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APT SATELLITE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

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2009 UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2009.

This interim result has been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee and independent auditors.

INTERIM RESULTS

For the first half of 2009, the Group's turnover and profit attributable to equity shareholders amounted to HK\$229,519,000 (2008: HK\$197,987,000) and HK\$52,814,000 (2008: HK\$6,882,000) respectively. Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2009 was HK\$12.78 cents (six months ended 30 June 2008: HK\$1.67 cents).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

Although the Group has achieved an increase of 667% in profit attributable to equity shareholders for the first half of 2009 as compared to the same period of last year, owing to the need of new satellite development, the Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (six months ended 30 June 2008: Nil).

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group's five satellites, APSTAR 6, APSTAR 5, APSTAR 2R, APSTAR 1A, and APSTAR 1, together with their corresponding telemetry, tracking and control systems, have been operating under normal condition during the period. On 10 July 2009, the Company announced that one of the two beacon transmitters onboard of APSTAR 5 has suffered from an anomaly which has no impact on the normal operation of the satellite.

APSTAR 6

APSTAR 6 satellite, which was based on SB4100 C1 model and launched in April 2005, is one of the latest advanced high power satellites in the region with 38 C-band transponders and 12 Ku-band transponders. As of 30 June 2009, its utilisation was 70.25%.

APSTAR 5

APSTAR 5 satellite, which was based on FS1300 model and launched in June 2004, is also one of the latest advanced high power satellites in the region. As at 30 June 2009, the Group has interest in 21 C-band transponders and 10 Ku-band transponders and its utilisation was 80.60%.

APSTAR 2R

On 1 June 2009, APT Satellite Company Limited (APT-HK), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a lease termination agreement (the “Termination Agreement”) with Telesat Canada and Telesat Asia Pacific Satellite (HK) Limited (jointly “Telesat”) in respect of the termination and cancellation of the 1999 Lease Agreement of APSTAR 2R. The transaction was closed on 9 July 2009. APT has paid US\$61,970,000 to Telesat on 9 July 2009 and will pay the balance amounting US\$6,885,000 within one year, as the portion of the lease payments paid in advance by Telesat under the 1999 Lease Agreement with respect to the remaining unexpired lease period from July 2009 to September 2012, in return for the termination of the 1999 Lease Agreement and the other covenants and agreements contained in the Termination Agreement.

Upon closing of the transaction, Telesat’s leasehold interest of the 43 transponders has been terminated and corresponding customer contracts of APSTAR 2R have been assigned to APT-HK.

APSTAR 2R satellite, which was based on the FS1300 model and launched in October 1999, contains 28 C-band transponders and 16 Ku-band transponders. The C-band transponders cover Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, approximately 75% of the world’s population and Ku-band transponders mainly cover China and Korea.

Satellite TV Broadcasting and Uplink Services

The Group provides satellite TV uplink and broadcasting services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, APT Satellite TV Development Limited (“APT TV”) and successfully established the satellite TV broadcasting platform based on the Satellite TV Uplink and Downlink Licence of Hong Kong. As at 30 June 2009, the number of satellite TV channels up-linked and broadcast by APT TV has increased to 93 channels, representing an increase of approximately 6.90% as compared to the end of 2008.

Satellite-based Telecommunications Services

APT Telecom Services Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, provides satellite-based external telecommunication services such as VSAT, facilities management services, and teleport uplink services under the Fixed Carrier Licence of Hong Kong to telecommunication operators and satellite operators in the region.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS

The demand of transponder services has grown steadily in the first half of 2009. The Group will leverage the growth potential arising from APSTAR 2R as well as further increase in the utilisations of APSTAR 5 and APSTAR 6 for the profit and investment growth.

The Group will roll out as soon as possible the new satellite plan of APSTAR 7, which will replace APSTAR 2R in 2012 so as to continue the business growth in future.

