**

Corporate Governance is highly regarded within the Group. The Group keeps abreast of the best practices in the corporate governance area and strives to implement such practices as appropriate. For example, when the Company was listed in April last year, the Group had segregated the positions of Non Executive Chairman and the Managing Director (effectively the Chief Executive Officer). In addition, Non Executive Directors were appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election according to the procedures set out in the Company's Articles of Association. These practices were adopted by the Company ahead of the implementation date as specified in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules which came into effect on 1 January 2005.

## **Compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices**

The Company has complied with all the Code Provisions set out in the Appendix 14. During the six months ended 30 June 2005, Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee were formed with their respective terms of reference in force.

# **Compliance with the Model Code**

The Company also established its own written guidelines on securities transactions by Directors and relevant employees ("Guidelines") on no less exacting terms than the required standard in the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules ("Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors of the Company, during the six months ended 30 June 2005, all of them were in compliance with the Guidelines.

# **Supplementary Information**

# Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Shares

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed shares by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the review period.

# **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is composed of a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management and external auditors the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited interim financial accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

# **Investor Relations and Communications**

The Group recognizes the rights of shareholder to know more about its business and prospects, and therefore it has always taken a proactive approach to communicate with the investment community, for example institutional investors, sell-side analysts and retail investors. In January, the Group participated in the "IC Design Corporate Day" in Singapore. Immediately after the annual results announcement in March, the Group held a couple of one-on-one meetings at a technology conference in Taipei and subsequently conducted a week long roadshow, meeting investors in Hong Kong, Singapore, London and New York.

Apart from the above, the Group held more than 80 meetings and conference calls with investors and analysts in the first half of 2005. In an attempt to enhance the Group's profile among the general public in Hong Kong, there were 6 interviews made with TV and 9 featured articles in newspapers and magazines. Last but not least, a notable development of the Group was its inclusion in the MSCI Standard and Small Cap Indices in May, a remarkable achievement of the Group given its listing history of slightly more than a year.

Stakeholders of the Group are recommended to visit the Group's website (www.solomon-systech.com) from time to time, where up-to-date information of the Group can be accessed.

# Publication of Interim Results on the Stock Exchange's Website

The Company will submit to the Stock Exchange on 7 September 2005 the financial information required to be disclosed under paragraphs 46(1) to 46(6) (both paragraphs inclusive) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules.

On behalf of the Board Solomon Systech (International) Limited LEUNG Kwong Wai Managing Director

Hong Kong, 7 September 2005

# **Corporate Information**

Directors	Executive Directors
	Mr. LEUNG Kwong Wai (Managing Director)
	Mr. HUANG Hsing Hua
	Mr. LAI Woon Ching
	Mr. LO Wai Ming
	Non-Executive Directors
	Mr. LAM Pak Lee (Chairman)
	Mr. CHANG Ching Yi, Steven
	Mr. WONG Yuet Leung, Frankie
	Independent Non-Executive Directors
	Mr. CHOY Kwok Hung, Patrick
	Mr. SUN, Patrick, FHKCPA (Audit Committee Chairman)
	Mr. KAO Kuen, Charles
Qualified Accountant/Company Secretary	Ms LUI Kit Har, Keziah
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	Hua Nan Commercial Bank, Ltd
	DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Legal Advisers	Richards Butler
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# **Financial Calendar**

Announcement of interim results	7 September 2005
Ex-dividend date	21 September 2005
Closure of register of members	23 – 28 September 2005
Payment of interim dividend	7 October 2005
Financial year end	31 December

# **Shareholder Information**

Company Name	Solomon Systech (International) Limited
Listing Venue	Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
Stock Code	2878
Constituent Stock	Hang Seng Composite Index MSCI Standard Index MSCI Small Cap Index
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Listing Date and Price	8 April 2004/HK\$1.75
Trading Currency	HKD
Authorized Number of Shares	5,000,000,000
Issued Shares	2,506,254,351
Par Value	HK\$0.10
Board Lots	2,000