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AsiaSat Reports 2016 Interim Results

Hong Kong, 17 August 2016 - Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited ('AsiaSat' – SEHK: 1135), Asia's leading satellite operator, today announced its 2016 interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

Financial Highlights:

- 1H revenue of HK\$640 million, about the same as the prior period
- Contracts on hand as at 30 June 2016 remained stable at around HK\$3,543 million
- 1H profit attributable to owners of HK\$249 million, relatively flat compared to the prior period

Operational Highlights:

- A growing number of customers acquired during the first half including new customers of new satellites AsiaSat 6 and AsiaSat 8 in Mainland China, Bangladesh and Thailand
- Construction of AsiaSat 9, AsiaSat 4's replacement, remains on schedule for completion in early 2017, which will bring additional Ku-band capacity at 122°E to address new markets
- AsiaSat's growing fleet of satellites continues to provide premium services to customers. The number of transponders leased or sold as of 30 June 2016 increased to 103 from 96 as of 31 December 2015
- Widely recognised as an Ultra HD (UHD) pioneer in Asia, evidenced by the launch of more compelling video content on its UHD channel "4K-SAT"

AsiaSat's Chairman, JU Wei Min, said, "For the remainder of 2016, we do not anticipate any significant changes in market conditions and believe that they will continue to pose a challenge not only for AsiaSat but the industry as a whole. The increased competition from terrestrial systems that is affecting satellite operators in other parts of the world is not expected to significantly impact Asia in the near to medium term, due to the lack of quality terrestrial networks in many parts of the Asia-Pacific region."

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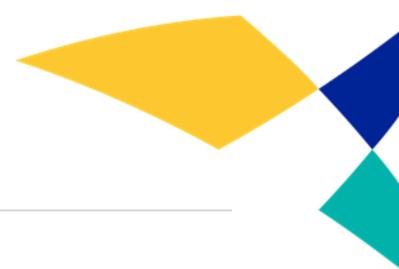
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Announcement of Unaudited Results for the Six Months Ended 30 June 2016

Chairman's Statement

For the first six months of 2016, AsiaSat continued to contend with a challenging market environment characterised by increasing competition, fierce pricing pressure and the overall downturn in the global economy.

Revenue and net profit remained relatively flat when compared to the corresponding period in 2015.

Despite the challenging market conditions, there were a number of new contracts for AsiaSat during the review period. Our advanced new satellites, AsiaSat 6 and AsiaSat 8, were in full operation with new customers acquired in Mainland China, Bangladesh and Thailand. We also added new customers from around the region, including the emerging market of Myanmar, as well as India, Pakistan, Singapore and Vietnam, among others.

We have started to make inroads into Ultra HD (UHD), the ultra-high definition television broadcasting standard of the future, for which we are becoming widely recognised as a pioneer in Asia.

INTERIM RESULTS

Revenue

For the first half of 2016, revenue was HK\$640 million (2015: HK\$641 million), which was about the same as the prior period.

Contracts on Hand

As at 30 June 2016, the value of contracts on hand remained stable at around HK\$3,543 million (31 December 2015: HK\$3,517 million), as compared with the last year end.

Operating Expenses

Excluding depreciation, operating expenses in the first half of 2016 totalled HK\$117 million (2015: HK\$126 million), a decrease of HK\$9 million as compared with the corresponding interim period last year. The decrease mainly came from lower exchange loss and staff costs, offset by a higher impairment charges on trade receivables.

Finance Expenses

Finance expenses were HK\$67 million (2015: HK\$39 million), of which HK\$46 million (2015: HK\$26 million) was capitalised as a cost of satellite. The finance expenses increased in line with the higher level of borrowings as a result of the dividend re-capitalisation completed in 2015.

Depreciation

Depreciation in the first half of 2016 was HK\$261 million (2015: HK\$220 million), an increase of HK\$41 million, mainly due to the full six-month depreciation charge on AsiaSat 6 and AsiaSat 8 during the current interim period.

Income Tax Credit/Expense

The income tax credit was HK\$7 million, compared to income tax expenses of HK\$50 million in the prior period, representing a decrease of HK\$57 million. The decrease was mainly due to a reversal of a tax provision in respect of previous years after reaching an agreement with a tax authority on the tax treatment of certain revenue and expenses items.

Profit

Profit attributable to owners for the first half of 2016 was HK\$249 million (2015: HK\$250 million), relatively flat compared to prior period. Higher depreciation charges were fully mitigated by income tax credits as mentioned above.

