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**EXPERT
EXPERT SYSTEMS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

思博系統控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8319)

**FIRST QUARTERLY RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Director(s)**”) of Expert Systems Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) hereby announces the unaudited first quarterly results of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2023. This announcement, containing the full text of 2023/24 First Quarterly Report of the Company (“**Quarterly Report**”), complies with the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”) in relation to information to accompany preliminary announcements of the quarterly results. Printed version of the Quarterly Report containing the information required by the GEM Listing Rules will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course in the manner as required by the GEM Listing Rules.

By order of the Board
Expert Systems Holdings Limited
Wong Chu Kee Daniel
Chairman and non-executive Director

Hong Kong, 8 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board composition is as follows:

Chairman and non-executive Director:

Mr. Wong Chu Kee Daniel

Chief executive officer and executive Director:

Mr. Lau Wai Kwok

Executive Directors:

Mr. Chan Kin Mei Stanley
Ms. Lau Tsz Yan
Mr. So Cheuk Wah Benton

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Chu Siu Sum Alex

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Au Yu Chiu Steven
Mr. Ko Man Fu
Mr. Mak Wai Sing

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2023/24
FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT

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Highlights

- Revenue for the three months ended 30 June 2023 (the “Reporting Period”) increased by approximately 25.3% from that for the three months ended 30 June 2022 (the “Corresponding Period”) to approximately HK\$227.5 million.
- Gross profit for the Reporting Period increased by approximately 14.2% from the Corresponding Period to approximately HK\$36.4 million.
- Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the Reporting Period decreased by approximately 24.8% to approximately HK\$3.5 million as compared to the Corresponding Period.
- Basic earnings per share decreased by approximately 24.1% from approximately HK0.58 cent for the Corresponding Period to approximately HK0.44 cent for the Reporting Period.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the three months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Three months ended 30 June	
		2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	5	227,481	181,506
Cost of sales		(191,088)	(149,652)
Gross profit		36,393	31,854
Other income and gains	5	1,246	2,935
Selling expenses		(13,247)	(10,510)
Administrative expenses		(17,560)	(16,290)
(Provision for)/Reversal of expected credit losses on financial assets		(47)	12
Finance costs		(1,631)	(1,532)
Profit before income tax expense		5,154	6,469
Income tax expense	6	(1,448)	(872)
Profit for the period		3,706	5,597
Other comprehensive income for the period			
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
— Exchange difference arising from translation of foreign operations		(2,064)	(1,361)
Total comprehensive income for the period		1,642	4,236
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		3,512	4,673
Non-controlling interests		194	924
		3,706	5,597
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,067	3,720
Non-controlling interests		(425)	516
		1,642	4,236
Earnings per share	8		
— Basic		HK0.44 cent	HK0.58 cent
— Diluted		HK0.40 cent	HK0.48 cent

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the three months ended 30 June 2023

	Reserves									
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Share options reserve HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Convertible bonds equity reserve HK\$'000	Retained earnings HK\$'000	Total reserve HK\$'000	Non-controlling interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 31 March 2023 and 1 April 2023 (audited)	8,033	50,396	1,001	(25,395)	(937)	20,750	110,113	155,928	21,392	185,353
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,512	3,512	194	3,706
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(1,445)	-	-	(1,445)	(619)	(2,064)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,445)	-	3,512	2,067	(425)	1,642
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payment	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	14	-	14
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	8,033	50,396	1,015	(25,395)	(2,382)	20,750	113,625	158,009	20,967	187,009
At 31 March 2022 and 1 April 2022 (audited)	8,033	56,581	885	(25,395)	570	20,750	90,453	143,844	19,000	170,877
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,673	4,673	924	5,597
Exchange differences arising from translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(953)	-	-	(953)	(408)	(1,361)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(953)	-	4,673	3,720	516	4,236
Equity contribution from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payment	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	31	-	31
At 30 June 2022 (unaudited)	8,033	56,581	916	(25,395)	(383)	20,750	95,126	147,595	19,519	175,147

