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AEON CREDIT SERVICE (ASIA) COMPANY LIMITED AEON 信貸財務(亞洲)有限公司 (Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability) (Stock Code: 900)

UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MAY 2017

The Directors of AEON Credit Service (Asia) Company Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the three months ended 31st May 2017, together with comparative figures of the previous period as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

| | Notes | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Revenue | 2 | 309,764 | 309,525 |
| Interest income Interest expense | | 270,817 (22,068) | 273,432 (23,688) |
| Net interest income Other operating income Other gains and losses | 3 4 | 248,749 40,985 (64) | 249,744 38,671 (12) |
| Operating income Operating expenses | 5 | 289,670 (133,747) | 288,403 (137,871) |
| Operating profit before impairment allowances Impairment losses and impairment allowances Recoveries of advances and receivables written-off Share of results of associates | | 155,923 (59,081) 12,588 844 | 150,532 (72,582) 14,587 (2,688) |
| Profit before tax Income tax expense | | 110,274 (18,656) | 89,849 (16,233) |
| Profit for the period | | 91,618 | 73,616 |
| Profit for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company | | 91,618 | 73,616 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Profit for the period | 91,618 | 73,616 |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Fair value loss on available-for-sale investments Exchange difference arising from translation of foreign | 691 | (1,172) |
| operations Net adjustment on cash flow hedges | 2,498 (24,832) | (3,644) 9,301 |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period | (21,643) | 4,485 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 69,975 | 78,101 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to: Owners of the Company | 69,975 | 78,101 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31st May 2017

| | Notes | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 28.2.2017 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Investments in associates Available-for-sale investments Advances and receivables Prepayments, deposits and other debtors Derivative financial instruments Restricted deposits | 6 11 | 94,543 12,323 21,932 994,659 20,252 3,980 38,000 | $100,494 \\11,374 \\21,239 \\1,034,366 \\16,772 \\10,354 \\38,000$ |
| Current assets Advances and receivables Prepayments, deposits and other debtors Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries Amount due from immediate holding company Amount due from intermediate holding company Amount due from an associate Derivative financial instruments Restricted deposits | 6 11 | 1,185,689 4,061,069 49,478 67 - 25 73 - 217,316 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,232,599\\ 4,035,958\\ 40,436\\ 1,180\\ 7\\ 191\\ 73\\ 44\\ 145,216\end{array}$ |
| Time deposits Tiduciary bank balances Bank balances and cash Current liabilities Creditors and accruals | | 217,516 161,554 1,580 482,326 4,973,488 245,903 | 145,216 165,763 76 470,257 4,859,201 219,948 |
| Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries Amount due to intermediate holding company Amount due to ultimate holding company Amount due to an associate Bank borrowings Derivative financial instruments Tax liabilities | 9 11 | 46,999 87 44 2,680 140,000 354 37,115 473,182 | 49,460 202 35 3,095 240,000 650 31,762 545,152 |
| Net current assets Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>4,500,306</u> | 4,314,049 5,546,648 |
| | | | 5,5 10,010 |

| | | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) | 28.2.2017 (Audited) |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Share capital | | 269,477 | 269,477 |
| Reserves | | 2,542,569 | 2,472,594 |
| Total equity | | 2,812,046 | 2,742,071 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Collateralised debt obligation | 10 | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Bank borrowings | 9 | 1,532,979 | 1,481,281 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 11 | 84,582 | 66,724 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | 6,388 | 6,572 |
| | | 2,873,949 | 2,804,577 |
| | | 5,685,995 | 5,546,648 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| | Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i> | Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000 | Hedging reserve HK\$'000 | Translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i> | Accumulated profits HK\$'000 | Total <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| At 1.3.2016 (Audited) | 269,477 | (3,515) | (121,103) | (2,402) | 2,401,115 | 2,543,572 |
| Profit for the period Fair value loss on available-for-sale | - | - | - | - | 73,616 | 73,616 |
| investments Exchange difference arising from | - | (1,172) | - | - | _ | (1,172) |
| translation of foreign operations Net adjustment on cash flow hedges | - | | 9,301 | (3,644) | | (3,644) 9,301 |
| Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period | _ | (1,172) | 9,301 | (3,644) | 73,616 | 78,101 |
| At 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) | 269,477 | (4,687) | (111,802) | (6,046) | 2,474,731 | 2,621,673 |
| At 1.3.2017 (Audited) | 269,477 | (4,421) | (53,651) | (18,489) | 2,549,155 | 2,742,071 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 91,618 | 91,618 |
| Fair value gain on available-for-sale investments Exchange difference arising from | - | 691 | - | - | - | 691 |
| translation of foreign operations Net adjustment on cash flow hedges | - | - | (24,832) | 2,498 | - | 2,498 (24,832) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | (24,032) | | | (24,052) |
| (expense) for the period | _ | 691 | (24,832) | 2,498 | 91,618 | 69,975 |
| At 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) | 269,477 | (3,730) | (78,483) | (15,991) | 2,640,773 | 2,812,046 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Net cash from operating activities | 131,874 | 159,081 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment Decrease in time deposits with maturity of more than | (2,000) (2,590) | (2,037) (1,577) |
| three months | 5,708 | 14,148 |
| Net cash from investing activities | 1,118 | 10,534 |
| Placement of restricted deposits Withdrawal of restricted deposits New bank loans raised Repayment of bank loans | (724,726) 652,626 50,000 (100,000) | (168,399) 136,604 359,000 (386,115) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (122,100) | (58,910) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 10,892 | 110,705 |
| Effect of changes in exchange rate | 2,361 | (1,131) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 602,090 | 349,283 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | 615,343 | 458,857 |
| Being: Time deposits with maturity of three months or less Bank balances and cash | 133,017 482,326 | 97,081 361,776 |
| | 615,343 | 458,857 |

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months ended 31st May 2017

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

The financial information relating to the year ended 28th February 2017 that is included in the unaudited results for the three months ended 31st May 2017 as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those consolidated financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 28th February 2017 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Company's auditor has reported on those financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

2. **REVENUE**

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| | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Interest income | 270,817 | 273,432 |
| Fees and commissions | 17,933 | 16,932 |
| Handling and late charges | 21,014 | 19,161 |
| | 309,764 | 309,525 |
| OTHER OPERATING INCOME | | |
| | 1.3.2017 to | 1.3.2016 to |
| | 31.5.2017 | 31.5.2016 |
| | (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | (Unaudited) HK\$'000 |
| Fees and commissions | | |
| Credit card | 13,250 | 10,659 |
| Insurance | 4,683 | 6,273 |
| Handling and late charges | 21,014 | 19,161 |
| Others | 2,038 | 2,578 |
| | 40,985 | 38,671 |

4. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

| | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Exchange (loss) gain Exchange loss on hedging instruments released from cash flow hedge reserve Exchange gain on a bank loan Other exchange losses, net Hedge ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges Losses on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment | (1,600) 1,600 47 (33) (78) | (300) 300 45 (53) (4) |
| | (64) | (12) |
| 5. OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| | 1.3.2017 to 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 1.3.2016 to 31.5.2016 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
| Depreciation General administrative expenses Marketing and promotion expenses Minimum operating lease rentals in respect of rented premises, | 10,617 39,762 13,194 | 11,458 41,574 13,636 |
| advertising space and equipment Other operating expenses Staff costs including Directors' emoluments | 18,511 11,651 40,012 | 17,905 11,130 42,168 |
| | 133,747 | 137,871 |
| 6. ADVANCES AND RECEIVABLES | | |
| | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 28.2.2017 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
| Credit card receivables Instalment loan receivables Hire purchase debtors | 3,628,155 1,433,338 1 | 3,611,021 1,469,708 26 |
| Accrued interest and other receivables | 5,061,494 | 5,080,755 90,642 |
| Gross advances and receivables | 5,149,706 | 5,171,397 |
| Impairment allowances (<i>note 7</i>) – individually assessed – collectively assessed | (55,805) (38,173) | (58,146) (42,927) |
| | (93,978) | (101,073) |
| Current portion included under current assets | 5,055,728 (4,061,069) | 5,070,324 (4,035,958) |
| Amount due after one year | 994,659 | 1,034,366 |