FINANCE

As at 30 June 2009, the Group's financial position remains sound with gearing of 27% (total liabilities/total assets). The Liquidity Ratio (current assets/current liabilities) is 2.94 times. The total equity of the Group is HK\$2,089,774,000. The Group has cash and cash equivalents amounting to HK\$628,826,000 and pledged bank deposits of HK\$7,352,000. The capital expenditure incurred for the six months ended 30 June 2009 was approximately HK\$4,502,000.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Group is committed to high standard of corporate governance especially in internal control and compliance.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers and friends for their support, as well as all staff members of the Group for their contributions to the Group during the period.

Rui Xiaowu
Chairman

Hong Kong, 19 September 2009

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The following discussion and analysis of the Group's financial position and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Financial Highlights and the related notes.

Financial Highlights:

HK\$ thousand	Six months ended 30 June 2009	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Change
Turnover	229,519	197,987	+16%
Gross profit	96,602	56,490	+71%
Profit for the period	52,814	6,795	+677%
Profit attributable to shareholders	52,814	6,882	+667%
Basic Earnings per share (HK cents)	12.78 cents	1.67 cents	+11.11 cents

	At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008	
Total assets	2,860,859	2,546,283	+12%
Total liabilities	771,085	505,718	+52%
Gearing ratio (%)	27%	20%	+7%

For the first half of 2009, the Group recorded a turnover and profit for the period of HK\$229,519,000 and HK\$52,814,000. The turnover and profit attributable to equity shareholders has been increased by 16% and 667% respectively as compared to the same period of last year. The cause for the increase in net profit was principally the result of the following factors:

SATELLITE TRANSPONDER CAPACITY SERVICES AND RELATED SERVICES

Revenue from Satellite Transponder Capacity Services and Related Services for the period ended 30 June 2009 increased approximately 18% to HK\$219,196,000, as compared to revenues of HK\$185,097,000 for the same period in 2008. The increase of turnover was primarily due to commencement of new utilisation service contracts for APSTAR 6.

SATELLITE-BASED BROADCASTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Revenue from Satellite-based Broadcasting and Telecommunications Services for the period ended 30 June 2009 decreased approximately 26% to HK\$9,465,000, as compared to revenue of HK\$12,810,000 for the same period in 2008. This was primarily due to inclusion of revenue from Beijing Asia Pacific East Communication Network Limited ('BAPECN') in 2008 while no such revenue in 2009.

FINANCE COSTS

For the period ended 30 June 2009, the Group's finance costs decreased by HK\$15,021,000 as compared to the same period in 2008. This was primarily due to the Group incurred finance costs of HK\$15,036,000 for the period ended 30 June 2008 under the US\$240,000,000 bank loan facilities. The outstanding borrowings under the US\$240,000,000 bank loan facilities have been fully repaid as at 31 December 2008. As at 30 June 2009, the Group has drawn down US\$30,000,000 from new general banking facilities and interest of HK\$15,000 has been incurred.

GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

The Group sold its entire equity interest in BAPECN on 2 April 2008, realising a gain of HK\$3,193,000. There was no disposal of any subsidiary during the period.

SHARE OF RESULT OF JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITY

The Group sold its entire equity interest in APT Satellite Telecommunications Limited ("APT Telecom") on 3 October 2008. Six months result of APT Telecom of HK\$2,037,000 had been reflected in 2008 while no such revenue in 2009.

INCOME TAX

The income tax expenses increased by HK\$15,439,000 as compared to the same period in 2008, mainly due to increase in net profit for the period.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND GEARING RATIO

During the period ended 30 June 2009, the Group's principal use of capital was the capital expenditure related to the satellite equipments and office equipments which have been funded by internally generated cash. The capital expenditure incurred for the six months ended 30 June 2009 amounted to HK\$4,502,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: HK\$2,035,000).

During the period, the Group entered into an arrangement of general banking facilities (the “Banking Facilities”) with Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited. The Banking Facilities, including a term loan facility in the maximum loan amount of US\$50,000,000, was applied to finance the termination of the 1999 lease agreement and ancillary agreement of APSTAR 2R and working capital requirements of the Group. The Banking Facilities is secured by certain properties of the Group, the assignment of revenue to be generated from service contracts relating to APSTAR 2R and APSTAR 5, APSTAR 2R insurance claim proceeds, and charge over a charged account which holds certain customer deposits and payments received on services to be provided by APSTAR 2R.

