VEDAN INTERNATIONAL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
味 丹 國 際（控 股）有 限 公 司

(Incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 02317)

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Year ended 31 December		
	2012	2011	**Difference**
	US$'000	*US$'000*	
Revenue	**372,922**	382,900	(2.6%)
Gross profit	**61,500**	56,224	9.4%
Profit for the year	**6,551**	5,937	10.3%
Profit attributable to owners	**7,342**	7,902	(7.1%)
Basic earnings per share	**0.48 US cents**	0.52 US cents	
Diluted earnings per share	**0.48 US cents**	0.52 US cents	
Final dividend proposed per share	**0.145 US cents**	0.311 US cents	
Total dividends paid and proposed per share	**0.289 US cents**	0.311 US cents	

RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Vedan International (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2012, together with the comparative figures for the previous year as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Year ended 31 December	
		2012	2011
	Note	***US$'000***	*US$'000*
Revenue	*2*	**372,922**	382,900
Cost of sales	*3*	**(311,422)**	(326,676)
Gross profit		**61,500**	56,224
Other gains/(losses) – net	*4*	**616**	(311)
Gain on disposal of non-current assets held for sale		**–**	8,464
Selling and distribution expenses	*3*	**(23,967)**	(22,407)
Administrative expenses	*3*	**(28,387)**	(29,648)
Operating profit		**9,762**	12,322
Finance income		**1,457**	741
Finance costs		**(1,211)**	(1,820)
Finance income/(costs) – net	*5*	**246**	(1,079)
Share of post-tax loss of an associate		**(44)**	(222)
Profit before income tax		**9,964**	11,021
Income tax expense	*6*	**(3,413)**	(5,084)
Profit for the year		**6,551**	5,937
Profit attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		**7,342**	7,902
Non-controlling interest		**(791)**	(1,965)
		6,551	5,937
Earnings per share for profit attributable to the owners of the Company during the year *(expressed in US cents per share)*			
Basic earnings per share	*7*	**0.48**	0.52
Diluted earnings per share	*7*	**0.48**	0.52
Dividends	*8*	**4,405**	4,740

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year ended 31 December	
	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Profit for the year	**6,551**	5,937
Other comprehensive income		
Currency translation differences	**168**	3,178
Total comprehensive income for the year	**6,719**	9,115
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		
– Owners of the Company	**7,512**	10,963
– Non-controlling interest	**(793)**	(1,848)
Total comprehensive income for the year	**6,719**	9,115

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

		As at 31 December	
		2012	2011
	Note	***US$'000***	*US$'000*
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Land use rights		**2,205**	2,200
Property, plant and equipment		**140,626**	157,547
Intangible assets		**12,226**	13,953
Prepayment for property, plant and equipment		**–**	27
Long-term loan and receivables		**134**	329
Investment in an associate		**3,042**	1,008
Deferred income tax assets		**58**	42
Total non-current assets		**158,291**	175,106
Current assets			
Inventories		**91,096**	95,338
Trade receivables	*9*	**41,703**	32,714
Amount due from the non-controlling interest of a subsidiary		**1,405**	1,431
Prepayments and other receivables		**9,339**	11,219
Current income tax recoverable		**41**	41
Short-term bank deposits		**7,387**	–
Cash and cash equivalents		**42,567**	45,518
		193,538	186,261
Non-current assets held for sale		**1,900**	–
Total current assets		**195,438**	186,261
Total assets		**353,729**	361,367
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital		**15,228**	15,228
Reserves			
– Proposed final dividend		**2,205**	4,740
– Others		**254,977**	251,870
		272,410	271,838
Non-controlling interest		**(1,010)**	(217)
Total equity		**271,400**	271,621

		As at 31 December	
		2012	2011
	Note	***US$'000***	*US$'000*
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Bank borrowings		**5,267**	9,946
Deferred income tax liabilities		**6,180**	6,538
Provision for long service payment		**1,262**	1,277
Total non-current liabilities		**12,709**	17,761
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	*10*	**23,113**	23,817
Accruals and other payables		**15,732**	12,846
Amount due to a related party		**323**	2,399
Bank borrowings		**23,273**	22,813
Current portion of non-current bank borrowings		**4,679**	5,314
Current income tax liabilities		**2,500**	4,796
Total current liabilities		**69,620**	71,985
Total liabilities		**82,329**	89,746
Total equity and liabilities		**353,729**	361,367
Net current assets		**125,818**	114,276
Total assets less current liabilities		**284,109**	289,382

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

(a) The following amendments to standards are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 January 2012, but have not had any significant financial impact to the Group.

