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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The directors (the "Directors" or the "Board") of the Company wish to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors that based on the preliminary assessment of the information currently available to the Board, they expect that the Group will record a loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 of between US\$42 million (or approximately HK\$327.60 million) to US\$45 million (or approximately HK\$351 million), as compared to a loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company of US\$31.09 million (or approximately HK\$242.50 million) for the corresponding year in 2018.



The main increase in the loss for the year ended 31 December 2019 as compared to the last financial year is due to the one off settlement amount of A\$9.50 million (or approximately US\$6.67 million or HK\$52.03 million) with the Australian Tax Office in respect of a capital

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gain tax dispute as the other items making up the loss were similar to last year being: (i) an amortisation charge of approximately US\$28.05 million (or approximately HK\$218.79 million) on the intangible asset, being Fortacin<sup>™</sup>, a non-cash item; (ii) the unrealised marked-to-market loss in respect of the Company's equity portfolio of financial assets at fair value through profit of loss of US\$1.27 million (or approximately HK\$9.91 million); and (iii) the Group's operating expenses.

The financial year concluded on 31 December 2019 and, consequently, the Company is still in the process of finalising the Group's final results. The information contained in this announcement is only an initial assessment by the Directors based on a preliminary review of the currently available and unaudited management accounts and is not based on any financial data or information that has been audited or reviewed by the Group's auditor. The Company will publish its audited final results for the year ended 31 December 2019 as soon as practicable, but not later than 31 March 2020.

## Shareholders of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

Note: Unless otherwise specified herein, (i) amounts denominated in A\$ have been translated, for the purpose of illustration only, into US\$ using the exchange rate of A\$1.00 = US\$0.7024; and (ii) amounts dominated into US\$ have been translated, for the purpose of illustration only, into HK\$ using the exchange rate of US\$1.00 = HK\$7.80.

On Behalf of the Board of **Regent Pacific Group Limited** 

Jamie Gibson Director

## Directors of the Company:

James Mellon *(Chairman)*\* Jamie Gibson *(Chief Executive Officer)* David Comba<sup>#</sup> Julie Oates<sup>#</sup> Mark Searle<sup>#</sup> Jayne Sutcliffe<sup>\*</sup>

- \* Non-Executive Directors
- *<sup>#</sup> Independent Non-Executive Directors*

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