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the three months ended 30 June 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Expert Systems Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (2004 revision) Chapter 22 of the Cayman Islands on 18 September 2015. Its shares are listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on 12 April 2016 (the “Listing Date”). The address of the Company’s registered office is Third Floor, Century Yard, Cricket Square, P.O. Box 902, Grand Cayman, KY1-1103, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business in Hong Kong is 22/F., Yen Sheng Centre, 64 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are principally engaged in the provision of information technology (“IT”) infrastructure solutions, IT infrastructure management service and artificial intelligence (“AI”) business for corporate and institutional customers in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong which include Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations (collectively, “HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the applicable disclosures required by the GEM Listing Rules.

The principal accounting policies used in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 except for the new and revised HKFRSs that are first effective for the current reporting period of the Company.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is also the functional currency of the Company, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands, except when otherwise indicated. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company’s auditor, but have been reviewed by the Company’s audit committee.

3. ADOPTION OF HKFRSs

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and amendments and interpretation to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are mandatory effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2023 for the preparation of the Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosures of Accounting Policies
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group’s financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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For the three months ended 30 June 2023

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision maker is identified as executive directors of the Company. The Group has identified its operating segments based on the regular internal financial information reported to the Company's executive directors for their decisions about resources allocation and review of performance.

The Group's consolidated revenue and results are primarily attributable to the markets in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Singapore and the Group's consolidated assets and liabilities are primarily located in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

The following are the Group's reportable segments under HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments":

- Provision of IT infrastructure solutions services ("IT infrastructure solutions") include trading of IT hardware and software, IT hardware and software installation and configuration services;
- Provision of IT infrastructure management services ("IT infrastructure management services") include IT hardware maintenance, helpdesk, IT outsourcing and workflow automation services; and
- Provision of AI business ("AI business") includes develop and provide products, solutions and services to enable customers the use of AI.

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segments from continuing operations.

For the three months ended 30 June 2023

	IT infrastructure solutions HK\$'000 (unaudited)	IT infrastructure management services HK\$'000 (unaudited)	AI business HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Segment revenue	147,317	83,828	–	231,145
Inter segment revenue	(247)	(3,417)	–	(3,664)
Total revenue from external customers	147,070	80,411	–	227,481
Segment results	6,319	2,798	(1,783)	7,334
Unallocated expenses				(2,180)
Profit before income tax expense				5,154

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4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

For the three months ended 30 June 2022

	IT infrastructure solutions HK\$'000 (unaudited)	IT infrastructure management services HK\$'000 (unaudited)	AI business HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Segment revenue	114,332	68,881	–	183,213
Inter segment revenue	(978)	(729)	–	(1,707)
Total revenue from external customers	113,354	68,152	–	181,506
Segment results	5,553	3,045	(119)	8,479
Unallocated expenses				(2,010)
Profit before income tax expense				6,469

Geographical information

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue by the geographical locations of customers.

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Hong Kong	189,427	152,465
Mainland China	27,927	24,686
Others	10,127	4,355
	227,481	181,506

Information about major customers

There was no single external customer who contributed 10% or more of the Group's revenue for the Reporting Period (2022: nil).

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5. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Provision of IT infrastructure solutions	147,063	113,334
Provision of IT infrastructure management services	80,411	68,152
	227,474	181,486
Revenue from other sources:		
Finance leases income	7	20
Total	227,481	181,506
Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers:		
At a point in time	151,966	118,442
Overtime	75,508	63,044
Total	227,474	181,486

An analysis of other income and gains is as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2023 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2022 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Other income and gains:		
Interest income	865	83
Exchange gains, net	106	177
Write back of other payables	7	–
Government subsidy (note)	–	2,446
Management fee income	131	116
Sundry income	137	113
Total	1,246	2,935

Note:

The government subsidy represented a one-off subsidy under Employment Support Scheme launched by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

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6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax:		
Hong Kong profits tax	1,286	1,017
Others	318	11
	1,604	1,028
Deferred tax	(156)	(156)
Total income tax expense	1,448	872

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both Periods.