Cash Flow

For the first six months of 2016, the Group had a net cash outflow of HK\$13 million (2015: HK\$10 million), including payment of capital expenditure of HK\$183 million (2015: HK\$441 million) and repayment of bank borrowings of HK\$292 million (2015: HK\$144 million). As at 30 June 2016, the Group had cash and bank balances of HK\$225 million (31 December 2015: HK\$238 million).

Dividend

The Board has not declared an interim dividend (2015: special interim dividend of HK\$11.89 per share and interim dividend of HK\$0.18 per share) for this interim period.

SATELLITES

During the first half of 2016, we continued to provide premium services to customers across the Asia-Pacific with our growing fleet of satellites.

AsiaSat 3S remains currently operational and is being leased to a customer for short-term use.

AsiaSat 4, at 122 degrees East, provides a wide range of satellite services to clients, including TV broadcast distribution, Direct-to-Home (DTH) and broadband services across our footprint in the Asia-Pacific region. In the first half of 2016, a growing number of broadcasters began to make use of this satellite as a platform for UHD programming, as evidenced by the launch of more video content from our UHD content partners on “4K-SAT” channel.

AsiaSat 5, at 100.5 degrees East, was again the number one platform for transmitting live sports and news events from around the world to viewers in Asia. These included the Australian Open, the Wimbledon tennis championship, the 2016 Dakar Rally, the Masters Golf Tournament and various European soccer tournaments, as well as coverage of news and events such as the Taiwan presidential election and the MTV Movie Awards. In addition, AsiaSat 5 became a vehicle for delivering VSAT services for aviation and telecom customers.

AsiaSat 7, at 105.5 degrees East, continued to be the platform of choice for premier content from South Asia, East Asia and global TV networks during the first six months of the year. Among the new customers acquired during this period were Sony Pictures Networks India, KBZ Gateway and SEANET in Myanmar for a nationwide VSAT network for broadband data connectivity services. Japan International Broadcasting Inc. also expanded its service offering for its NHK WORLD TV HD English language news and lifestyle TV network serving the Asia- Pacific.

For the most recent additions to our fleet, **AsiaSat 6** and **AsiaSat 8**, we began to see take-up for these satellites by customers during the review period.

On **AsiaSat 6**, at 120 degrees East, we acquired new customer after receiving licensing approval from the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of the People's Republic of China. We believe that AsiaSat 6 will be the future platform for HDTV in China.

AsiaSat 8, at 105.5 degrees East, is collocated with AsiaSat 7, where it is providing high-powered Ku-band capacity for China, India, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. During the review period, AsiaSat 8 was selected by Thai Aerospace Industries Company Limited (TAI) to provide mobility services in the South East Asia region.

Construction of **AsiaSat 9**, the replacement satellite for AsiaSat 4, remained on schedule for completion in early 2017. AsiaSat 9 will allow us to address new markets that are not presently covered by AsiaSat 4. We are actively engaged in advance the marketing of this satellite.

The number of transponders leased or sold as of 30 June 2016 was 103, as compared with 96 as of 31 December 2015. However, due to the addition of available transponders from the two new satellites, the overall utilisation rate for the period ended 30 June 2016 decreased to 60% from 72% as of 31 December 2015.

New Customers

During the first six months of 2016, AsiaSat added a growing number of customers looking for advanced, reliable services for television and radio programme distribution as well as VSAT network services across the Asia-Pacific region.

We were particularly pleased to have the opportunity to re-enter the China video market via AsiaSat 6, following approval by the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television at the beginning of the year to distribute broadcast video in China. It is our belief that the acquisition of new customer for this satellite marks the beginning of future partnerships in support of the development of HD broadcasting in China.

We also look forward to working with our customers in building up communications infrastructure in the region through AsiaSat 9 after its launch next year.

MARKET REVIEW

The Market

The market for the worldwide satellite industry continues to be challenging, not only as a result of the sluggish economy but also due to excess capacity, reduced demand due to changes in the video market and the impact of the slowing economy, and competition that have created greater pressure on pricing.

However, we remain confident about our long-term prospects in the Asia-Pacific region, given AsiaSat's solid reputation in the market, our established base of leading customers and our quality service offering of advanced technology solutions and other value-added services.

Advances in Broadcasting Technology

We continue to be regarded as one of Asia's pioneers in the development of UHD video during the review period. As the market for UHD opens up in the region, we will be in an advantageous position as we are already well recognised in the market for our work bringing this technology forward. Although in the short term, UHD is not likely to generate significant revenue we believe our investment may begin to pay off in the second half of next year. With the launch of AsiaSat 9, with its high power and wider coverage, it is ideally positioned to be the new platform for UHD video content.

