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VAN SHUNG CHONG HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
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ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2006

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Van Shung Chong Holdings Limited ("VSC" or the "Company") hereby announces the audited consolidated financial statements of VSC and its subsidiaries (the "VSC Group") as at and for the year ended 31st March 2006, together with comparative figures, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended 31st March 2006

Notes	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000 (Restated)
Turnover	4,574,939	4,138,621
Cost of goods sold	(4,336,273)	(3,935,673)
Gross profit	238,666	202,948
Other gains - net	18,713	37,940
Selling and distribution expenses	(30,261)	(26,939)
General and administrative expenses	(154,562)	(148,225)
Operating profit	72,556	65,724
Finance costs	(45,959)	(17,927)
Profit before income tax	26,597	47,797
Income tax (expense)/credit	(68)	29
Profit for the year	26,529	47,826
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	22,867	36,189
Minority interests	3,662	11,637
	26,529	47,826
Dividends	4,055	8,114
Earnings per share for profit attributable to equity holders of the Company		
- Basic	HK 6.20 cents	HK 9.83 cents
- Diluted	HK 6.20 cents	HK 9.77 cents

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31st March 2006

Notes	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000 (Restated)
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	103,198	103,012
Investment properties	48,000	71,100
Leasehold land and land use rights	22,741	23,091
Goodwill	6,775	8,026
Interest in an associate	5,832	2
Deferred income tax assets	17,193	13,797
Available-for-sale financial assets/Non-trading securities	13,372	34,101
Total non-current assets	217,111	253,129
Current assets		
Inventories	514,304	895,846
Due from customers on installation contract work	8,325	14,616
Trade and bills receivables	729,615	736,758
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	173,202	161,820
Loans receivable	—	6,491
Pledged bank deposits	6,090	12,186
Cash and cash equivalents	198,556	191,986
Total current assets	1,630,092	2,019,703
Current liabilities		
Trade and bills payables	186,596	364,938
Due to customers on installation contract work	102	942
Amount due to an associate	9,396	—
Receipts in advance	56,695	31,940
Accrued liabilities and other payables	49,116	55,394
Current income tax liabilities	11,486	12,637
Derivative financial instruments	216	—
Borrowings	770,219	910,903
Total current liabilities	1,083,826	1,376,754
Net current assets	546,266	642,949
Total assets less current liabilities	763,377	896,078
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	—	166,667
Derivative financial instruments	736	—
Deferred income tax liabilities	2,382	6,200
Total non-current liabilities	3,118	172,867
Net assets	760,259	723,211
Equity		
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company		
Share capital	36,861	36,861
Reserves	678,594	650,973
	715,455	687,834
Minority interests	44,804	35,377
Total equity	760,259	723,211

NOTES:

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS").

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of this consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2005, except that the VSC Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following its adoption of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("new HKFRS") which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st January 2005.

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

2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The adoption of new/revised HKFRS

During the year ended 31st March 2006, the VSC Group adopted the new/revised standards and interpretations of HKFRS below, which are relevant to its operations. The 2005 comparatives have been amended as required, in accordance with the relevant requirements.

HKAS	Description
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 23	Borrowing Costs
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 39 (Amendment)	Transition and Initial Recognition of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
HKAS 40	Investment Property
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

The effect on adoption of the accounting policies described above on the consolidated income statement is as follows:

	For the year ended 31st March 2006					For the year ended 31st March 2005				
	HKAS 17	HKASs 32 and 39	HKAS 40	HKFRS 2	HKAS-Int 21	HKAS 17	HKFRS 2	HKAS-Int 21	HKAS-Int 21	Total
Increase in other gains - net	—	—	11,188	—	—	11,188	—	—	—	—
Decrease/(Increase) in general and administrative expenses	224	(4,476)	—	(57)	—	(4,309)	15	(612)	—	(597)
Increase in income tax expense	—	—	—	—	(1,101)	(1,101)	—	—	(4,291)	(4,291)
Increase/(Decrease) in profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	224	(4,476)	11,188	(57)	(1,101)	5,778	15	(612)	(4,291)	(4,888)
Increase/(Decrease) in basic earnings per share (HK cents per share)	0.06	(1.21)	3.04	(0.02)	(0.30)	1.57	—	(0.17)	(1.17)	(1.34)
Increase/(Decrease) in diluted earnings per share (HK cents per share)	0.06	(1.21)	3.04	(0.02)	(0.30)	1.57	—	(0.17)	(1.16)	(1.33)