Under the Law of Mainland China on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the standard EIT rate of Mainland China subsidiaries is 25%.

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of Cayman Islands, the Group is not subject to any taxation under the jurisdictions of Cayman Islands for both Periods.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

7. DIVIDENDS

A final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2023 of HK1.00 cent (2022: HK0.77 cent) per ordinary share (tax exclusive) amounting to HK\$8,033,000 (2022: HK\$6,185,000) was proposed pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors on 20 June 2023 and subject to the approval by the shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 15 September 2023 or any adjournment thereof. This proposed dividend is not reflected as dividend payable in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Other than disclosed above, no dividends were paid or declared by the Company during the Reporting Period (2022: nil).

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8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

	Three months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit for the purposes of basic earnings per share (HK\$'000)	3,512	4,673
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Interest on convertible bonds, net of income tax (HK\$'000)	1,452	1,366
Profit for the purposes of diluted earnings per share (HK\$'000)	4,964	6,039
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	803,280,000	803,280,000
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
— Convertible bonds	450,000,000	450,000,000
— Share options	–	414,609
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	1,253,280,000	1,253,694,609
Basic earnings per share	HK0.44 cent	HK0.58 cent
Diluted earnings per share	HK0.40 cent	HK0.48 cent

The outstanding share options granted on 15 April 2019 are not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share because they are anti-dilutive for the Reporting Period (2022: 414,609). These options could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future.

Management Discussion and Analysis

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of information technology (“IT”) infrastructure solutions, IT infrastructure management services and artificial intelligent (“AI”) business for corporate and institutional customers in the Asia-Pacific region.

BUSINESS REVIEW

For the Reporting Period as compared to the Corresponding Period, the Group’s revenue increased by approximately 25.3% and our gross profit increased by approximately 14.2%.

OUTLOOK

Our Group considers that the current business environment for the short-to-medium term consists of mixed business sentiment, which will likely affect the Group’s performance. While the economy of many countries is recovering gradually from the coronavirus epidemic, other factors such as the uncertain global economy due to the continuing US-China tensions, the increasing inflation and interest rates, the increasing probability of a recession in the United States, and the talent shortage in many countries, might have a negative impact on our business volume, delay our products and services delivery, and exert pressure on our pricing terms and hence on our profit margin and profitability. Given the level of uncertainty on the economic crisis and the shape of recovery, there is a wide range of possible outcomes for the year.

Our Group dynamically adjusts our business prioritisation plans for the short-to-medium term to reflect the shift in current customer demand and capture new business opportunities that help our customers navigate their challenges.

Regarding our IT infrastructure solutions business, we believe that enterprises and institutions will continue to adopt digital transformation to enhance operational efficiency, make better use of their data for business analytic and decision making, and create digital business models by digitalising or doing business online. Therefore, we continue to strengthen our product portfolio and support resources to provide our customers with the best-valued solutions and services. We remain focused on our long- term plan to drive strategic development and growth in three key business opportunities, namely:

- (i) Hybrid Cloud, Multi-Cloud & “as-a-Service”
- (ii) Cyber Security
- (iii) Data & Application Solutions

These technologies enable us to provide higher value and more comprehensive total solutions and services to our customers through their digital transformation journey.

To capitalise on the opportunities mentioned above, we continue to strengthen our strategic relationship with our suppliers while enhancing our specialised technical expertise and domain know-how on the latest and proven infrastructure solutions to deliver larger-scale projects. We also strive to develop a more diversified customer base across private and public sectors.

Management Discussion and Analysis

Regarding our AI business, we continue to develop and provide products, solutions and services to enable our customers the use of AI in multiple business sectors and enterprises. Given the strong demand in AI in the market, our AI offerings will enhance the Group's overall solutions portfolio and offerings, which aligns with the growth strategy of the Group.