HKAS 12 (Amendment)	Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets
HKFRS 1 (Amendment)	Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters
HKFRS 7 (Amendment)	Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets

(b) The following new standards, interpretation and amendments/revisions to standards have been issued, but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2012 and have not been early adopted.

		Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Presentation of Financial Statements	1 July 2012
HKAS 19 (Amendment)	Employee Benefits	1 January 2013
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Separate Financial Statements	1 January 2013
HKAS 28 (Revised)	Associates and Joint Ventures	1 January 2013
HKAS 32 (Amendment)	Financial Instruments: Disclosure – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	1 January 2014
HKFRS 1 (Amendment)	First Time Adoption on Government Loans	1 January 2013
HKFRS 7 (Amendment)	Financial Instruments: Disclosure – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	1 January 2013
HKFRS 7 and HKFRS 9 (Amendments)	Mandatory Effective Date and Transition Disclosures	1 January 2015
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments	1 January 2015
HKFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements	1 January 2013
HKFRS 11	Joint Arrangements	1 January 2013
HKFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	1 January 2013
HKFRS 13	Fair Value Measurements	1 January 2013
HK(IFRIC) – Int 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine	1 January 2013
Amendments to HKFRSs 10, 11 and 12	Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Transition Guidance	1 January 2013
Amendments to HKFRSs 10, 12 and HKAS 27 (Revised 2011)	Investment Entities	1 January 2014
Annual improvements project	Improvements to HKASs and HKFRSs 2009 – 2011	1 January 2013

The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of adopting the above new standards, amendments/revision to standards and interpretation. Except for HKFRS 10 which the management has assessed there is no significant impact, the Group is not yet in a position to state whether substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies and financial statements presentation will result.

2. Revenue

The Group manufactures and sells fermentation-based food additives, biochemical products and cassava starch-based industrial products including modified starch, glucose syrup, MSG, soda, acid and beverages. Revenue recognised for the years ended 31 December 2012 and 2011 was US$372,922,000 and US$382,900,000 respectively.

3. Expenses by nature

Expenses included in cost of sales, selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses are analysed as follows:

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	**2,499**	(12,732)
Raw materials and consumables used	**269,413**	302,489
Amortisation of intangible assets	**1,459**	1,487
Amortisation of land use rights	**51**	64
Auditor's remuneration	**350**	350
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	**23,279**	23,596
Impairment charge on property, plant and equipment	**322**	4,255
Impairment charge on intangible assets	**344**	–
Operating leases expenses in respect of leasehold land	**171**	163
Employee benefit expenses	**28,174**	24,654
Provision/(write back of provision) for impairment of trade receivables	**226**	(139)
Other expenses	**37,488**	34,544
Total cost of sales, selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses	**363,776**	378,731

4. Other gains/(losses) – net

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Net exchange gain/(loss)	**137**	(964)
Net loss from sale of electricity	**–**	(10)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**68**	(146)
Sale of scrap materials	**345**	412
Others	**66**	397
	616	(311)

5. Finance (income)/costs – net

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Finance income – interest income on short-term bank deposits	**(1,457)**	(741)
Interest expense on bank borrowings	**1,121**	1,632
Amortisation of discount on long-term payable to a related party	**90**	188
Finance costs	**1,211**	1,820
Finance (income)/costs – net	**(246)**	1,079

No interest expenses on bank borrowings have been capitalised under property, plant and equipment for current year (2011: Nil).

6. Income tax expense

Taxation on profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the year at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of income tax charged to the consolidated income statement represents:

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Enterprise income tax	**3,787**	6,101
Deferred income tax	**(374)**	(1,017)
	3,413	5,084

7 Earnings per share

(a) 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 year.

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	**7,342**	7,902
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue *(thousands)*	**1,522,742**	1,522,742
Basic earnings per share *(US cents per share)*	**0.48**	0.52

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is same as basic earnings per share as there are no dilutive instruments for the years ended 31 December 2012 and 2011.

8. Dividends

The dividends paid in 2012 and 2011 were US$6,940,000 (0.455 US cents per ordinary share) and US$3,670,000 (0.240 US cents per ordinary share) respectively. Final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2012 of 0.145 US cents per ordinary share, amounting to a total dividend of US$2,205,000, is to be proposed and approved by the shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. These financial statements do not reflect this dividend payable.