The effect on adoption of accounting policies described above on the consolidated balance sheet is as follows:

	As at 31st March 2006					As at 31st March 2005				
	HKAS 17	HKASs 32 and 39	HKAS 40	HKFRS 2	HKAS-Int 21	HKAS 17	HKFRS 2	HKAS-Int 21	HKAS-Int 21	Total
Decrease in property, plant and equipment	(22,429)	—	—	—	(22,429)	(23,003)	—	—	—	(23,003)
Increase in leasehold land and land use rights	22,741	—	—	—	22,741	23,091	—	—	—	23,091
Increase in available-for-sale financial assets	—	13,372	—	—	13,372	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease in non-trading securities	—	(13,372)	—	—	(13,372)	—	—	—	—	—
Increase in derivative financial instruments	—	(952)	—	—	(952)	—	—	—	—	—
Increase in deferred income tax liabilities	—	—	—	(6,932)	(6,932)	—	—	(5,831)	(5,831)	(5,831)
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets	312	(952)	—	(6,932)	(7,572)	88	—	(5,831)	(5,743)	(5,743)
Increase in share premium	—	—	1,071	—	1,071	—	1,014	—	1,014	1,014
Increase/(Decrease) in retained earnings	312	(952)	(1,071)	(6,932)	(8,643)	88	(1,014)	(5,831)	(6,757)	(6,757)
Increase/(Decrease) in equity	312	(952)	—	(6,932)	(7,572)	88	—	(5,831)	(5,743)	(5,743)

3 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Turnover by nature

	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000
Manufacturing of industrial products		
- Processing of rolled flat steel products	1,102,078	905,482
- Enclosure systems	141,564	135,811
Trading of industrial products		
- Engineering plastic resins and injection moulding machines	258,551	248,188
Stockholding and trading of construction materials		
- Steel products - steel rebars, structural steel and flat steel products	2,916,604	2,690,626
- Sanitary ware and kitchen cabinets	154,333	151,943
- Revenue from installation work of kitchen cabinets	—	4,557
Rental income from investment properties	1,809	2,014
	4,574,939	4,138,621

(b) Primary reporting format — business segments

The VSC Group operates predominantly in Hong Kong and Mainland China and in two business segments - (i) China Advanced Materials Processing ("CAMP"), including manufacturing of industrial products such as rolled flat steel products and enclosure systems, and trading of industrial products such as engineering plastic resins and injection moulding machines, and (ii) Construction Materials Group ("CMG"), including stockholding and trading of construction materials such as steel products, sanitary ware and kitchen cabinets and installation work of kitchen cabinets.

Analysis of the VSC Group's results by business segment was as follows:

	2006				
	China Advanced Materials Processing HK\$'000	Construction Materials Group HK\$'000	Other Operations HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Group HK\$'000
External sales	1,502,193	3,070,937	1,809	—	4,574,939
Inter-segment sales	—	85,981	—	(85,981)	—
	1,502,193	3,156,918	1,809	(85,981)	4,574,939
Segment results	31,708	73,836	(5,650)	—	99,894
Other gains - net	11,750	6,544	419	—	18,713
Unallocated corporate expenses	—	—	—	—	(46,051)
Operating profit	—	—	—	—	72,556
Finance costs	—	—	—	—	(45,959)
Income tax expense	—	—	—	—	(68)
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	26,529
Assets	869,860	868,687	108,656	—	1,847,203
Liabilities	369,611	712,991	4,342	—	1,086,944
Capital expenditure	8,994	10,243	8,742	—	27,979
Depreciation and amortisation	12,812	6,702	1,052	—	20,566
Impairment of trade receivables	2,057	1,840	15	—	3,912
Write-down of inventories	6,491	5,228	—	—	11,719
Impairment loss of an available-for-sale financial asset	—	—	14,424	—	14,424
Impairment of goodwill	1,437	—	—	—	1,437
			2005		
External sales	1,289,481	2,847,126	2,014	—	4,138,621
Segment results	103,100	(22,453)	1,086	—	81,733
Other gains-net	3,477	1,888	32,575	—	37,940
Unallocated corporate expenses	—	—	—	—	(53,949)
Operating profit	—	—	—	—	65,724
Finance costs	—	—	—	—	(17,927)
Income tax credit	—	—	—	—	29
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	47,826
Assets	868,590	1,262,868	141,374	—	2,272,832
Liabilities	465,317	855,573	228,731	—	1,549,621
Capital expenditure	8,128	5,834	20,565	—	34,527
Depreciation and amortisation	16,897	7,181	1,647	—	25,725
Impairment of trade receivables	207	1,206	400	—	1,813
Write-down/(Write-back) of inventories	2,191	(346)	—	—	1,845
Impairment loss of a non-trading security	—	—	10,000	—	10,000