Regarding our IT infrastructure management services business, we believe enterprises and institutions will continue to demand high-quality services across the growing Asia-Pacific region, including IT outsourcing, helpdesk, workflow automation services and IT hardware maintenance. Our recent expansion in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, improves our resources' geographical distribution, providing resiliency to serve our customers in the uncertain global economy.

Therefore we continue to explore business opportunities to:

- (i) Expand our customer base to cover new industries across the Asia-Pacific region.
- (ii) Create additional values for our customers by expanding our services portfolio to include consulting services and vertical retail solutions.

These initiatives enable us to provide higher value and more comprehensive services to more customers across more industries.

Further to the successful completion of the acquisition (the "Acquisition") of 70% of the issued share capital of ServiceOne International Holdings Limited which is principally engaged in the provision of IT infrastructure management services, we will continue to explore any appropriate merger and acquisition opportunities to enhance our enterprise value. This will only be carried out in a cautious manner and has to be for the benefit of our Group and in the shareholders' best interest.

In view of the new normal business environment, the Group will continue to be cautious in managing the business risk; be well prepared to tackle the challenges in such an ever-changing economic and business environment; and monitor and execute the Group's strategy carefully to drive sustainable business growth. Furthermore, throughout the past three years' epidemic situation, we have taken prudent and decisive steps on cost optimization in line with the revenue model. We have further strengthened the Group to become a more resilient organization in dealing with the changing business environment as the local and global economy gradually recovers.

To conclude, we will continue to focus on our core businesses in providing innovative and integrated IT infrastructure solutions, IT infrastructure management services, and AI products, solutions and services in both private and public sectors in the Asia-Pacific region in order to enable our customers to extract the maximum value from their IT investment and engagement.

Management Discussion and Analysis

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue amounted to approximately HK\$227.5 million for the Reporting Period, representing an increase of approximately 25.3% from approximately HK\$181.5 million in the Corresponding Period. Revenue from IT infrastructure solutions has increased to approximately HK\$147.1 million, representing an increase of approximately 29.7% from approximately HK\$113.3 million in the Corresponding Period. Revenue from IT infrastructure management services has increased to approximately HK\$80.4 million, representing an increase of approximately 18.0% from approximately HK\$68.2 million in the Corresponding Period.

The increase in revenue was primarily due to the increase in demand from our customers for both IT infrastructure solutions and IT infrastructure management services during the Reporting Period as compared to the Corresponding Period. For the Reporting Period, the business segments of IT infrastructure solutions and IT infrastructure management services contributed approximately 64.7% and approximately 35.3% to the Group's revenue respectively.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit amounted to approximately HK\$36.4 million for the Reporting Period, representing an increase of approximately HK\$4.5 million, or approximately 14.2%, as compared to that of the Corresponding Period of approximately HK\$31.9 million.

The Group's gross profit margin decreased by approximately 1.5 percentage points to approximately 16.0% as compared to approximately 17.5% in the Corresponding Period. Such decrease was mainly the results of the change of sales mix and the Group recorded larger contribution from a few projects with lower margin during the Reporting Period.

Other income and gains

Other income and gains decreased by approximately HK\$1.7 million, or approximately 57.5%, from approximately HK\$2.9 million for the Corresponding Period to approximately HK\$1.2 million for the Reporting Period. Such decrease was mainly attributed to the net effect of (i) one-off government subsidy from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-Epidemic Fund to the Group of which approximately HK\$2.4 million recognised in the Corresponding Period and (ii) increase in interest income by approximately HK\$0.8 million.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses of the Group for the Reporting Period was approximately HK\$30.8 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$4.0 million or approximately 15.0% as compared to approximately HK\$26.8 million for the Corresponding Period. The increase was mainly attributable to salary increment in line with the employment market and the additional staff costs as more talents were recruited.

Management Discussion and Analysis

Finance costs

The Group's finance costs for the Reporting Period were approximately HK\$1.6 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$0.1 million, or approximately 6.5%, from approximately HK\$1.5 million for the Corresponding Period. The finance costs for both Periods consisted primarily of the recognition of interest expenses on convertible bonds issued on 8 October 2021, for the purpose of the partial settlement of the Acquisition.