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
2012 interim dividend, paid of 0.144 US cents (2011 interim: Nil) per ordinary share	**2,200**	–
2012 final dividend, proposed of 0.145 US cents (2011: 0.311 US cents) per ordinary share	**2,205**	4,740
	4,405	4,740

9. Trade receivables

The fair values of trade receivables are as follows:

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Trade receivables from third parties	**43,207**	33,987
Trade receivables from a related party	**105**	110
Less: provision for impairment of trade receivables	**(1,609)**	(1,383)
	41,703	32,714

The credit terms of trade receivables range from cash on delivery to 60 days and the ageing of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
0 – 30 days	**36,841**	21,400
31 – 90 days	**2,891**	7,395
91 – 180 days	**1,808**	2,444
181 – 365 days	**36**	1,224
Over 365 days	**1,736**	1,634
	43,312	34,097

10 Trade payables

At 31 December 2012, the ageing of trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
0 – 30 days	**18,978**	21,504
31 – 90 days	**3,921**	2,259
91 – 180 days	**170**	33
181 – 365 days	**3**	5
Over 365 days	**41**	16
	23,113	23,817

11 Segment information

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board of Directors collectively. The Directors review the Group's policies and information for the purposes of assessing performance and allocating resources.

The Group presents its operating segment results (below) based on the information reviewed by the chief operating decision-makers and used to make strategic decisions. This information includes segment revenue, segment assets and capital expenditures.

The chief operating decision-makers consider the business from a geographical aspect. In presenting information on the basis of operating segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical presence of customers. Segment assets and capital expenditures are based on the geographical location of the assets.

The chief operating decision makers mainly assess the performance based on revenue derived by each geographical segment. Accordingly, the segment performance is restricted to revenue information.

In 2012 and 2011, the revenue from the Group's largest customer amounted to less than 10 per cent of the Group's total revenue.

(a) Segment revenue

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Vietnam	**173,347**	180,624
The PRC	**40,282**	46,779
Japan	**79,955**	86,039
Taiwan	**11,862**	6,909
ASEAN member countries (other than Vietnam)	**50,512**	36,310
Other regions	**16,964**	26,239
	372,922	382,900

(b) Capital expenditures

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Vietnam	**6,783**	8,961
The PRC	**2,560**	1,758
	9,343	10,719

Capital expenditures are attributed to segments based on where the assets are located.

Capital expenditures comprise additions of property, plant and equipment and land use rights and intangible assets.

(c) Total assets

	2012	2011
	US$'000	*US$'000*
Vietnam	**287,876**	287,765
The PRC	**57,082**	69,548
Hong Kong	**8,308**	3,133
Taiwan	**401**	859
Singapore	**62**	62
	353,729	361,367

Total assets are attributed to segments based on where the assets are located.

Property, plant and equipments are monitored by the management at the operating segment level. The following is a summary of amortisation, depreciation and impairment of non-current assets allocation for each operating segment.

	Amortisation and depreciation	**Impairment**
	US$'000	***US$'000***
2012		
Vietnam	**21,815**	**666**
The PRC	**2,974**	**–**
	24,789	**666**

	Amortisation and depreciation	Impairment
	US$'000	*US$'000*
2011		
Vietnam	22,171	250
The PRC	2,976	4,005
	25,147	4,255

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

1. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

In 2012, the pace of the global economic recovery was slow and below expectations; as the unemployment rate of developed countries was persistently high while the growth rate of emerging markets and developing countries has slid. Against this backdrop, uncertainties such as the financial crisis in the US and the lingering debt crisis in Europe have further dampened the global economy as can be seen in the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s original forecast, made in 2011, of a 4.0% global economic growth subsequently lowered to 3.3%. Japan experienced negative growth in the first half of the year, while the EURO zone recorded negative growth for three consecutive quarters. The PRC recorded a growth rate of 7.8%, the lowest in 13 years. As for the US, the country recorded only a slight recovery with an unstable foundation. Affected by the sluggish global economic environment, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Vietnam only grew by 5.03% in 2012, 5.89% lower than that of 2011. The inflation rate was controlled at a level of 6.81%, much lower than the 18.13% in the preceding year but still faced weakened market demand. During the year under review, Vietnam's government launched measures to encourage exports by controlling the import of non-essential commodities. Such measures have not only generated the first trade surplus in 19 years and increased foreign exchange reserves, but have also helped stablise the exchange rate of the Vietnam Dong to the US Dollar, which substantially lowered the foreign exchange exposure of companies. Overall, except for emerging markets in Asia, major economies in the world including the US, member countries of EU and Japan have been suffering from economic malaise and decrease in demand.