(c) Secondary reporting format-Geographic segments

The VSC Group's business activities operate predominantly in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Coils, Galvanized Steel, Pre-painted Color Steel Sheets, Aluminium & Zinc Coated Steel, Aluminium Coated Steel, Stainless Steel, Silicon Steel, Reinforcing Bars, Steel H-Piles and Steel Sheet Piling, etc.

4) Enhance distribution network and supply chain

We will continue to execute our strategies to expand the scope of our business and services including enhancement of our distribution network, realignment of our resources and organisation structure. We have consolidated our flat product steel distribution in Shanghai, Wuxi and Guangzhou from our CMG Division into CAMP Division to strengthen our source of supply and quality of inventory to support our CAMP operation, and to increase processing content of materials previously distributed by CMG on simple trading basis. We will continue our long product steel distribution in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen with continued focus on our key accounts. We also have plans and resources to develop into areas of metal products sourcing, fabrication, logistics arrangement and downstream toll rolling. We will continue to develop our strategic alliances with reputable steel supplier and maintain mutually beneficial relationship with strategic joint venture of Guangzhou and Tianjin Coil Centres. Those alliances will enable us to secure stable and timely supplies of quality steel to cater to the growing distribution networks.

5) Maintain professional team with spirit of continuous improvement

Our success is based on the recognised quality of our products and services, as well as our ability to anticipate the market moves and understand our customers' needs. The improvement of our operating efficiency would not be achieved without a team of professional working in VSC. During the year, we have strategically invested in our human capital; we have recruited, maintained and trained our people to execute our business strategies to support our growth and operating profitability. Moving forward, we will continue to pursue excellence in operation, foster VSC culture and drive for excellence.

(A) China Advanced Materials Processing ("CAMP")

The VSC Group's CAMP operations comprise of three business units, 1) coil centre operations which provide rolled steel processing services to finished products/OEM manufacturers of white goods, electrical appliances, computers and automobile parts; 2) manufacturing of customised enclosure systems which focuses on a variety of precision metal processing and assembly services, mainly for the telecommunications industry; 3) distribution of engineering plastic resins to industrial manufacturers of household appliances, audio/video equipments, telecommunications applications and computers in China.

In financial year 2005/06, overall CAMP's turnover increased by 16% to HK\$1,502 million. However, due to the continuous decline in steel price particularly in the second half of the year, the coil centers in China experienced a decline in margin, and the segment result has deteriorated from last year.

1. Coil Centre Operations

The Group's coil centre operations consist of three main subsidiary factories in Dongguan, Tianjin and Guangzhou and 14% investment in a joint venture company in Nansha. The coil centres act as an essential intermediary in the steel consumption value chain bridging between steel mills and finished products/OEM manufacturers. The value propositions of our coil centres include our ability to deliver to customers through just-in-time (JIT) delivery, under short order lead time, reliable supply chain management, reduction in scrap and materials handling costs, savings in investment of machinery and factory space, quality assurance with flexible supply of product range. To enable our value proposition to our customers, the coil centers have to maintain a certain level of inventory. While the revenue grew from last year, the unexpected and lengthened drop in steel price, particularly in the second half of the year, have deteriorated the performance of our Coil Center for the year.

