

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss however arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this announcement.



ARES ASIA LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 645)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Ares Asia Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to present the consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 March 2018, together with the comparative figures for the previous year, as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2018

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Note	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Revenue	3	198,669	254,358
Cost of sales		<u>(198,274)</u>	<u>(251,665)</u>
Gross profit		395	2,693
Other income	4	14	644
Selling expenses		(130)	(143)
Administrative expenses		<u>(2,077)</u>	<u>(2,081)</u>
(Loss)/profit from operations		(1,798)	1,113
Finance costs	5(a)	<u>(680)</u>	<u>(982)</u>
(Loss)/profit before taxation	5	(2,478)	131
Income tax	6	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>(2,478)</u></u>	<u><u>131</u></u>
(Loss)/earnings per share	7		
Basic and diluted		<u><u>(0.72) cent</u></u>	<u><u>0.04 cent</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 March 2018

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Note	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>
		<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	59,030	60,230
Cash and bank balances		<u>8,443</u>	<u>12,229</u>
		<u>67,473</u>	<u>72,459</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	9,195	5,162
Discounted bills with recourse	10	<u>49,508</u>	<u>56,061</u>
		<u>58,703</u>	<u>61,223</u>
Net current assets		<u>8,770</u>	<u>11,236</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>8,780</u></u>	<u><u>11,258</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital		441	441
Reserves		<u>8,339</u>	<u>10,817</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>8,780</u></u>	<u><u>11,258</u></u>

NOTES

(Expressed in United States dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial information set out in this announcement does not constitute the Group's statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018, but is derived from those financial statements.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules").

2 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued several amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. None of these developments have had a material effect on how the Group's result and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Revenue

The Group is principally engaged in the coal trading business. Revenue represents the sales value of goods sold less returns, discounts and value added taxes and other sales taxes.

Revenue from customers contributing over 10% of the Group's revenue are as follows:

	Coal trading \$'000
2018	
Customer B	67,798
Customer C	64,027
Customer A	<u>44,317</u>
2017	
Customer A	<u>225,609</u>

Further details regarding the Group's principal activities are disclosed below.

(b) Segment reporting

The Group has a single reportable segment which is “coal trading”. Accordingly, the business segment information for this sole reportable segment is equivalent to the consolidated figures.

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of (i) the Group’s revenue from external customers and (ii) the Group’s property, plant and equipment. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the goods delivered. The geographical location of the property, plant and equipment is based on the physical location of the asset.

	Revenue from external customers		Property, plant and equipment	
	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Mainland China	198,669	254,358	—	—
Hong Kong	—	—	10	22
	<u>198,669</u>	<u>254,358</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>22</u>

4 OTHER INCOME

	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Bank interest income	3	4
Reversal of impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables (note 8)	—	640
Net foreign exchange gain	11	—
	<u>14</u>	<u>644</u>

5 (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

(Loss)/profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on discounted bills	<u>680</u>	<u>982</u>
(b) Staff costs		
Salaries, wages and other benefits	932	896
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>949</u>	<u>912</u>
(c) Other items		
Cost of inventories	183,132	235,779
Operating lease charges in respect of properties	356	343
Depreciation	17	34
Auditors' remuneration	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>

6 INCOME TAX

Income tax in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income represents:

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax had been made for the year ended 31 March 2018 as the Group's operations in Hong Kong sustained a loss for Hong Kong Profits Tax purpose.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the year ended 31 March 2017 as the Group's operations in Hong Kong had tax losses brought forward to offset estimated assessable profits for that year.

7 (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic (loss)/earnings per share

The calculation of basic (loss)/earnings per share is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of \$2,478,000 (2017: profit of \$131,000) and the weighted average of 342,116,934 ordinary shares (2017: 342,116,934 ordinary shares) in issue during the year.

(b) Diluted (loss)/earnings per share

The calculation of diluted (loss)/earnings per share is the same as basic (loss)/earnings per share for the years ended 31 March 2018 and 2017 as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during that year.

8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade debtors and bills receivable	58,474	60,028
Prepayments and other receivables	11,620	11,266
<i>Less: impairment on prepayments and other receivables</i>	<u>(11,064)</u>	<u>(11,064)</u>
	<u>59,030</u>	<u>60,230</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2014, the Group (through its subsidiary, Ares Repco Limited) entered into coal sale and purchase agreements (“the Original Agreements”) with a marketing agent (“the Original Supplier”) of two top coal miners in Indonesia. Under the Original Agreements, the Group made prepayments in the aggregate amount of \$13,000,000 to the Original Supplier to secure long-term supply of thermal coal from the relevant coal miners. The prepayments were recoverable by deducting a pre-agreed amount from the unit cost of coal purchased by the Group.