Industry Events

We continued to participate extensively in regional and international exhibitions, conferences and meetings throughout the review period, as these events raise our industry profile by enabling us to demonstrate our expertise in satellite broadcasting and communications.

Among the many industry events in which we took part during the first six months of 2016 were the CASBAA India Forum, CABSAT in Dubai, WBU-IMCG Forum, CASBAA Satellite Industry Forum and CommunicAsia, Asia's most established ICT, broadcast and digital multimedia event.

Over the past six months under review, we have been leveraging our participation in these events by making greater use of online media to disseminate the information we present, including speeches, interviews and white papers.

OUTLOOK

For the remainder of 2016, we do not anticipate any significant changes in market conditions and believe that they will continue to pose a challenge not only for AsiaSat but the industry as a whole. The increased competition from terrestrial systems that is affecting satellite operators in other parts of the world is not expected to significantly impact Asia in the near to medium term, due to the lack of quality terrestrial networks in many parts of the Asia-Pacific region.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the management team Ms. Zhang Yan who assumed the role of Vice President, China, in May of this year following the retirement of Mr. Zhang Hai Ming.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our customers, our management team and staff who work so hard to keep AsiaSat at the forefront of our industry, and to our shareholders for continuing to place their faith in us.

JU Wei Min
Chairman

17 August 2016

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | | Unaudited | |
|------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Six months ended 30 June | |
| Note | | 2016 | 2015 |
| | | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | Revenue | 640,041 | 641,284 |
| | Cost of services | <u>(314,646)</u> | <u>(274,952)</u> |
| | Gross profit | 325,395 | 366,332 |
| | Administrative expenses | (63,295) | (71,249) |
| | Other gains - net | <u>728</u> | <u>17,561</u> |
| | Operating profit | 262,828 | 312,644 |
| | Finance expenses | <u>(20,713)</u> | <u>(13,285)</u> |
| | Profit before income tax | 242,115 | 299,359 |
| | Income tax credit/(expense) | <u>7,114</u> | <u>(49,753)</u> |
| | Profit and total comprehensive income for the period | <u>249,229</u> | <u>249,606</u> |
| | Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to: | | |
| | - Owners of the Company | 249,229 | 249,606 |
| | - Non-controlling interests | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | <u>249,229</u> | <u>249,606</u> |
| | Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company | HK\$ per share | HK\$ per share |
| | Basic earnings per share | <u>0.64</u> | <u>0.64</u> |
| | Diluted earnings per share | <u>0.63</u> | <u>0.64</u> |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| | Unaudited 30 June 2016 HK\$'000 | Audited 31 December 2015 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Leasehold land and land use rights | 18,076 | 18,368 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6,837,502 | 6,889,238 |
| Unbilled receivables | 30,764 | 12,041 |
| Deposit | 2,616 | 2,616 |
| Total non-current assets | 6,888,958 | 6,922,263 |
| Current assets | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 334,277 | 359,596 |
| Cash and bank balances | 224,630 | 237,579 |
| Total current assets | 558,907 | 597,175 |
| Total assets | 7,447,865 | 7,519,438 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company | | |
| Ordinary shares | 39,120 | 39,120 |
| Reserves | | |
| - Retained earnings | 2,847,201 | 2,597,197 |
| - Other reserves | 33,421 | 37,191 |
| | 2,919,742 | 2,673,508 |
| Non-controlling interests | 782 | 782 |
| Total equity | 2,920,524 | 2,674,290 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Bank borrowings | 3,119,358 | 3,252,379 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 421,119 | 426,884 |
| Deferred revenue | 73,881 | 80,314 |
| Other amounts received in advance | 1,377 | 1,377 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 3,615,735 | 3,760,954 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Bank borrowings | 354,568 | 495,740 |
| Construction payables | 32,045 | 51,397 |
| Other payables and accrued expenses | 75,531 | 103,928 |
| Deferred revenue | 177,710 | 162,343 |
| Current income tax liabilities | 271,752 | 270,786 |
| Total current liabilities | 911,606 | 1,084,194 |
| Total liabilities | 4,527,341 | 4,845,148 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 7,447,865 | 7,519,438 |
| Net current liabilities | (352,699) | (487,019) |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 6,536,259 | 6,435,244 |

Notes**1. Independent review**

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 30 June 2016 have been reviewed by the Company's independent auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor's independent review report will be included in the Interim Report to shareholders.