7. IMPAIRMENT ALLOWANCES

| | | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 28.2.2017 (Audited) <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Analysis by products as: Credit card receivables | | 20 501 | 41,034 |
| Instalment loan receivables | | 38,581 53,024 | 57,377 |
| Accrued interest and other receivables | - | 2,373 | 2,662 |
| | | 93,978 | 101,073 |
| | Individual assessment HK\$'000 | Collective assessment <i>HK\$'000</i> | Total <i>HK\$'000</i> |
| At 1.3.2017 Impairment losses and impairment allowances Amounts written-off as uncollectable Exchange realignment | 58,146 63,835 (66,236) 60 | 42,927 (4,754) | 101,073 59,081 (66,236) 60 |
| At 31.5.2017 | 55,805 | 38,173 | 93,978 |
| | Individual assessment <i>HK\$'000</i> | Collective assessment <i>HK\$'000</i> | Total <i>HK\$'000</i> |
| At 1.3.2016 | 90,723 | 45,603 | 136,326 |
| Impairment losses and impairment allowances | 73,925 | (1,343) | 72,582 |
| Amounts written-off as uncollectable | (64,787) | _ | (64,787) |
| Exchange realignment | (415) | | (415) |
| At 31.5.2016 | 99,446 | 44,260 | 143,706 |

8. OVERDUE ADVANCES AND RECEIVABLES

Set out below is an analysis of the gross balance of advances and receivables (excluding impairment allowances) which is overdue for more than 1 month:

| | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) | | 28.2.2017 (Audited) | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| | HK\$'000 | %* | HK\$'000 | %* |
| Overdue 1 month but less than | | | | |
| 2 months | 69,301 | 1.4 | 77,933 | 1.5 |
| Overdue 2 months but less than | | | | |
| 3 months | 44,954 | 0.9 | 43,281 | 0.8 |
| Overdue 3 months but less than | | | | |
| 4 months | 26,330 | 0.5 | 31,806 | 0.6 |
| Overdue 4 months or above | 58,940 | 1.1 | 60,967 | 1.2 |
| - | | | | |
| | 199,525 | 3.9 | 213,987 | 4.1 |

* Percentage of gross advances and receivables

9. BANK BORROWINGS

| | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 28.2.2017 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Bank loans, unsecured | 1,672,979 | 1,721,281 |
| Carrying amount repayable (Note) | | |
| Within one year | 140,000 | 240,000 |
| Between one and two years | 415,000 | 335,000 |
| Between two and five years | 1,057,979 | 1,071,281 |
| Over five years | 60,000 | 75,000 |
| | 1,672,979 | 1,721,281 |
| Amount repayable within one year included under current liabilities | (140,000) | (240,000) |
| Amount repayable after one year | 1,532,979 | 1,481,281 |

Note: The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

10. COLLATERALISED DEBT OBLIGATION

| | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> | 28.2.2017 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Tranche A Tranche B Tranche C | 550,000 550,000 150,000 | 550,000 550,000 150,000 |
| Amount repayable within one year included under current liabilities | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Amount repayable after one year | 1,250,000 | 1,250,000 |

11. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

| | 31.5.2017 (Unaudited) | | 28.2.2017 (Audited) | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Assets <i>HK\$'000</i> | Liabilities HK\$'000 | Assets HK\$'000 | Liabilities HK\$'000 |
| Interest rate swaps | _ | 84,936 | 813 | 67,374 |
| Cross-currency interest rate swap | 3,834 | - | 9,482 | _ |
| Interest rate caps | 146 | | 103 | |
| | 3,980 | 84,936 | 10,398 | 67,374 |
| Current portion | | (354) | (44) | (650) |
| Non-current portion | 3,980 | 84,582 | 10,354 | 66,724 |

All derivative financial instruments entered by the Group that remain outstanding at 31st May 2017 and 28th February 2017 are for hedging purposes. The credit risk on those derivative financial instruments is limited as the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The classification of current/non-current for derivative financial instruments is in accordance with the maturity dates of the corresponding bank borrowings and collateralised debt obligation, the designated hedged items.

12. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31st May 2017, the collateralised debt obligation was secured by credit card receivables and restricted deposits of **HK\$1,436,255,000** and **HK\$255,316,000** respectively (28.2.2017: HK\$1,488,199,000 and HK\$183,216,000).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- 1. Global economic activities picked up further in the first quarter of 2017 and similarly domestic demand in Hong Kong also held up well, supported by favourable employment conditions and more positive business sentiment.
- 2. For the first quarter ended 31st May 2017, the Group's revenue remained flat year over year, posting 0.1% growth to reach HK\$309.8 million. Due to the continued improvement in operating expenses and impairment losses and impairment allowances, the Group reported a net profit for the period of HK\$91.6 million, an increase of 24.5% compared to the previous corresponding period.
- 3. During the period under review, the Group put more emphasis on growing its credit card spending through offerings of mass promotions and exclusive member events such as the Ocean Park Chill Out Joyful Event. On the other hand, the Group continued to exercise a cautious approach to lending activities due to the expected uncertain economic conditions and global geopolitical risk concerns. This had led to a stall in terms of growth for the Group's receivables. As a result, interest income fell 1.0% to HK\$270.8 million.
- 4. Amid a wave of rising interest rates by the Federal Reserve, the Group's interest expense decreased by 6.8% to HK\$22.1 million compared to the same period last year partly because our funding strategy is focused on the long term. Net interest income dropped by 0.4% to HK\$248.8 million for the three months ended 31st May, 2017.
- 5. Other operating income increased by 6.0% to HK\$41.0 million from a year earlier, attributed to the growth in fees and commission income.
- 6. The Group managed to streamline and automate across its operations, resulting in a drop in staff costs and general administrative expenses by 5.1% and 4.4% respectively from a year earlier. Overall operating expenses decreased by 3.0% when compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, reaching HK\$133.8 million. In the period under review, the Group's cost-to-income ratio improved from 47.8% to 46.2% in the first quarter of this year.
- 7. Due partly to the low unemployment rate, effective credit assessment and prompt collection action, the Group recorded HK\$59.1 million of impairment losses and impairment allowances for the first quarter ended 31st May 2017, down from HKD\$72.6 million or 18.6% in the previous corresponding period.
- 8. For China business, the Group continued to prioritize the improvement of asset quality and focus on the enhancement of its operation efficiency. These actions resulted in a reduction in loss of HK\$5.4 million, from HK\$7.9 million in the previous corresponding period to HK\$2.5 million in the current period.

- 9. At 31st May 2017, 49.0% of the Group's funding was derived from total equity, 29.2% from bank borrowings and 21.8% from structured finance. Including the collateralised debt obligation, 4.8% of these borrowings will mature within one year, 14.2% between one and two years, 79.0% between two and five years and 2.0% over five years.
- 10. The Group continues to focus on our commitment to sustaining the loyalty of our customers and community. The Group's ongoing investment in enhancing our market position in digital lending, modernizing our branches and building the skills of our staff will ensure that its operations remain competitive, and that consistent returns are provided to our shareholders.

Please note that the quarterly results of the Group presented herein have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors. Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board **Hideo Tanaka** Managing Director

Hong Kong, 23rd June 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Hideo Tanaka (Managing Director), Mr. Lai Yuk Kwong (Deputy Managing Director), Ms. Koh Yik Kung, Mr. Tomoharu Fukayama and Mr. Toru Hosokawa as Executive Directors; Mr. Masaaki Mangetsu (Chairman) as Non-executive Director; and Mr. Lee Ching Ming, Adrian, Mr. Wong Hin Wing and Mr. Kenji Hayashi as Independent Non-executive Directors.