On 22 July 2015, the Group, the Original Supplier and another agent of the two top coal miners in Indonesia (“the New Supplier”) entered into a deed of transfer and amendment (“the Deed”), pursuant to which the Original Supplier transferred certain of its rights, titles and interest in and to the Original Agreements to the New Supplier, and amended certain terms of the Original Agreements, details of which were disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 22 July 2015. Under the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed, the New Supplier agreed to deliver up to approximately 11.6 million metric tonnes of thermal coal to the Group by the end of 2017, at prices to be agreed between the parties in purchase contracts. The Original Supplier was also entitled to half of the profit margin (“the Original Seller’s Entitlement”) earned by the Group on the sale of the thermal coal in consideration of its facilitating the entering into the Deed among the parties and referral of potential end customers to the Group. As at the date of the Deed, the unutilised balance of prepayments made to the Original Supplier was approximately \$11.6 million and the Original Seller’s Entitlements would be deducted from such balance of prepayments. Save for the amendments made to the Original Agreements, the other terms of the Original Agreements remained in full force and effect.

As at 31 March 2016, the unutilised prepayments amounted to \$11,565,000. The directors reassessed the recoverability of the unutilised prepayments based on all relevant information available to the Group. Due to the continuing downturn of coal market, the low demand of coal and minimal utilisation of the prepayments, and the Group's efforts in negotiation with the Original Supplier and New Supplier to secure the delivery of thermal coal under the terms of the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed, as well as demands for repayment which were in vain, the directors considered that there was significant uncertainty as to the ability of the Group to recover the balance of the prepayments through either utilisation from future purchases or repayment of the prepayments. Accordingly, a full impairment loss was recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income during the year ended 31 March 2016.

In December 2016, the Group restructured the rights and obligations under the Original Agreements as amended by the Deed, through a series of contracts signed and exchanged with the relevant parties ("the New Agreement"), details of which were disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 12 December 2016. Under the New Agreement, the remainder of the unutilised prepayments are to be utilised on an agreed basis against each purchase, either through an application of the prepayment towards purchases or by cash payment to the Group from the Original Supplier, in each case with an annual minimum repayment of \$2,000,000. During the year ended 31 March 2017, unutilised prepayments and other receivables in total of \$640,000 were recovered from the Original Supplier. Accordingly, the impairment loss recognised in prior year was reversed and credited in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2017 to the extent of the actual amount recovered.

No further prepayments and other receivables have been utilised or recovered from the Original Supplier during the year ended 31 March 2018 with the result that the Original Supplier is in breach of its minimum repayment obligations of \$2 million under the New Agreement. As at 31 March 2018, approximately \$11.1 million of the prepayments remains outstanding which was fully impaired. The directors will continue to closely monitor the recoverability of the prepayments from the Original Supplier and are considering all of their options, including potential legal action.

Included in "Trade and other receivables" are trade debtors and bills receivable with the following ageing analysis, based on the invoice date (or date of revenue recognition, if earlier), as of the end of the reporting period:

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month	8,966	20,631
More than 1 month but within 3 months	49,508	38,198
More than 3 months but within 6 months	—	1,199
	58,474	60,028

The credit terms offered to customers of coal trading business are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Irrevocable letters of credit, up to a tenor of 90 days (2017: 170 days) after the receipt of required documents by nominated banks, are usually required not later than 14 days prior to the expected date of vessel's arrival at loading port as stipulated in the sales agreements.

The ageing analysis of trade debtors and bills receivable based on the past due status as of the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	<u>58,474</u>	<u>60,028</u>

Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade debtors and bills receivable as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable. The outstanding trade debtors as at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2017 were covered by letters of credit which has been accepted by the nominated bank subsequent to the end of the reporting period. No impairment loss was recognised by the Group at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2017.

9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade creditors	8,458	3,888
Other payables and accrued expenses	<u>737</u>	<u>1,274</u>
	<u>9,195</u>	<u>5,162</u>

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year or are repayable on demand.

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade creditors, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month	<u>8,458</u>	<u>3,888</u>

10 DISCOUNTED BILLS WITH RECOURSE

Bills discounted with banks at an effective interest rate ranging from 2.41% to 3.03% (2017: 1.88% to 2.25%) per annum as at 31 March 2018 have maturity profiles of no more than 90 days.

11 EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There has been no material event after the end of the reporting period which requires disclosure in this announcement.

12 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2018, the Group is involved in a legal claim relating to the disposal of certain former subsidiaries the operation of which were discontinued.