The Group faced many internal and external operating challenges in 2012. For example, the trough in Vietnam's economy during recent years and the weak purchasing power have led to a slight decrease in its revenue within the country for the first time in recent years. Japan's economic growth and demand has also been stagnant during this time. Thus, the Group's sales in Japan have dropped. However, thanks to the strong economic growth of the emerging countries in the ASEAN region and the fruitful results of the Group's efforts and strategic planning over the years, revenue in the ASEAN region grew remarkably. As a result, overall revenue of the Group only dropped by 2.6% to US$372,922,000.

As for the PRC business, the Group has restructured the Shanghai plant and will focus on distribution and sales channel expansion as well as brand building. Apart from the existing MSG and beverage production, Maotai complex in Xiamen has also increased the production capacity of compound starch products to meet the demand arising from market expansion. In 2012, the Vietnam plant closed some of the native starch production lines with lower production efficiency and low added value. At the same time, a new 30,000-tonne maltose production line will commence operation in early 2013. It will not only fully utilise the existing equipment of the syrup plant to lower construction cost and enhance product competitiveness, but will also address the increasing demand for maltose in the region. The diversification of the Group's starch business is set to become the growth driver of the carbohydrates business.

In recent years, the Group has been focusing on higher value added products and enhancing brand reputation and distribution channels. Thus, it has strategically lowered or stopped altogether the supply of GA in Vietnam and the PRC. Compared with 2011, sales of GA decreased notably by US$14,257,000 or approximately 76.5%. This also explained the drop in the Group's revenue.

Facing the fast-changing operating environment in 2012, maintaining profitability has been the Group's primary aim in its operations. As the Group adopted flexible production and effective measures to secure carbohydrate sources, its gross profit and net profit increased by US$5,276,000 and US$614,000, or 9.4% and 10.3%, respectively despite the slight 2.6% drop in revenue during the year. Gross profit reached US$61,500,000 and net profit was US$6,551,000.

2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

(a) Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31 December 2012, the Group's cash and bank deposits amounted to US$49,954,000, representing an increase of approximately 9.7%, or US$4,436,000 as compare to the end of 2011. Short-term bank borrowings were US$27,952,000, a decrease of around 0.6% or US$175,000, while middle-to-long-term bank borrowings totaled US$5,267,000, a decrease of around 47.0% or US$4,679,000. Bank borrowings were mainly denominated in US dollars, which accounted for 96.9% of the total. The remaining borrowings were in New Taiwan Dollars, occupying 3.1%. The proportions of short-term and middle-to-long-term bank borrowings were 84.1% and 15.9%.

Trade receivables increased by US$8,989,000 or approximately 27.5%, to US$41,703,000, and 85.1% of them were within 30 days. Inventories of raw materials and finished goods totaled US$91,096,000, a decrease of US$4,242,000 (around 4.4%). Trade receivables and inventories accounted for 11.2% and 24.4% of the Group's overall revenue.

In light of reduced borrowings, the gearing ratio (total borrowings to total capital ratio) was 10.9% for the year under review, which was lower than 12.3% in 2011. Net gearing ratio (total borrowings less cash and deposits to total capital ratio) was –5.5%. Current ratio increased from 2.6 last year to 2.8, due to the increase in current assets and decrease in current liabilities.

(b) Capital Expenditure

During the year under review, capital expenditure amounted to approximately US$9,343,000, US$1,376,000 less than the amount of US$10,719,000 in 2011.

(c) Exchange Rate

The exchange rate of the Vietnam Dong to the US dollar remained stable in 2012. Compared to the exchange rate of US$1 to 20,828 Dong as at the end of 2011, the exchange rate remained at a similar level as at the end of 2012.

The Group's subsidiaries in the PRC, Shanghai Vedan, Shandong Vedan Snowflake and Xiamen Maotai focus on the sales in domestic market. During the year, the value of the RMB strengthened moderately against US dollar, appreciating by approximately 0.25% when compared with the end of last year.

(d) Dividend

Basic earnings per share for the year was 0.48 US cents. The Board recommended to distribute a final dividend of 0.145 US cents per share, representing a dividend ratio of 60%.

3. PROSPECTS

Having experienced the dramatic changes caused by the downturn of the global economy in 2012, the Group is not particularly optimistic about the prospects in 2013. Especially in Vietnam and the PRC where the Group has production bases, the Group does not expect to see a bright situation during the coming year. However, the GDP growth of these two markets is expected to be better than other markets, so even under macroeconomic uncertainties, the Group believes that there is still scope for stronger development by adopting appropriate business strategies. The summary of its key objectives and direction are outlined below.