For the first half of 2009, US\$30,000,000 (approximately HK\$234,000,000) has been drawn down against the Banking Facilities. As a result of the above funding, total outstanding secured bank loan increased to HK\$232,831,000. The debt maturity profile (net of unamortised finance cost) of the Group was as follows:

Year of Maturity	<i>HK\$</i>
Repayable within 1 year or on demand	46,230,000
Repayable after one year but within five years	186,601,000
	<u>232,831,000</u>

As at 30 June 2009, the Group’s total liabilities were HK\$771,085,000, an increase of HK\$265,367,000 as compared to 31 December 2008, which was mainly due to the secured bank loan as described above. As a result, the gearing ratio (total liabilities/total assets) has increased to 27%, representing a 7% increase as compared to 31 December 2008.

For the first half of 2009, the Group recorded a net cash inflow of HK\$507,285,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: net cash outflow of HK\$31,788,000) which included net cash inflow from operating activities of HK\$184,267,000 due to increase of turnover, net cash inflow from investing activities of HK\$90,187,000 due to settlement of other financial assets and net cash inflow from financing activities of HK\$232,831,000 due to new bank borrowings. As at 30 June 2009, the Group has approximately HK\$628,826,000 cash and cash equivalents and HK\$7,352,000 pledged deposits. Together with cash flow to be generated from operations, the Group could meet with ease all the debt repayments scheduled in the coming year.

CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS

As at 30 June 2009, certain of the Group’s other banking facilities are secured by the Group’s land and buildings with a net book value of approximately HK\$4,364,000 (31 December 2008: HK\$4,422,000).

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Group consistently adheres to conservative fund management. The global financial crisis resulted in no significant impact to the Group's financial position. The solid capital structure and financial strength continue to provide a solid foundation for the Group's future development.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group mainly earned revenue and incurred cost in the United States Dollar and Renminbi. The Group's insurance coverage premiums on satellite, debt services and substantially all capital expenditures were denominated in the United States Dollar; the remaining expenses were primarily denominated in the Hong Kong Dollar. The effect of exchange rate fluctuation in the United States Dollar is insignificant as the Hong Kong dollar is pledged to the United States Dollar. In the past several years, appreciation of Renminbi against the Hong Kong Dollar maintained an increasing trend until the second half of 2008 when it stabilised. The management expects that the exchange rate of Renminbi to remain stable and does not foresee a material adverse foreign exchange risk to the Group. The Group presently does not engage in any foreign currency hedging activities.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2009, the Group has outstanding capital commitments of HK\$11,206,000 (31 December 2008: HK\$1,499,000), which were not provided for in the Group's financial statements, mainly in respect of the future purchases of satellite equipment and office equipment. In addition, a subsidiary of the Company was contractually committed to enter into a termination of the 1999 lease agreement and ancillary agreement in respect of the remaining life of APSTAR 2R for an estimated amount of US\$69,500,000 (approximately HK\$542,000,000). Details are set out in the non-adjusting post balance sheet event as set out in note 14(a) of this announcement.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The details of contingent liabilities of the Group are set out in note 13 of this announcement.

NON-ADJUSTING POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 9 July 2009, the transactions in respect of the termination of 1999 lease agreement and ancillary agreement entered into on 1 June 2009 between the Group, Telesat Canada and Telesat Asia Pacific Satellite (HK) Limited were duly closed. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 1 June 2009, the circular of the Company dated 22 June 2009, the announcement of the Company dated 9 July 2009 and note 14(a) of this announcement.