The Group ceased the operation of its footwear business in January 2013. Further, as disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 26 February 2014, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement ("the agreement") with Landway Investments Limited ("Landway"), a company wholly owned by a director of Brave Win Industries Limited ("Brave Win") to dispose of (i) 1 share of Brave Win, representing 0.0000033% of the total issued share capital of Brave Win; (ii) the 1,000 shares of China Compass Investments Limited ("China Compass"), representing the entire issued share capital of China Compass; and (iii) the unsecured and interest free shareholder's loan in the principal amount of approximately \$1,579,000 owed by China Compass to the Company, at a consideration of \$3,200,000 ("the Disposal"). The Disposal was completed on 10 April 2014. The directors reviewed the representations and warranties provided by the Company to Landway as set out in the agreement and based on the review and professional advice obtained, it was considered that there was no breach of any of the representations and warranties.

On 23 March 2016, Landway filed a claim against the Company, which alleged that a former director of the Company made certain misrepresentations in the Disposal and filed a claim of \$700,000 plus interest against the Company in the High Court of Hong Kong. The Company filed its defence on 24 May 2016 which denied the allegations made by Landway. On 7 September 2016, the Company issued a summons applying to strike out Landway's claim. The strike out application was unsuccessful as Landway amended its statement of claim on 13 March 2017 in response to the strike out application. The Company filed an amended defence on 28 April 2017 accordingly. Landway and the Company filed and exchanged factual witness statements on 20 March 2018.

The legal proceedings are at the stage where documentary discovery and the exchange of witness statements has been completed, but trial dates have not yet been fixed. Based on the available evidence and the advice received from the Company's legal advisor as to the merits of Landway's claim, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision in respect of the said claim is required to be made.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2018 (2017: Nil).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that the annual general meeting (the "AGM") of the Company will be held on Friday, 21 September 2018. A notice convening the AGM will be published and despatched to the shareholders of the Company in the manner as required by the Listing Rules in due course.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 14 September 2018 to 21 September 2018, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on 13 September 2018.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Group continued to operate its coal trading business during the year ended 31 March 2018.

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 March 2018, which was solely generated from its coal trading business, decreased to US\$198.67 million as compared with US\$254.36 million for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Loss before taxation for the year ended 31 March 2018 was US\$2.48 million, representing US\$1.46 million of loss from the coal trading business, and US\$1.02 million of corporate overhead expenses. In comparison, profit before taxation for the year ended 31 March 2017 was US\$0.13 million, representing US\$0.98 million of profit from the coal trading business, in which US\$0.64 million was the reversal of the impairment loss on prepayments and other receivables recognised during the year ended 31 March 2017 which was credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2017, and US\$0.85 million of corporate overhead expenses.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

During the year ended 31 March 2018, the performance of the coal trading business has dropped sharply with revenue of US\$198.67 million, representing a year-on-year decrease of 22% or US\$55.69 million. The Group sold thermal and coking coals originated from Indonesia, Russia and Australia to Mainland China, with a total volume of approximately 2.82 million metric tonnes ("MT") as compared to approximately 4.56 million MT in prior year.

Selling and administrative expenses primarily consisted of employee benefits costs as well as rental and corporate expenses which amounted to approximately US\$2.21 million for the current year (2017: US\$2.22 million).

Finance costs incurred during the year ended 31 March 2018 arose from the bills discounted decreased as a result of the decrease in trade volume.

The Group recorded loss before taxation of US\$2.48 million for the year ended 31 March 2018 as compared to profit before taxation of US\$0.13 million for the year ended 31 March 2017 mainly due to (i) the decrease in revenue during the year by approximately 22% as compared with the prior year and continued pressure on gross profit margin due to the increase in shipping costs during the year; and (ii) the absence of a reversal of the impairment loss on prepayments and receivables of US\$0.64 million recognised during the year ended 31 March 2017.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

We continue our conservative positioning in managing the Group's working capital.

As at 31 March 2018, cash and bank balances for the Group amounted to approximately US\$8.44 million as compared to US\$12.23 million as at 31 March 2017. The decrease in cash was primarily the result of the payment for daily operations and trade activities during the year ended 31 March 2018.

As at 31 March 2018, the Group had no other borrowings except for the discounted bills with recourse amounting to US\$49.51 million as compared to US\$56.06 million as at 31 March 2017. The decrease was due to that trading activities conducted in March 2018 were not yet discounted. The discounting of bills receivable was a short term trade facility and the underlying bills receivable had maturity periods of 90 days after the receipt of required documents by nominated banks, or less and were covered by corresponding letters of credit.

As at 31 March 2018, the gearing ratio, being net debt (total borrowings less cash and bank balances) to net assets attributable to owners of the Group was approximately 468% (31 March 2017: 389%).

The Group implements tight control on its credit and collection policies. As stipulated in the sale and purchase agreements for the coal trading business, irrevocable letters of credit, up to a tenor of 90 days (2017: 170 days) after the receipt of required documents by nominated banks, are usually required not later than 14 days prior to the expected date of vessels' arrival at loading port. So far, the Group has not experienced any bad debts from its coal trading business.