The **Dongguan coil centre (DGCC)**, running in its 11th year, remains the Group's leading coil centre. Turnover dropped by 2% to approximately HK\$492 million, with volume decreased by 5% to about 73,000 metric tons. Located in Dongguan, Humen, DGCC is in strategic proximity to many Hong Kong and Taiwan based OEM manufacturers of electrical appliances (DVD, LCD panel) and computers (notebook, printer) in Dongguan and nearby to the Pearl River Delta. DGCC focuses on serving a group of large volume users by capitalizing on excellence in operations, customer service and latest machinery technology. During the year, the price of high-end rolled flat steel products continue to decline, at an unexpected rate. The continue decline in steel price caused concern to industrial customers who took the strategy of reducing their inventory. Under such market conditions, DGCC succeed in keeping its top line and sales quantity was comparable with last year, but suffered a decline in its gross margin. Compare with that of last year, DGCC gross margin reduced from 14% to slightly over 4%. Segment profit for financial year 2005/06 is HK\$7.7 million, a 86% drop from last year. Following a year of erratic price fluctuation and adjustments, the management expects that the market ahead would stabilise and our Dongguan operation will back in good shape in coming year.

The **Tianjin coil centre (TJCC)** entered its second full year of operations in 2005/06 and have learnt some valuable lessons. Turnover for financial year 2005/06 amounted to approximately HK\$247 million, up 58% from that of last year. Despite revenue increased from last year, TJCC suffered a segment loss of approximately HK\$7 million, due to a market climate with declining steel price. The actual margin was not as satisfactory as previous year. As the steel price is getting more stable at the end of the year, the management believes that moving forward the Tianjin operation will provide a more positive contribution to the VSC Group with a recovering bottom line.

VSC Group continue holding 70% equity shares of **Guangzhou coil centre (GZCC)** since we acquired it in late March 2004. Situated in Guangzhou, Huangpu, GZCC is the third coil centre managed by CAMP. Turnover for the financial year 2005/06 amounted to approximately HK\$363 million, a 46% increase from last year. Despite volatile market conditions, GZCC managed to achieve growth in revenue and segment profit reached HK\$12 million for the year, represent a 33% drop from last year. As the customer base of the operation has been relatively stable and the demand is expected to remain strong, the management expects the performance will be improved once the steel price is getting stabilised.

VSC Group's partner, Shinsho Corporation, the core trading arm of Kobe Steel Group, provides strong support in ensuring a stable and high quality supply of steel as well as developing a strong customer portfolio of established Japanese clientele in the automobile and home appliance sectors. GZCC focuses on serving the re-export OEM home appliance manufacturers in Guangzhou and domestic customers in the Pearl River Delta. VSC Group plans to further enhance operations and machinery at GZCC, and with Shinsho Corporation, jointly study the viability of expanding the current production capacity to meet anticipated demand surge.

The VSC Group's 14% investment in the **Baosteel Jingchang joint venture** in Nansha recorded a net profit of approximately RMB14 million. Dividends during the year totaled approximately RMB1.7million. The Nansha JV has a reputable industry position by offering highly competitive prices and quality service. Continuous operational improvements were driven by the widespread use of balance scorecard to set specific measurable targets in working capital efficiency, customer satisfaction index and passing of ISO9001:2000 audit.

As mentioned above, on 6th April 2006, VSC Group incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary in Kunshan, located in Jiangsu Province of China. This coil center aims to serve the surging demand from our customers in the Yangtze River Delta region, the newly constructed factory is expected to be ready for production by December 2006 with an annual capacity of 60,000 metric tons.

2. Enclosure Systems Manufacturing

The **VJY enclosure systems manufacturing (VJY)** in Shenzhen entered into its fourth year of operations, it provides comprehensive steel processing services and solution to customer including punching, bending, stamping, coating, assembly, technical design and quality control. VJY is focused on the high growth telecommunications industry in Southern China, which is dominated by a few leading domestic telecommunication equipment providers/manufacturers. VJY has continued to invest in engineering and operations to ensure their products and services are high quality with competitive costs to our customers. The quality of VJY products and services has successfully helped our customers to increase their competitive advantage and we become the vendor of choices with top customers like Huawei and Zhongxing. Turnover for 2005/06 grew by 4% to about HK\$142 million, as compared to last year's HK\$136 million; segment profit improved to about HK\$ 8.2 million. In the coming year, VJY will continue to apply key account management in servicing core customers, improve its technical manufacturing capability and sales forecast to lower inventory costs.