On 13 August 2009, two transponders on APSTAR 5 were taken up by Telesat Satellite LP for a consideration of US\$9,066,000. For details, please refer to note 14(b) of this announcement.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2009, the Group has 81 employees (at 30 June 2008: 89). With regard to the emolument policy, the Group remunerates its employees in accordance with their respective responsibilities and current market trends. On 19 June 2001, the Company first granted share options under the share option scheme adopted at the annual general meeting on 22 May 2001 (“Scheme 2001”) to its employees including executive directors. On 22 May 2002, the Group adopted a new share option scheme (“Scheme 2002”) at the annual general meeting to comply with the requirements of the Rules (“Listing Rules”) Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Stock Exchange”). To further motivate employees for better contribution to the Group, the Group has also established an incentive bonus scheme.

The Group provides on the job training to employees to update and upgrade their knowledge on related job fields.

Consolidated income statement
for the six months ended 30 June 2009 – unaudited
(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2009	2008
	<i>Note</i>	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover	3	229,519	197,987
Cost of services		(132,917)	(141,497)
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Gross profit		96,602	56,490
Other net income		7,357	8,858
Valuation (losses)/gains on investment properties	8	(216)	117
Administrative expenses		(34,203)	(47,592)
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Profit from operations	3	69,540	17,873
Finance costs	4	(15)	(15,036)
Share of profits of jointly controlled entity		–	2,037
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary		–	3,193
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Profit before taxation	4	69,525	8,067
Income tax	5	(16,711)	(1,272)
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Profit for the period		52,814	6,795
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Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		52,814	6,882
Minority interests		–	(87)
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Profit for the period		52,814	6,795
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Earnings per share	6		
– Basic		12.78 cents	1.67 cents
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– Diluted		12.78 cents	1.67 cents
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**Consolidated statement of comprehensive income
for the six months ended 30 June 2009 – unaudited**

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the period	52,814	6,795
Other comprehensive income for the period (after tax and reclassification adjustments):		
Exchange differences on translation of:		
– financial statements of overseas subsidiaries	(3,605)	4,083
Others	–	8
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Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>49,209</u>	<u>10,886</u>
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	49,209	10,973
Minority interests	–	(87)
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Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>49,209</u>	<u>10,886</u>

Consolidated balance sheet at 30 June 2009 – unaudited

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	At 30 June 2009 \$'000	At 31 December 2008 \$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	2,073,716	2,183,468
Interest in leasehold land held for own use under an operating lease		14,256	14,444
Investment properties	8	4,943	5,159
Club memberships		5,537	5,537
Prepaid expenses		29,247	19,023
		<u>2,127,699</u>	<u>2,227,631</u>
Current assets			
Trade receivables, net	9	82,368	67,143
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		14,415	26,728
Amount due from immediate holding company		199	155
Other financial assets		–	102,277
Pledged bank deposits	10	7,352	808
Cash and cash equivalents		628,826	121,541
		<u>733,160</u>	<u>318,652</u>
Current liabilities			
Payables and accrued charges	11	38,645	41,335
Rentals received in advance		58,407	40,608
Loan from a minority shareholder		6,088	6,088
Secured bank borrowings due within one year	12	46,230	–
Current taxation		99,867	98,242
		<u>249,237</u>	<u>186,273</u>
Net current assets		<u>483,923</u>	<u>132,379</u>
Total assets less current liabilities carried forward		<u>2,611,622</u>	<u>2,360,010</u>

Consolidated balance sheet at 30 June 2009 – unaudited (continued)

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008
	<i>Note</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Total assets less current liabilities brought forward		2,611,622	2,360,010
Non-current liabilities			
Secured bank borrowings due after one year	12	186,601	–
Deposits received		25,561	23,093
Deferred income		212,966	209,370
Deferred tax liabilities		96,720	86,982
		521,848	319,445
NET ASSETS		2,089,774	2,040,565
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		41,327	41,327
Share premium		1,287,536	1,287,536
Contributed surplus		511,000	511,000
Capital reserve		9,330	9,330
Revaluation reserve		368	368
Exchange reserve		3,607	7,212
Other reserves		123	123
Accumulated profits		236,483	183,669
TOTAL EQUITY		2,089,774	2,040,565

Notes

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial report of APT Satellite Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34, “Interim financial reporting”, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34, “Interim financial reporting”, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”).