(a) Operations in the PRC:

(i) Consolidate the production facilities in Shanghai and Xiamen and improve production efficiency while enhancing branding efforts and bolstering business. The re-organisation of the operations in the PRC will be a key strategy, which entails focusing more closely on the market, optimising the organisational structure, reviewing the progress of projects on hand, and strengthening the sales teams.

(ii) Reorganise business development strategy. The Vietnam plant will be responsible for supplying raw materials and product supply chain. The Group will also further process the products in the PRC. In addition, it will explore niche markets, and expand and strengthen business teams by setting up sales teams based on customers' needs.

(iii) Implement partnership strategy to secure the supply chain. It will also evaluate new products and related projects, as well as strengthen and build local professional teams.

(iv) Reorganise the Shandong plant, as well as its operational model.

(b) Operations in Vietnam:

(i) Continue to develop the local market by strengthening the branding efforts and building an extensive distribution network across various channels. It will also strive to enhance its consumer product business, in particular within second-and third-tier cities as well as major cities, to boost market share.

(ii) In view of the development in ASEAN member countries and emerging markets, the Group will increase its efforts in developing the export sales market including the ASEAN member countries and India. As for Japan, the Group will further expand into this market through creating higher value added products for customers.

(iii) As for starch-related products, specialty chemicals and fertilisers and feed, the Group will invest in the development and production of maltose, with developing customised fertilisers and feed as its primary task. To aid in the development of these products, the Group will integrate resources, expand its market further within ASEAN and India, build and strengthen its marketing foundation and improve efficiency.

(iv) Continue to review its strategic alliances, by tapping the supply chain and securing a stable supply of carbohydrates. It will also enhance energy-saving initiatives, continue to invest in new product development, implement organisational restructuring and cultivate professional talent to lay a solid foundation for long term operations.

The unfavourable and uncertain operating environment in 2013 will continue to bring challenges to the Group. However, the Group has set operating strategies in place together with complementary work plans. Based on its market expansion in different regions over the years, recognition of its brand by customers and its established sales network, the Group is confident that it can overcome challenges and set a firm foundation for long term development.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed shares during the year ended 31 December 2012.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Directors is strongly committed to maintain good corporate governance. The Directors aim to continually review and enhance corporate governance practices of the Group.

The Company has complied with the applicable code provisions as contained in the former Code on Corporate Governance Practices during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 as well as the new Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") during the period from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012 as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange").

In respect of code provisions A.6.7 and E.1.2 of the CG Code, the Non-executive Directors and the Independent Non-executive Directors (including the chairman of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee), as well as the Chairman of the Board (also the Chairman of the Nomination Committee) were not in the position to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 22 May 2012 due to business commitments.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee, comprising all the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company, has reviewed the results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2012 and has discussed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, and its internal controls and financial reporting matters.

SCOPE OF WORK OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

The figures in respect of the preliminary announcement of the Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2012 have been agreed by the Group's auditor, PricerwaterhouseCoopers, to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by PricerwaterhouseCoopers in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by PricerwaterhouseCoopers on the preliminary announcement.

FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board of Directors recommended the payment of a final dividend of 0.145 US cents (2011: 0.311 US cents), subject to the approval of such final dividend by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 21 May 2013. It is expected that the proposed final dividend will be paid on 14 June 2013 to shareholders registered on the record date, being 28 May 2013.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 28 May 2013 to 31 May 2013, both days inclusive during such period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to be eligible to receive the proposed final dividend, unregistered holders of shares of the Company should ensure all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited, 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 27 May 2013.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL RESULTS AND ANNUAL REPORT

This annual results announcement was published on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's website at "www.hkexnews.hk" and the Company's website at "www.vedaninternational.com". The Company's 2012 annual report containing all the information required under the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders and published on the websites of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

OUR APPRECIATION

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the shareholders, business partners and customers for their unfaltering support. We would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their contributions to the success of the Group.

By Order of the Board
Vedan International (Holdings) Limited
YANG, Kun-Hsiang
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 26 March 2013

As at the date of this announcement, our Board comprises of the following Directors:–

Executive Directors:–
Mr. YANG, Tou-Hsiung
Mr. YANG, Cheng
Mr. YANG, Kun-Hsiang
Mr. YANG, Chen-Wen
Mr. YANG, Kun-Chou

Non-executive Directors:–
Mr. HUANG, Ching-Jung
Mr. CHOU, Szu-Cheng

Independent non-executive Directors:–
Mr. CHAO, Pei-Hong
Mr. KO, Jim-Chen
Mr. CHEN, Joen-Ray
Mr. HSIEH, Lung-Fa