3. Plastics Distribution

For the year under review, the soaring crude oil price continued to drive up the price of plastics. In financial year 2005/06, the plastics department recorded a 4% increase in turnover to HK\$259 million as compared with last year of HK\$248 million, however, the actual tonnage sold slipped to 16,284 tons as compared with last year of 18,523 tons. The soaring in plastic price and interest rates have driven down the market demand. Despite the revenue increased, segment profit reduced by 24% to approximately HK\$11.2 million. The division continues to promote the engineering plastic resins of a wide range of suppliers including Samsung Total, Samsung Cheil, GE Plastics and UMG. The team offers technical assistance to customers' new products development and coordination with suppliers. Local sales teams in Shenzhen and Guangzhou have penetrated into the local market around the Pearl River Delta, targeting the huge demand for high quality imported resins, particularly in the home appliance, health care and electrical and electronic markets.

(B) Construction Materials Group ("CMG")

It is VSC's overall strategy to build a steel distribution network to provide products as well as high value-added solutions to target customers across China. The businesses of CMG operations include distribution of steel and building products primarily to large reputable developers and contractors for construction work in Hong Kong and other major cities in Mainland China, including Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Wuxi, Tianjin, Chongqing and Beijing. Turnover of CMG for the year increased by 8% to approximately HK\$3,071 million and the overall segment profit for the year was HK\$74 million as compared to a loss of HK\$22 million last year. The good result was mainly from the superb performance of the Hong Kong Steel Distribution. In financial year 2005/06, CMG accounted for approximately 67% of the Group's total turnover as compared with last year of 69%.

1. Steel Distribution

The CMG operations in steel distribution comprise of stockholding business of rebars, structural steel and engineering products in Hong Kong; steel distribution in Mainland China as well as investment in the **North Asia Strategic Holdings Limited ("NAS")**, formerly iSteelAsia Holdings Limited. VSC also owned 66.7% joint venture, Shanghai Bao Shun Chang ("BSC") to cover the distribution of the domestic steel products in Eastern China.

Hong Kong Steel Distribution

The shortfall last year gave the Hong Kong Steel Distribution Department a valuable lesson. To capitalize from the lesson, the Department had implemented a series of corrective strategies and actions to avoid entering into fixed price sales contracts exceeding two years and to manage customers for sharing the pricing risks. To reduce operating cost and improve efficiency, the Department had implemented direct pier-to-site delivery, controlled the lead time on goods ordering and improved accuracy of demand forecast. The corrective strategies and cost measures were very successful and the Department achieved an encouraging operating result in financial year 2005/06. Despite overall tonnage delivered by the Department in financial year 2005/06 remained around 326,000 metric tons, approximately the same as last year, revenue increased 17% to approximately HK\$1,232 million. Sales revenue from distribution of steel in Hong Kong contributed 40% of the total CMG steel distribution revenue for the year. In the year under review, the Department made an segment profit of HK\$95 million as compared to a loss of HK\$ 66 million last year. Rebars inventory were reduced by over 50%. Logistics costs comprised of godown operation costs and inventory handling costs, as well as inventory carrying costs had also been reduced. The good news is that all the low price sales contracts that caused the loss in the previous year had been fulfilled and expired in this financial year.

After the Chinese New Year, steel price is becoming more stable, although construction activities in Hong Kong remains stagnant without much apparent improvement from the recovering property market, the Department continues to capture good profit margin as a result of implementing our corrective business and operational strategies. Currently the department's contracts-on-hand total about HK\$600 million extending to year 2007. Major projects worth highlighting are KCRC Kowloon Southern Links, Residential Development of Kwan Lung Lau Phase 1, Cyberport Residential Development at Telegraph Bay for Phase RV, Upper Ngau Tau Kok Estate Phase 2 & 3, Shatin New Town Stage II Road Works, Foundation Works at Hoi Ting Road, Kwai Chung Flatted Factory, Redevelopment of Un Chau Street Estate Phases 2 & 4, Fanling Area 36 Phase 2, Victoria Shanghai, Academy at Shum Wan Road and Route 8 Lai Chi Kok Viaduct. The good and stable operating performance of this Department is expected to continue in the coming year.