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2008 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2009 annual financial statements. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with IAS 34 and HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2008 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) or Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”).

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by the Company’s auditors, KPMG, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity” issued by the HKICPA. KPMG’s independent review report to the Board of Directors is included in the interim report.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2008 that is included in the interim financial report as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company’s statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 are available from the Company’s registered office. The auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 7 April 2009.

2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The IASB has issued one new IFRS, a number of amendments and new interpretations that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company. The equivalent new HKFRS, amendments and new interpretations, consequently issued by the HKICPA have the same effective date as those issued by the IASB and are in all material respects identical to the pronouncements issued by the IASB.

Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements:

- IFRS/HKFRS 8, *Operating segments*
- IAS/HKAS 1 (revised 2007), *Presentation of financial statements*
- Amendments to IAS 27/HKAS 27, *Consolidated and separate financial statements – cost of an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate*
- Amendments to IFRS/HKFRS 7, *Financial instruments: Disclosures – improving disclosures about financial instruments*
- IAS/HKAS 23 (revised 2007), *Borrowing costs*
- Amendments to IFRS/HKFRS 2, *Shared-based payment – vesting conditions and cancellations*

The amendments to IAS/HKAS 23 and IFRS/HKFRS 2 have had no material impact on the Group's financial statements as the amendments and interpretations were consistent with policies already adopted by the Group. In addition, the amendments to IFRS/HKFRS 7 do not contain any additional disclosure requirements specifically applicable to the interim financial report. The impact of the remainder of these developments on the interim financial report is as follows:

- IFRS/HKFRS 8 requires segment disclosure to be based on the way that the Group's chief operating decision maker regards and manages the Group, with the amounts reported for each reportable segment being the measures reported to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purposes of assessing segment performance and making decisions about operating matters. During the period ended 30 June 2009, the Group adopted IFRS/HKFRS 8 which has no effect on the disclosures of the consolidated financial statements as the presentation of segment information in prior years, which was based on a disaggregation of the Group's financial statements into segments, has been prepared in a manner that was consistent with internal reporting provided to the Group's most senior executive management.
- As a result of the adoption of IAS/HKAS 1 (revised 2007), details of changes in equity during the period arising from transactions with equity shareholders in their capacity as such have been presented separately from all other income and expenses in a revised consolidated statement of changes in equity. All other items of income and expense are presented in the consolidated income statement, if they are recognised as part of profit or loss for the period, or otherwise in a new primary statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The new format for the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and the consolidated statement of changes in equity has been adopted in this interim financial report and corresponding amounts have been restated to conform to the new presentation. This change in presentation has no effect on reported profit or loss, total income and expense or net assets for any period presented.

- The amendments to IAS/HKAS 27 have removed the requirement that dividends out of pre-acquisition profits should be recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment in the investee, rather than as income. As a result, as from 1 January 2009 all dividends receivable from subsidiaries, whether out of pre- or post-acquisition profits, will be recognised in the Company's profit or loss and the carrying amount of the investment in the investee will not be reduced unless that carrying amount is assessed to be impaired as a result of the investee declaring the dividend. In such cases, in addition to recognising dividend income in profit or loss, the Company would recognise an impairment loss. In accordance with the transitional provisions in the amendment, this new policy will be applied prospectively to any dividends receivable in the current or future periods and previous periods have not been restated.

3. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The Group manages its businesses by service offering and geography. The first time adoption of IFRS/HKFRS 8, Operating segment, has resulted in no changes to segmental reporting as the presentation of segment information in prior years is consistent with the internal reporting to the Group's most senior executive for the purposes of assessing segment performance and making decisions about operating matters. The Group continues to maintain two main business segments, namely provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services and provision of satellite-based broadcasting and telecommunications services; the Group's total segmental turnover is further disaggregated based on the geographical locations of customers.