Income tax expense

The Group's income tax expense for the Reporting Period was approximately HK\$1.4 million, representing an increase of approximately 66.1% from approximately HK\$0.9 million for the Corresponding Period. The effective tax rate of the Group for the Reporting Period and the Corresponding Period were 21.9% and 16.1% respectively. The increase of effective tax rate was mainly caused by the loss incurred by business segment of AI business during the Reporting Period.

Profit attributable to owners of the Company

The profit attributable to owners of the Company decreased by approximately 24.8% from approximately HK\$4.7 million for the Corresponding Period to approximately HK\$3.5 million for the Reporting Period, which was primarily attributable to the above mentioned effects.

Basic earnings per share for profit attributable to owners of the Company for the period ended 30 June 2023 amounted to HK0.44 cent, as compared to HK0.58 cent in 2022.

Other Information

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTEREST AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES OR DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which shall have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they have or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which shall be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein or which shall be required to notify the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.46 to Rule 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

(i) Long position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage (note 1)	Number of underlying shares held (note 2)	Approximate percentage (note 1)
Mr. Lau Wai Kwok ("Mr. Lau")	Beneficial owner	100,000,000	12.4%	2,000,000	0.2%
Mr. Chan Kin Mei Stanley ("Mr. Chan")	Beneficial owner	6,720,000	0.8%	500,000	0.1%
Ms. Lau Tsz Yan ("Ms. Lau")	Beneficial owner	800,000	0.1%	1,200,000	0.1%
Mr. So Cheuk Wah Benton ("Mr. So")	Beneficial owner	–	–	2,000,000	0.2%
Mr. Wong Chu Kee Daniel ("Mr. Wong")	Beneficial owner	53,300,000	6.6%	500,000	0.1%
Mr. Chu Siu Sum Alex ("Mr. Chu")	Beneficial owner	226,890,000	28.2%	500,000	0.1%
	Interest of controlled corporations	–	–	450,000,000	56.0%
Mr. Au Yu Chiu Steven ("Mr. Au")	Beneficial owner	–	–	100,000	0.0%
Mr. Ko Man Fu ("Mr. Ko")	Beneficial owner	–	–	100,000	0.0%
Mr. Mak Wai Sing ("Mr. Mak")	Beneficial owner	–	–	100,000	0.0%

Other Information

Notes:

1. The approximate percentage is calculated based on the total number of issued shares as at 30 June 2023 (i.e. 803,280,000 shares).
2. For all the Directors above except for Mr. Chu, the underlying shares represent the unlisted physically settled share options granted to the Directors on 15 April 2019 (the "Date of Grant") under the share option scheme adopted by the Company pursuant to an ordinary resolution of all the then shareholders passed on 15 March 2016. For Mr. Chu, the underlying shares consist of (a) 500,000 share options granted on the Date of Grant mentioned above; and (b) 450,000,000 shares of the Company to be issued upon exercise of the conversion rights attached to the convertible bonds, issued by the Company as partial settlement of the consideration of the Acquisition to ServiceOne Global Holdings Limited ("ServiceOne Global"). ServiceOne Global is owned as to 70% by China Expert Systems Limited ("China Expert"), which is held as to 40% by Mr. Chu.

(ii) Long position in the debentures of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of debentures held	Amount of debentures held HK\$ (note)
Mr. Chu	Interest of controlled corporations	75,600,000

Note: These represent convertible bonds issued by the Company to ServiceOne Global as partial settlement of the consideration of the Acquisition. ServiceOne Global is owned as to 70% by China Expert, which is held as to 40% by Mr. Chu.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2023, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debenture of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the Reporting Period were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares or debentures of the Company granted to any Director or their respective associates, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, or any of the Company's subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or their respective associates to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

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SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES OR UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 June 2023, so far as the Directors are aware, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company whose interests are disclosed under the paragraph headed "Directors' and chief executives' interest and short positions in shares, underlying shares or debentures" above, the following persons had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which shall be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or, directly or indirectly, are interested in 5.0% or more of the issued voting shares of any member of the Group:

