



Regent Pacific Group Limited

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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SUMMARY

This announcement is made by the Company in compliance with the disclosure requirements under Rule 13.09 of the HK Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the HK Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Based on the information currently available to the Group and following on from the Group's operational update announcement on 21 November 2013, the Directors are pleased to inform the shareholders and potential investors that they expect the loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013 to reduce, significantly, by between approximately 30 per cent. and 50 per cent., when compared to the loss of US\$44.85 million (or approximately HK\$349.83 million) for the last financial year ended 31 December 2012.



The financial year concluded on 31 December 2013 and, consequently, the Company is still in the process of finalizing the Group's annual results. The information contained in this announcement is only an initial assessment by the Directors based on a preliminary review of the currently available and unaudited management accounts and is not based on any financial data or information that has been audited or reviewed by the Group's auditor, which accordingly may be revised by the external auditors. The Company will publish its audited annual results for the year ended 31 December 2013 as soon as practicable, but not later than 31 March 2014.

Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

This announcement is made by Regent Pacific Group Limited (the "**Company**" and collectively with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") in compliance with the disclosure requirements under Rule 13.09 of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**HK Listing Rules**") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the HK Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Unaudited Financial Performance for 2013

Based on the information currently available to the Group and following on from the Group's operational update announcement on 21 November 2013, the directors (the "**Directors**" or the "**Board**") of the Company are pleased to inform the shareholders and potential investors that they expect that the loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013 to reduce, significantly, by between approximately 30 per cent. and 50 per cent., when compared to the loss of US\$44.85 million (or approximately HK\$349.83 million) for the corresponding period in 2012, largely due to the improved marked-to-market performance in respect of the Company's listed equity portfolio of investments in the second half of the 2013 financial year.

The unaudited total unrealised and realised losses in respect of the Company's listed and unlisted equity portfolio of investments and other financial instruments is approximately US\$18.65 million (or approximately HK\$145.47 million), which is an improvement from the first half of financial year 2013, where the loss was US\$27.10 million (or approximately HK\$211.38 million).



The main cause for the turnaround has been the marked-to-market performance in respect of the Company's listed and unlisted equity portfolio of investments during the second half of financial year 2013, which represented US\$40.15 million (or approximately HK\$313.17 million) as at 31 December 2013 (including the net purchase of US\$5.03 million (or approximately HK\$39.23 million) after 30 June 2013), up from US\$26.69 million (or approximately HK\$208.18 million) as at 30 June 2013 or a 50.43 per cent. increase. In challenging markets, this result is pleasing.

Trading and Prospects

In light of the continuing challenges associated with investments in listed and unlisted securities of companies engaged in the mining sector, the Company has sought to diversify risk by expanding its investment coverage into the life sciences sector. Consistent with this, and as announced on 15 October 2013, the Company has made a significant investment in Plethora Solutions Holdings plc ("PLE"). The Directors are pleased to report that, as at 31 December 2013, the Company is currently enjoying an unrealised gain of US\$7.80 million (or approximately HK\$60.84 million) or 1.91 times our original cash investment in PLE.

While the Company will continue to invest in companies engaged in the mining sector, following the success of its investment in PLE it will consider making further strategic investments in the life sciences sector. As always, the Company is continuing to closely monitor the markets and manage its investments as it does in the ordinary discharge of its business.

Despite enduring a difficult year, the Company continues to have a healthy, mobile balance sheet and no debt, with cash and listed/unlisted securities of approximately US\$49.04 million (or approximately HK\$382.51 million) as at 31 December 2013.

Consequently, the Company is carefully analysing global equity markets for potential acquisition or investment opportunities.

Shareholders and potential investors are reminded that the Company does regularly disclose and update its more significant investments and equity portfolio positions on its web site (www.regentpac.com) the performance of which can be tracked against the relevant exchanges on which such investments are quoted (with such relevant exchanges, together with the stock codes and relevant company web sites also disclosed for ease of reference).

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Note: Unless otherwise specified herein, amounts denominated in US\$ have been translated, for the purpose of illustration only, into HK\$ using the exchange rate of US\$1.00 = HK\$7.80.

On behalf of the Board of
Regent Pacific Group Limited

Jamie Gibson
Director

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