Inter-segment pricing is based on terms similar to as those available to external third parties.

(a) Segment results, assets and liabilities

In accordance with IFRS/HKFRS 8, segment information disclosed in the interim financial report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the information used by the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments. In this regard, the Group's senior executive management monitors the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include all tangible assets, intangible assets and current assets with the exception of investment properties, club memberships and other corporate assets. Segment liabilities included payables and accrued charges, rental received in advance, current taxation, deposits received, deferred income and bank borrowings managed directly by the segments.

Turnover and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to sales generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation or amortisation of assets attributable to those segments.

Additionally, segment turnover, on an aggregate basis, are allocated based on the geographical locations of customers.

The following table represents turnover and profit information for business segments for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and 2008.

For the six months ended	Provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services		Provision of satellite-based broadcasting and telecommunications services		Inter-segment elimination		Consolidated	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover from external customers	219,196	185,097	9,465	12,810	-	-	228,661	197,907
Inter-segment turnover	5,445	5,294	834	679	(6,279)	(5,973)	-	-
Total	<u>224,641</u>	<u>190,391</u>	<u>10,299</u>	<u>13,489</u>	<u>(6,279)</u>	<u>(5,973)</u>	<u>228,661</u>	<u>197,907</u>
Service income							858	80
							<u>229,519</u>	<u>197,987</u>
Segment result	92,582	47,960	3,927	(496)	-	-	96,509	47,464
Service income							858	80
Unallocated other net income							6,376	8,975
Unallocated administrative expenses								
- staff costs							(20,989)	(22,890)
- office expenses							(13,214)	(15,756)
Profit from operations							69,540	17,873
Finance costs							(15)	(15,036)
Share of profits of jointly controlled entities							-	2,037
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary							-	3,193
Profit before taxation							69,525	8,067
Income tax							(16,711)	(1,272)
Profit for the period							<u>52,814</u>	<u>6,795</u>
Depreciation for the period	102,379	107,725	174	1,515	-	-	102,553	109,240
Significant non-cash expenses (other than depreciation)	-	3,948	-	4,998	-	-	-	8,946
Capital expenditure incurred during the period	4,436	1,484	66	551	-	-	<u>4,502</u>	<u>2,035</u>

The following table represents aggregate turnover based on geographical locations of customers for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and 2008.

For the six months ended	Hong Kong		Other regions in the PRC		Singapore		Indonesia		Others		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover from external customers	30,575	24,871	75,199	79,901	36,815	32,114	51,600	27,437	35,330	33,664	229,519	197,987

The following table represents certain assets and liabilities information regarding business segments as at 30 June 2009 and 31 December 2008.

	Provision of satellite transponder capacity and related services		Provision of satellite-based broadcasting and telecommunications services		Inter-segment elimination		Consolidated		
	At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008	At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008	At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008	At 30 June 2009	At 31 December 2008	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
	Segment assets	2,233,877	2,186,865	9,233	8,154	(36,711)	(35,465)	2,206,399	2,159,554
	Investment properties							4,943	5,159
Club memberships							5,537	5,537	
Unallocated assets							643,980	376,033	
Total assets							<u>2,860,859</u>	<u>2,546,283</u>	
Segment liabilities	628,893	350,007	42,116	60,997	(36,711)	(35,465)	634,298	375,539	
Deferred tax liabilities							96,720	86,982	
Loan from minority shareholder							6,088	6,088	
Unallocated liabilities							33,979	37,109	
Total liabilities							<u>771,085</u>	<u>505,718</u>	

4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on borrowings	14	14,136
Other finance costs	1	900
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Total finance costs	15	15,036
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(b) Other items		
Depreciation	102,553	109,240
Amortisation	188	188
Interest income	(859)	(5,933)
Rental income	(285)	(274)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2)	(65)
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5. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Current tax – Overseas	6,973	5,659
Deferred tax	9,738	(4,387)
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	16,711	1,272
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No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Group operating in Hong Kong utilised tax losses brought forward from prior years. Taxation for the overseas subsidiary is calculated using the estimated annual effective tax rate of taxation that is expected to be applicable in the relevant country. Overseas tax includes the withholding tax paid or payable in respect of Group's income from provision of satellite transponder capacity to customers which are located outside of Hong Kong.