China Steel Distribution

In the year under review, CMG China distribution business continued to operate in a difficult environment. On one hand, the PRC central government continues her macro-entrenchment policies to limit excessive investments in several overheated industries including steel and automobile as well as the real estate sector. On the other hand, the over supply of steel had driven down the steel price significantly and continuously. Turnover for the year achieved HK\$1,685 million, increased by 3% from last year, however, the value of inventory carried by the Department had deteriorated significantly, as a result the Department suffered a segment loss of HK\$22 million, compared with a profit of HK\$35 million last year. In financial year 2005/06, the VSC Group made steel products sales of approximately HK\$220 million under the purchase arrangement with NAS. The 66.7% joint venture company, BSC, also suffered from the market and pricing deterioration. In financial year 2005/06, despite turnover increasing by 13.7% to approximately HK\$964 million, net profit contribution before minority interests only reached about HK\$6.7 million as compared with HK\$24 million last year. During the year, our strategic venture alliance MetalChina continued to build their structure and team and provide a virtual chain-market linking procurement services to overseas buyers to source China-made metal products for export. The strategic intent of such specialised services is to develop the VSC Group's domestic sourcing capability and to lower its capital requirements and risks associated with inventory. It further renders cross-selling opportunity of processing activities for the CAMP operations. In financial year 2005/06, CMG China management had put substantial efforts in resources re-alignment and they had also imposed strict control over spending, resulting in elimination of some unnecessary administrative expenses and selling expenses.

2. Building Products

In financial year 2005/06, the turnover of Building Products Department slightly dropped by 1% to about HK\$154 million as compared with HK\$156 million last year. Segment profit decreased to about HK\$0.9 million as compared to HK\$8.9 million last year mainly because of the write off of some dead stock and receivable in a kitchen cabinet installation project which was completed in year 2004. The biggest contributor of Building Products is the project sales division which distributes mainly sanitary wares of TOTO, Laufen and Hansgrohe, and Rover tiles. The Department continued to maintain steady sales growth in commercial office, shopping arcade, hotel and service apartments in Hong Kong and casino and resort sectors in Macau. The strategy of the Department is to continue diversifying and developing distribution network in Macau, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Guangzhou through project sales, channel sales and wholesales. The Department currently has contracts-on-hand worth around HK\$5 million. Major outstanding projects include the supply bathroom sanitary wares and tiles for Skyplaza Building at Hong Kong International Airport, Alternative works at Ocean Centre, Chi Lin Care & Attention Home, Mandarin Oriental Hong Kong, Ting Kau Hotel, East Point City at Tseung Kwan O, Renovation works at Hopewell Centre, Renovation works at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Grand Waterfront, 15 Ho Man Tin Hill Road and hotel projects in Macau. **Leisure Plus**, the retail outlet and showroom, with an area of over 7,000 square feet in Wanchai has successfully built up a superior high-end image for quality sanitary products. The performance of Leisure Plus was encouraging and it contributed sales revenue of HK\$37 million in financial year 2005/06. A new business model, Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) has been used to operate this network to better coordinate the pricing, inventory, display quality and services level among all dealers. Our wholly owned trading company **Leisure Plus Shanghai** also had good result for the year and they achieved a turnover of approximately HK\$64 million, a 7% growth over last year. The VSC Group has also obtained distribution rights of TOTO in Guangzhou and Shenzhen areas. The management of Building Product anticipates good progress of distributing TOTO products in its wholesale and project sales divisions in Shenzhen and Guangzhou area in the coming year.

(C) Other Investment

The VSC Group maintained an investment with direct holding of equity shares in NAS, a company listed in the Growth Enterprise Market of the

Stock Exchange since April 2000. In July 2005, NAS made an open offer to all its shareholders on the basis of one new share for holder of one share which VSC, through its wholly owned subsidiary, fully subscribed for the shares to which it is entitled under that offer. NAS allotted and issued additional shares to new investors of approximate two times of its issued share capital, and as a result, our shareholding was diluted from 18.9% last year to 6.61% this year. In financial year 2005/06, NAS and its subsidiaries (together the "NAS Group") continued to operate in a difficult environment, turnover and margin decreased due to the lasting effect of the PRC central government's continuous macro-entrenchment policies to limit excessive investments in several overheated industries. Turnover of NAS in financial year 2005/06 decreased 58% to approximately HK\$355 million, and a loss attributable to equity holders of approximately HK\$12 million was recorded. The VSC Group has recognised an impairment loss of HK\$14 million by transferring the deficit in investment revaluation reserve to the income statement for the year ended 31st March 2006.

