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## **CASH Announces 2015 Interim Results**

**(Hong Kong, 21 August 2015)** – The CASH Group\* [SEHK:1049] today announces its 2015 unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2015 (the “period”). During the period, the Group recorded revenue of HK\$782.6 million and a net profit of HK\$32.2 million.

Hong Kong’s financial market witnessed an incessant upward rally during the first half of 2015. Average daily turnover reached \$125,339 million. However, substantial market corrections had been experienced in late June amid various global and regional uncertainties. Looking forward, the imminent launch of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and the Qualified Domestic Individual Investor (QDII) Programme will drive more outbound capital into Hong Kong. CASH Financial Services Group (CFSG), the financial services arm of the Group, will continue to develop its technology-focused financial services business through strengthening of its platform infrastructure, in order to capture the growing opportunities.

For the retail management business, the Group launched a branding campaign for Pricerite in early 2015 focusing on providing space management solutions to the small to medium-sized apartment market. The campaign was well received and revenue increased. The Group will continue to grow its retail network and expand its e-commerce business to cater for the younger customers’ needs.

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*\*Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries*

*Attachment: Condensed Consolidated Statement of profit or loss and other Comprehensive Income*

**About CASH**

CASH Group (the holding company Celestial Asia Securities Holdings Limited “CASH”; SEHK: 1049) is a multi-faceted service conglomerate in China. We address modern consumer needs in investment and wealth management, home improvement, lifestyle, personal enjoyment and mobile internet services. All our businesses share a common mission that our customers’ interests always come first. Our brands are synonymous with good customer service, great quality and fabulous value. Abide by the “People-Oriented” principle, CASH Group is committed to becoming a Total Caring Organisation to partner with our key stakeholders to work towards the sustainable development of our business, our employees, our environment and our society. CASH companies comprise CASH Financial Services Group, CASH Retail Management Group, Pricerite and Net2Gather. Additional information is available at [www.cash.com.hk](http://www.cash.com.hk).

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2015, together with the comparative figures for the last corresponding period, are as follows:

|   | <b>Unaudited</b>                |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
|   | <b>Six months ended 30 June</b> |                 |
|   | <b>2015</b>                     | <b>2014</b>     |
|   | <b>HK\$'000</b>                 | <b>HK\$'000</b> |
| Revenue   | <b>782,551</b>                  | 637,348         |
| Other income  | <b>5,223</b>                    | 7,451           |
| Cost of inventories and services  | <b>(358,081)</b>                | (315,399)       |
| Net gains on investments held for trading                                     | <b>105,747</b>                  | 30,108          |
| Gain on partial disposal of available-for-sale financial assets               | <b>14,381</b>                   | -               |
| Salaries, allowances and commission   | <b>(234,796)</b>                | (146,995)       |
| Other operating, administrative and selling expenses                          | <b>(250,702)</b>                | (212,421)       |
| Depreciation of property and equipment  | <b>(17,700)</b>                 | (15,577)        |
| Finance costs   | <b>(9,426)</b>                  | (11,771)        |
| Fair value change on investment properties                                    | -                               | 34,974          |
| Gain of disposal of property  | -                               | 18,002          |
| Share of results of an associate  | <b>95</b>                       | 60,463          |
| <b>Profit before taxation</b>   | <b>37,292</b>                   | 86,183          |
| Income tax expense  | <b>(5,119)</b>                  | (10,604)        |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>  | <b>32,173</b>                   | 75,579          |
| <b>Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period, net of income tax</b> |                                 |                 |
| Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations                      | <b>(216)</b>                    | (1,496)         |
| Total other comprehensive expense for the period                              | <b>(216)</b>                    | (1,496)         |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>                              | <b>31,957</b>                   | 74,083          |

|   | <b>Unaudited</b>                |          |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
|   | <b>Six months ended 30 June</b> |          |
|   | <b>2015</b>                     | 2014     |
|   | <b>HK\$'000</b>                 | HK\$'000 |
| <b>Profit for the period attributable to:</b>                     |                                 |          |
| Owners of the Company   | <b>12,500</b>                   | 19,786   |
| Non-controlling interests   | <b>19,673</b>                   | 55,793   |
|   | <b>32,173</b>                   | 75,579   |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:</b> |                                 |          |
| Owners of the Company   | <b>12,305</b>                   | 19,680   |
| Non-controlling interests   | <b>19,652</b>                   | 54,403   |
|   | <b>31,957</b>                   | 74,083   |
| <b>Profit per share</b>   |                                 |          |
| - Basic (HK cents)  | <b>2.3</b>                      | 3.6      |
| - Diluted (HK cents)  | <b>2.2</b>                      | 3.6      |