2. Basis of preparation

This condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2016 has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, "Interim financial reporting". The condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

As at 30 June 2016, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately HK\$352,699,000 (31 December 2015: HK\$487,019,000). Included in the Group's current liabilities was deferred revenue of HK\$177,710,000 (31 December 2015: HK\$162,343,000) which represents non-refundable customer prepayments that will be recognised as revenue over the next twelve months through provision of transponder capacity services. The Group's net current liabilities less deferred revenue was HK\$174,989,000 (31 December 2015: HK\$324,676,000). The Group's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Group should be able to operate within the level of resources generated from its operations, together with the available banking facilities. Based on these forecasts and projections, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will have adequate resources to continue its operations and to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due in the next twelve months from the date of this condensed consolidated interim financial information. The Group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its condensed consolidated interim financial information.

3. Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015, as described in those annual financial statements.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rates that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

There are no amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for the first time for this interim period that could be expected to have a material impact on this Group.

Notes

3. Accounting policies (Continued)

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued, but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2016 and have not been early adopted:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| HKFRS 15 | Revenue from Contracts with Customers ¹ |
| HKFRS 9 | Financial Instruments ¹ |
| HKFRS 16 | Lease ² |
| HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (Amendment) | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³ |

¹ Effective for the Group for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

² Effective for the Group for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

³ Effective date to be determined

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these new and amended standards upon initial application and is not yet in a position to state whether these new and amended standards will have any significant impact on the Group's reported result of operations and financial position.

4. Revenue and segment information

a) Revenue

The Group's revenue is analysed as follows:

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Income from provision of satellite transponder capacity | | |
| - recurring | 609,534 | 614,550 |
| Sales of satellite transponder capacity | 6,697 | 6,802 |
| Other revenues | 23,810 | 19,932 |
| | 640,041 | 641,284 |

Notes**4. Revenue and segment information (Continued)****b) Segment information**

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Group. The President and Chief Executive Officer considers the business from a product perspective which is the operation, maintenance and provision of satellite telecommunication systems for broadcasting and telecommunication. As the Group has only one operating segment qualified as reporting segment under HKFRS 8 and the information that regularly reviewed by the President and Chief Executive Officer for the purposes of allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segment is the financial statements of the Group, no separate segmental analysis is presented in the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

Revenue reported in Note 4(a) above represented transactions with third parties and is reported to the President and Chief Executive Officer in a manner consistent with that in the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The Group is domiciled in Hong Kong. Revenue from customers in Hong Kong and China (other than Hong Kong) for the six months ended 30 June 2016 is HK\$90,839,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: HK\$98,242,000) and HK\$156,082,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: HK\$149,910,000) respectively, and the total revenue from customers in other countries is HK\$393,120,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: HK\$393,132,000). For the purpose of classification, the geographical source of revenue is determined based on the place of incorporation of the customers instead of the footprint of the satellites of the Group which may involve transmission to multiple geographical areas under a single satellite transponder capacity arrangement.

The amounts provided to the President and Chief Executive Officer with respect to total assets and total liabilities are measured in a manner consistent with that in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position. All assets and liabilities are related to the only operating segment of the Group whose operation is domiciled in Hong Kong.

Notes

5. Operating profit

The following items have been (credited)/charged to the operating profit during the interim period:

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Interest income | (893) | (17,561) |
| Net loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment other than transponders | 165 | - |
| Other gains - net | (728) | (17,561) |
| Salary and other benefits, including directors' remuneration | 56,375 | 60,177 |
| Share-based payment | 6,521 | 5,464 |
| Pension costs – defined contribution plans | 5,200 | 4,824 |
| Total staff costs | 68,096 | 70,465 |
| Auditors' remuneration | 918 | 773 |
| Provision/(write back) for impairment of trade receivables, net | 2,494 | (6,413) |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 261,026 | 220,467 |
| Operating leases | | |
| - Premises | 3,987 | 4,542 |
| - Leasehold land and land use rights | 292 | 292 |
| Net exchange loss | 6,712 | 11,797 |

6. Finance expenses

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Interest expenses incurred on bank borrowings | 67,049 | 39,402 |
| Less: interest capitalised on qualifying assets | (46,336) | (26,117) |
| Total | 20,713 | 13,285 |

The interest rate applied in determining the amount of interest capitalised in the six months ended 2016 was 3.59% (30 June 2015: 3.52%).

Notes

7. Income tax (credit)/expense

A significant portion of the Group's profit is treated as earned outside Hong Kong and is not subject to Hong Kong profits tax. Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (six months ended 30 June 2015: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation, that range from 7% to 43.26% (six months ended 30 June 2015: 7% to 43.26%), prevailing in the countries in which the profit is earned.