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of \$52,814,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: \$6,882,000) and the weighted average of 413,265,000 ordinary shares (30 June 2008: 413,265,000 shares) in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2009.

(b) Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 June 2009 and 2008.

7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Acquisitions

During the six months ended 30 June 2009, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment with a cost of \$4,502,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: \$2,035,000).

(b) In-orbit insurance of satellites

At 30 June 2009, the Group did not have full in-orbit insurance coverage for its satellites. The in-orbit satellites have a net book value in aggregate of \$1,957,753,000 at 30 June 2009 (31 December 2008: \$2,065,458,000).

(c) Effect of cost adjustment

According to an agreement signed with Thales Alenia Space France (“Thales”) on 8 December 2001, the Group is entitled to a payment in the amount of US\$1,500,000 (approximately \$11,700,000) upon successful delivery of a satellite by Thales to its own customers with technical designs that are identical to APSTAR 6 satellite. During the period, \$11,700,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: \$11,700,000) was recognised from Thales in respect of delivery of a satellite with the same technical design of APSTAR 6, and treated as a reduction to the cost of property, plant and equipment – communication satellites.

(d) Impairment loss

During 2008, the Group conducted a review of the Group’s property, plant and equipment and determined that certain assets were impaired as the recoverable amount of these assets was estimated to be less than their carrying amount. Accordingly, an impairment loss of \$8,397,000 in respect of a communication satellite, APSTAR 1A, and TV uplink and broadcasting equipment had been recognised and charged to income statement for the year ended 31 December 2008. During the six months period ended 30 June 2009, the Group conducted a review and it was concluded that no further impairment is required.

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Investment properties carried at fair value were revalued at 30 June 2009 at \$4,943,000 (31 December 2008: \$5,159,000) by Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited, an independent professional property appraiser, on an open market value basis by reference to net rental income allowing for reversionary income potential. The valuation loss of \$216,000 (six months ended 30 June 2008: gain of \$117,000) has been recognised in the income statement during the six months ended 30 June 2009.

9. TRADE RECEIVABLES, NET

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful debts) at the balance sheet date:

	At 30 June 2009 \$'000	At 31 December 2008 \$'000
0 – 30 days	61,704	57,087
31 – 60 days	5,543	2,920
61 – 90 days	5,540	2,532
91 – 120 days	5,744	2,379
Over 120 days	3,837	2,225
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The Group allows a credit period of 30 days to its trade customers. The trade receivables are expected to be recovered within one year.

10. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS

At 30 June 2009, the pledged bank deposits of \$7,352,000 (31 December 2008: \$808,000) are primarily related to certain commercial arrangements during the period.

11. PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

All payables and accrued charges are expected to be settled within one year.

12. SECURED BANK BORROWINGS

On 29 June 2009, APT Satellite Company Limited (“APT HK”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a general banking facilities (the “Banking Facilities”) arrangement, secured by certain properties of APT HK, assignment of cash receipts to be generated from contracts relating to APSTAR 2R and APSTAR 5, APSTAR 2R insurance claim proceeds, and charge over a charged account (the “Charged Account”) which holds customer deposits and payments received on services provided or to be provided by APSTAR 2R and APSTAR 5 and any accrued interest within the Charged Account. At 30 June 2009, US\$30,000,000 (approximately \$234,000,000) has been drawn down against the Banking Facilities.

If the Group were to breach the covenants, the drawn down facilities would become payable on demand. For the period ended 30 June 2009, the Group complied with all of the covenants.

At 30 June 2009, a letter of guarantee issued by a bank to a subsidiary of the Company is secured by the Group's land and buildings with a net book value of approximately \$4,364,000 (31 December 2008: \$4,422,000).