(i) Substantial shareholders — long position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of Shareholder	Capacity	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage (note 1)	Number of underlying shares held	Approximate percentage (note 1)
Mr. Mok Chu Leung Terry ("Mr. Mok")	Beneficial owner	91,800,000	11.4%	–	–
Mr. Cheung Nap Kai ("Mr. Cheung")	Beneficial owner	89,760,000	11.2%	–	–
Ms. Yan Yihong ("Ms. Yan")	Interest of spouse (note 2)	91,800,000	11.4%	–	–
Ms. Tuen Chi Keung ("Ms. Tuen")	Interest of spouse (note 3)	89,760,000	11.2%	–	–
Ms. Luk Yuen Wah Nancy ("Ms. Luk")	Interest of spouse (note 4)	226,890,000	28.2%	450,500,000	56.1%
Ms. Keung Lai Wa Dorathy Linndia ("Ms. Keung")	Interest of spouse (note 5)	100,000,000	12.4%	2,000,000	0.2%
ServiceOne Global	Beneficial owner (note 6)	–	–	450,000,000	56.0%
China Expert	Interest of a controlled corporation (note 6)	–	–	450,000,000	56.0%

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Notes:

1. The approximate percentage is calculated based on the total number of issued shares as at 30 June 2023 (i.e. 803,280,000 shares).
2. Under the SFO, Ms. Yan, the spouse of Mr. Mok, is deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company in which Mr. Mok is interested.
3. Under the SFO, Ms. Tuen, the spouse of Mr. Cheung, is deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company in which Mr. Cheung is interested.
4. Under the SFO, Ms. Luk, the spouse of Mr. Chu, is deemed to be interested in all the shares and underlying shares of the Company in which Mr. Chu is interested.
5. Under the SFO, Ms. Keung, the spouse of Mr. Lau, is deemed to be interested in all the shares and the underlying shares of the Company in which Mr. Lau is interested.
6. These represent 450,000,000 shares of the Company to be issued upon exercise of the conversion rights attached to the convertible bonds issued by the Company as partial settlement of the consideration of the Acquisition to ServiceOne Global. ServiceOne Global is owned as to 70% by China Expert, which is held as to 40% by Mr. Chu.

(ii) Other person — long position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of shareholder	Capacity	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage (note 1)	Number of underlying shares held	Approximate percentage (note 1)
Ms. Lee Kit Ling Monita ("Ms. Lee")	Interest of spouse (note 2)	53,300,000	6.6%	500,000	0.1%

Notes:

1. The approximate percentage is calculated based on the total number of issued shares of the Company as at 30 June 2023, that is, 803,280,000 shares.
2. Under the SFO, Ms. Lee, the spouse of Mr. Wong, is deemed to be interested in all the shares and underlying shares of the Company in which Mr. Wong is interested.

Saved as disclosed above, the Directors were not aware of any other persons other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company who held an interest or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as at 30 June 2023 which were required to be recorded pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

Other Information

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The share option scheme (the “Scheme”) was conditionally approved and adopted pursuant to a resolution in writing passed by the shareholders of the Company on 15 March 2016, which became effective on the Listing Date. A summary of the principal terms of the Scheme is set out in Appendix IV to the Company’s prospectus dated 30 March 2016.