The Group generally relied on its internally generated cash flows and the existing trade facilities to finance its day to day operations. There is no present plan for material capital expenditures and we believe that the Group has adequate liquidity to meet its current and future working capital requirements.

MATERIAL ACQUISITION, DISPOSAL AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

The Group did not have any material acquisition, disposal and significant investment during the year ended 31 March 2018.

RISK OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

The Group's assets and liabilities as well as the income and expenses derived from the operation are mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollars and United States Dollars (i.e. functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries).

There is no significant exposure to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates, but the Group is closely monitoring the financial market and would consider appropriate measures if required. Currently, the Group has no hedging arrangement for foreign currencies and has not entered into any financial derivatives arrangement.

COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2018, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	The Group	
	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 year	<u>109</u>	<u>208</u>

The Group is the lessee in respect of its office premise held under operating lease from a fellow subsidiary. The lease runs for an initial period of less than one year with options to renew the lease when all terms are renegotiated. The lease does not include contingent rentals.

PROSPECT

During the year ended 31 March 2018, the market price of coal showed less volatility as well as the Chinese government continued to tighten the coal import, which led to the coal imported market confronted with difficult conditions. As a result, the Group had made slower purchases and recorded a decrease in coal trading volume and gross profit margin as compared to last year.

Looking ahead, the market will remain challenging due to tightening of coal import, enhanced intensity of air pollution control in China, unstable global economy as well as trade wars. However, the Group has noted that cost advantages of imported coal and an increased demand for coal from coastal power plants in China for the upcoming financial year, which may lead to a recovery on the coal import market. The Group will therefore closely monitor developments on tightening controls of coal imports into China as it will have a material negative effect on the Group's sales and gross profit margin.

In addition, the Group will continue to work closely with the top coal mines in Indonesia to secure supply of quality thermal coal at a competitive price and further explore new customers by allocating marketable types of coal according to differentiated requirements of customers.

The Group will review and consider appropriate strategies to manage the future business development and growth of the Group.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 March 2018, the Group had a total of 9 full time employees in Hong Kong. The Group's emolument policy is to pay salaries and wages that are competitive in the industry in a way that will be motivational, fair and equitable, and that are dependent on individual and the Group's performance. Apart from salaries, the Group also provides other fringe benefits to employees, which include share option scheme, provident fund schemes, discretionary bonuses on performance basis and medical insurance.

The remuneration committee under the Board reviews the Group's emolument policy and structure of the Directors of the Group, having regards to the Group's operating results, individual performance and comparable market standards.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year under review.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct governing deals by all directors of the Company in the securities transactions of the Company. All members of the Board have confirmed that, following specific enquiries made by the Company, they have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 March 2018.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has applied the principles of, and complied with the applicable code provisions (the "Code Provision(s)") of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") and Corporate Governance Report as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 March 2018 save for the deviation from Code Provision A.2.1 which stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. ZHENG Yong Sheng ("Mr. ZHENG") was the chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and chief executive officer of the Company (the "Chief Executive Officer") and he has resigned on 27 December 2017. Ms. RUAYRUNGRUANG Woraphanit ("Ms. RUAYRUNGRUANG") has been appointed as the chairlady of the Board ("the Chairlady") and the Chief Executive Officer on 5 January 2018 to replace Mr. ZHENG. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board, which comprises experienced and high calibre individuals and meets regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Company. The Board believes that this structure is conducive to strong and consistent leadership, enabling the Group to make and implement decisions promptly and efficiently. The Board has full confidence in Ms. RUAYRUNGRUANG and believes that her holding of the positions of the

Chairlady and Chief Executive Officer is beneficial to the business development of the Group. The Board will nevertheless regularly review the effectiveness of this structure to ensure that such structure is appropriate in view of the Group's prevailing circumstances.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") under the Board comprises all the three independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. NGAN Hing Hon (Committee Chairman), Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney and Mr. CHANG Jesse.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management of the Company and KPMG, the Company's auditors, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the final results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2018.

SCOPE OF WORK OF KPMG

The financial figures in respect of the announcement of the Group's results for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been compared by the Company's auditor, KPMG, Certified Public Accountants, to the amounts set out in the Group's draft consolidated financial statements for the year and the amounts were found to be in agreement. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute an audit, review or other 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 the auditor.

PUBLICATION OF FINAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

This results announcement is published on the websites of the Company at www.aresiasia.com / www.irasia.com/listco/hk/aresasia and the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk. The annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2018 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to shareholders of the Company and available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange in due course.

By Order of the Board
ARES ASIA LIMITED
RUAYRUNGRUANG Woraphanit
Chairlady

Hong Kong, 29 June 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Ms. RUAYRUNGRUANG Woraphanit (Chairlady) and Mr. WANG Chih-Wei, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. CHANG Jesse, Mr. NGAN Hing Hon and Mr. YEUNG Kin Bond, Sydney.