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) In the years before 1999, overseas withholding tax was not charged in respect of the Group's transponder utilisation income derived from the overseas customers. From 1999, overseas withholding tax has been charged on certain transponder utilisation income of the Group and full provision for such withholding tax for the years from 1999 onwards has been made in the financial statements. Directors of the Company are of the opinion that the new tax rules should take effect from 1999 onwards and, accordingly, no provision for the withholding tax in respect of the years before 1999 is necessary. The Group's withholding tax in respect of 1998 and before, calculated at the applicable rates based on the relevant income earned in those years, not provided for in the financial statements amounted to approximately \$75,864,000.
- (b) The Company has given bank guarantees in respect of certain secured banking facilities granted to a subsidiary of the Company. The extent of such facilities utilised at 30 June 2009 amounted to \$234,000,000 (31 December 2008: nil).

14. NON-ADJUSTING POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

- (a) On 9 July 2009, APT HK, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, completed the termination of the 1999 Lease Agreement and Ancillary Agreement (the "Termination"), with Telesat Canada and Telesat Asia Pacific Satellite (HK) Limited (collectively "Telesats") in respect of the remaining life of APSTAR 2R for an agreed amount of US\$68,855,000 (approximately \$537,069,000).

Pursuant to the Termination, Telesats are refunded the remainder of advance lease payments previously made in return for the termination of unexpired leasing period from July 2009 and onward. Telesats' right of future replacement satellites to occupy the orbital slot currently used by APSTAR 2R has also been terminated in the same transaction. The original 1999 Lease Agreement and Ancillary Agreement were accounted for as a disposal of property, plant and equipment in the financial statements of the Group. It is expected that, with the Termination, the return of the remaining life span of transponders capacity will be treated as an addition to assets.

- (b) Pursuant to various amended agreements entered into with Loral Orion Inc. ("Loral") in 2003, Loral has an option to take up four APT Transponders from the fourth year and another four APT transponders from the fifth year after completion of in-orbit test of APSTAR 5, for their remaining operational lives at a total consideration of approximately \$282,865,000. On 29 September 2006 and 18 August 2008, Telesat Satellite LP ("Telesat", the successor of Loral) exercised its right to take up two and four Transponders, respectively, at a total consideration of approximately \$70,716,000 and \$141,433,000 respectively.

On 13 August 2009, Telesat exercised its option right to take up two transponders on APSTAR 5 for a consideration of US\$9,066,000 (approximately \$70,716,000).

15. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

As a result of the application of IAS/HKAS 1 (revised 2007), Presentation of financial statements, and IFRS/HKFRS 8, Operating segments, certain comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to current period's presentation and to provide comparative amounts in respect of items disclosed for the first time in 2009. Further details of these developments are disclosed in note 2.

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2009, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2009, the Company has met the code provisions ("Code Provision") set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, save for the following Code Provisions:

- A4.1: the non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term given they shall retire from office by rotation once every three years except the Chairman of the Board and the President in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company; and
- A4.2: the Chairman of the Board and the President are not subject to retirement by rotation given that would help the Company in maintaining its consistency of making business decisions.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

In the meeting on 19 September 2009, the Audit Committee reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the Company's unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2009, and discussed auditing and internal control matters. The Audit Committee comprises of four independent non-executive directors including Dr. Lui King Man, Dr. Huan Guocang, Dr. Lam Sek Kong and Mr. Cui Ligu.

INTERIM REPORT

The Company's 2009 Interim Report containing information required by Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules is to be published on the Stock Exchange's website and the Company's website (www.apstar.com) in due course.

The Directors as at the date of this announcement are as follows:

Executive Directors:

Cheng Guangren (President) and Qi Liang (Vice President)

Non-Executive Directors:

Rui Xiaowu (Chairman), Lim Toon, Yin Yen-liang, Wu Zhen Mu, Yong Foo Chong, Wu Jinfeng and Tseng Ta-mon (Alternate Director to Yin Yen-liang)

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Huan Guocang, Lui King Man, Lam Sek Kong and Cui Ligu