GOING FORWARD

In light of the price volatility and challenging operating environment the VSC Group has experienced in the past few years, the management has been seeking investment opportunities to diversify from the VSC Group's current steel related business with the goal to enhance profitability and equity holders' value in the long run.

Mindful of the PRC's vast size and its tremendous opportunities, VSC has taken a more prudent approach to focusing its efforts in geographic regions it understands such as the Greater Shanghai area where the VSC Group already has an established presence through its operational headquarters. To be successful in maximizing such potential, a key criterion is to have a competent operating team. As such, the VSC Group will be embarking on a recruitment effort to match the opportunities with people competence.

EMPLOYEE AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

In March 2006, the VSC Group employed about 1,419 staff members. Salaries and annual bonuses are determined according to positions and performance of the employees. The VSC Group provides on-the-job training and training subsidy to its employees in addition to retirement benefit schemes and medical insurance. Total staff costs including contribution to retirement benefit schemes incurred during the year under review amounted to approximately HK\$84 million. During the year under review, no options were granted to its employees under the new share option scheme adopted since 12th November 2001.

DIVIDENDS

VSC has not declared any interim dividend during the year. The Directors have resolved to recommend at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting the payment of a final dividend of HK1.1 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31st March 2006 payable to equity holders whose names appear on the Register of Members of VSC at the close of business on 31st August 2006. Subject to the approval of equity holders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, the final dividends warrants are expected to be despatched on or before 29th September 2006.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of VSC will be closed from 29th August 2006 to 31st August 2006 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfers of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with VSC's Registrars in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited by not later than 4:00 p.m. (Hong Kong SAR time) on 28th August 2006.

PURCHASE, SALE OF REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither VSC nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of shares of VSC during the year ended 31st March 2006.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has been set up since December 1998 and now consists of four independent non-executive Directors. The VSC Group's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2006 now reported on have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. VSC has applied the principles and complied with all the applicable code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") for the year ended 31st March 2006, save for the deviations discussed below and has taken the following actions in order to achieve compliance with the CG Code:

- In the Board of Directors' meeting held on 20th December 2005, the Board adopted new terms of reference of the audit committee (include such duties as stated in code provision C.3.3) and the terms of reference of the remuneration committee. These terms of references were posted to VSC's website at <http://www.vsck.com> on the same date.
- VSC has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code") as set out in the Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on 31st March 2004. On 9th March 2006, the Board has approved that the Model Code also applies to those specified relevant employees of the VSC Group in respect of their dealings in the securities of VSC.
- The CG Code provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. VSC does not have a separate chairman and chief executive officer and Mr. Andrew Cho Fai Yao currently holds both positions. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both chairman and chief executive officer in the same person provides the VSC Group with strong and consistent leadership, efficiency usage of resources and allows for effective planning, formulation and implementation of VSC's business strategies which will enable the VSC Group to sustain the development of the VSC Group's business efficiently.
- The CG Code provisions A.4.1 and A.4.2 stipulates that (1) the non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election and (2) all directors appointed to fill casual vacancies should be subject to election by equity holders at the first general meeting after their appointment and every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. VSC's non-executive Directors are not appointed for a specific term and one-third of the Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at each annual general meeting. The chairman and the managing director of VSC are not subject to retirement by rotation. According to the Bye-laws of VSC, all Directors appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of VSC and shall then be eligible for re-election at the meeting. The Board has proposed amendments (details will be stated in the Notice of Annual General Meeting in the general mandate) to the Bye-Laws of VSC at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 31st August 2006 to provide for retirement of every Director (including those holding office as chairman and managing director) at least once every three years at annual general meetings of VSC which is to be approved by equity holders at the coming Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board
Andrew Cho Fai Yao
Chairman

Hong Kong, 14th July 2006

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprised Andrew Cho Fai Yao (Chairman), Fernando Sai Ming Dong (being the executive Directors), Chow Yei Ching, Harold Richard Kahler, Kenny King Ching Tam, Xu Lin Bao (being the independent non-executive Directors).

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