Details of the movements in the number of share options under the Scheme for the three months ended 30 June 2023 are set out as follows:

Name of Grantee	Date of Grant	Exercise price per share (HK\$)	Outstanding as at 1 April 2023	Number of share options			Outstanding as at 30 June 2023
				Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Lapsed/ cancelled during the period	
Executive Directors							
Mr. Lau	15 April 19	0.111	2,000,000	–	–	–	2,000,000
Mr. Chan	15 April 19	0.111	500,000	–	–	–	500,000
Ms. Lau	15 April 19	0.111	1,200,000	–	–	–	1,200,000
Mr. So	15 April 19	0.111	2,000,000	–	–	–	2,000,000
Non-executive Directors							
Mr. Wong	15 April 19	0.111	500,000	–	–	–	500,000
Mr. Chu	15 April 19	0.111	500,000	–	–	–	500,000
Independent non-executive Directors							
Mr. Au	15 April 19	0.111	100,000	–	–	–	100,000
Mr. Ko	15 April 19	0.111	100,000	–	–	–	100,000
Mr. Mak	15 April 19	0.111	100,000	–	–	–	100,000
Other employees							
In aggregate	15 April 19	0.111	4,820,000	–	–	–	4,820,000
			11,820,000	–	–	–	11,820,000

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The outstanding share options granted on the Date of Grant are exercisable in the manner and during the five periods (each an “exercisable period”) as set out below at an exercise price of HK\$0.111 per share. The closing price of the shares immediately before the Date of Grant was HK\$0.098.

First exercisable period:	20.0% of the share options granted exercisable from 15 April 2020 to 14 April 2029
Second exercisable period:	20.0% of the share options granted exercisable from 15 April 2021 to 14 April 2029
Third exercisable period:	20.0% of the share options granted exercisable from 15 April 2022 to 14 April 2029
Fourth exercisable period:	20.0% of the share options granted exercisable from 15 April 2023 to 14 April 2029
Fifth exercisable period:	20.0% of the share options granted exercisable from 15 April 2024 to 14 April 2029

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the Reporting Period.

DIRECTORS’ AND CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS’ INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS

None of the Directors, the directors of the Company’s subsidiaries, the Company’s controlling shareholders, or any of their respective close associates, as defined in the GEM Listing Rules, had interest in any business that competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group or has any other conflict of interests with the Group (other than being a Director and/or a director of its subsidiaries and their respective associates) during the Reporting Period.

Other Information

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. After making specific enquiry of all the Directors, the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings regarding securities transactions by the Directors during the Reporting Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

The Company has applied the principles and code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules. In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the Code during the Reporting Period, save for the deviation from such code disclosed below.

Pursuant to code provision C.6.1 of the Code, the company secretary of the Company should be an employee of the Company and have day-to-day knowledge of the Company's affairs. Mr. Lau Siu Ki, being the Company's company secretary, is not an employee of the Company. The Company has assigned Ms. Wong Yuk Lam, the general manager, finance of the Group, as the contact person with Mr. Lau Siu Ki. Taking into account that Mr. Lau Siu Ki has substantial experience in the corporate secretarial field, providing professional corporate services to Hong Kong listed companies and it is more cost effective to engage an external service provider, the Directors consider that it is beneficial to appoint Mr. Lau Siu Ki as the company secretary of the Company.

The Directors believe that good corporate governance provides a framework that is essential for effective management, successful business growth and a healthy corporate culture which would benefit the Company's stakeholders as a whole. The Directors will continue to review its corporate governance practices in order to enhance its corporate governance standard, to comply with the increasingly tightened regulatory requirements from time to time, and to meet the rising expectation of the shareholders and other stakeholders of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the three months ended 30 June 2023 with the management and is of the view that such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures had been made.

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APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all our employees for their contribution and commitments. I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our shareholders, customers, suppliers and business partners for their long-term supports and dedication during the Reporting Period.

By order of the Board
Expert Systems Holdings Limited
Wong Chu Kee Daniel
Chairman and non-executive Director

Hong Kong, 8 August 2023

As at the date of this report, the Board composition is as follows:

Chairman and non-executive Director:

Mr. Wong Chu Kee Daniel

Chief executive officer and executive Director:

Mr. Lau Wai Kwok

Executive Directors:

Mr. Chan Kin Mei Stanley

Ms. Lau Tsz Yan

Mr. So Cheuk Wah Benton

Non-executive Director:

Mr. Chu Siu Sum Alex

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Au Yu Chiu Steven

Mr. Ko Man Fu

Mr. Mak Wai Sing