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Current income tax | | |
| - Hong Kong profits tax | 24,190 | 24,940 |
| - Overseas taxation(Note (b)) | 15,247 | 26,088 |
| - Adjustment in respect of prior years (Note (a)) | (40,786) | - |
| Total current tax | (1,349) | 51,028 |
| Deferred income tax | (5,765) | (1,275) |
| Income tax (credit)/expense | (7,114) | 49,753 |

Note:

- (a) In January 2015, the Group received assessment notices from a tax authority to disallow the deductibility of certain items in respect of previous assessment years and additional tax provision was made accordingly for the year ended 31 December 2014. During the year ended 31 December 2015, the Group lodged an objection to these assessment notices. Based on the revised assessment notices received from the tax authority in May 2016, the deductibility of those items in respect of previous assessment years remained as not allowable but the corresponding income related to those items was also determined as not taxable. Subsequently in June 2016, the Group received a tax refund for the year of assessments from 2012/13 to 2013/14 of approximately HK\$30 million. Accordingly, the Group has written back the additional tax provision of HK\$41 million for the year of assessments from 2012/13 to 2015/16 which was previously made in accordance with the assessment orders received.
- (b) The Group has been in dispute with the Indian tax authority ("IR") in respect of revenues earned from provision of satellite transponder capacity. The Company has been assessed for tax by the IR on revenues received for the provision of satellite transponder capacity to certain customers for purposes of those customers carrying on business in India or earning income from any source in India. Details were set out in Note 31 to the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

In May 2012, the Finance Bill was passed by the Indian Parliament and certain amendments were enacted with retrospective effect. Under the Indian Income Tax Act (as amended by the Finance Act), revenues received from the provision of satellite transponder capacity to customers which carry on business in India or earn income from any source in India ("Indian sourced") are chargeable to tax in India subject to the judicial interpretation of the amended provision by the Courts in India.

Notes

7. Income tax (credit)/expense (Continued)

As the Finance Act introduced certain amendments with retrospective effect, this may have significant unfavourable consequences to the Group's tax proceedings in the Indian Courts in respect of which orders in favour of the Group had been granted in the past. The amount of the Group's revenues that is deemed to be Indian sourced is yet to be decided by the Indian Courts and therefore the exact tax consequences are still uncertain

Based on the latest advice received by the Group from the Group's advisers in India, the Group has recorded a provision of approximately HK\$6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately HK\$16 million) reflecting an appropriately conservative view based on the historical information currently available. Management intends to rigorously defend the Group's position in this regard in the ongoing tax proceedings in the Indian Courts.

8. Earnings per share

Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Profit attributable to owners of the Company | <u>249,229</u> | <u>249,606</u> |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (in thousands) | <u>390,918</u> | <u>390,804</u> |
| Basic earnings per share (HK\$) | <u>0.64</u> | <u>0.64</u> |

The weighted average number of ordinary shares shown above has been determined at after deducting the shares held under the Share Award Scheme.

Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company has restricted shares under the Share Award Scheme which would have a dilutive effect. The calculation is done to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average annual market share price of the Company's shares) based on the monetary value of outstanding restricted shares. The number of shares calculated as above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the restricted shares were fully vested.

Notes

8. Earnings per share (Continued)

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Profit attributable to owners of the Company | 249,229 | 249,606 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (in thousands) | 390,918 | 390,804 |
| Effect of Awarded Shares (in thousands) | 1,770 | 745 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share (in thousands) | 392,688 | 391,549 |
| Diluted earnings per share (HK\$) | 0.63 | 0.64 |

9. Dividends

The Board has not declared an interim dividend (special interim dividend of HK\$11.89 per share and interim dividend of HK\$0.18 per share for the six months ended 30 June 2015).

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Special interim dividend of HK\$11.89 per share | - | 4,651,314 |
| Interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2016 of HK\$Nil per share (interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2015 of HK\$0.18 per share) | - | 70,415 |
| | - | 4,721,729 |

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Notes to Editor

Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company Limited (AsiaSat), the leading satellite operator in Asia, serves over two-thirds of the world's population with its six satellites, AsiaSat 3S, AsiaSat 4, AsiaSat 5, AsiaSat 6, AsiaSat 7 and AsiaSat 8. The AsiaSat satellite fleet serves both the broadcast and telecommunications industries. Over 700 television and radio channels are now delivered by the company's satellites offering access to more than 830 million TV households across the Asia-Pacific region. AsiaSat's next satellite, AsiaSat 9 on order from the manufacturer is planned to be launched in early 2017. AsiaSat is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code: 1135). For more information, please visit www.asiasat.com