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## **ASIAN CITRUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**亞洲果業控股有限公司\***

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: HKSE: 73; AIM: ACHL)**

### **PROFIT ALERT**

This announcement is made by Asian Citrus Holdings Limited (the “Company” together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Listing Rules.

The board of directors of the Company (the “Board”) wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors that, based on the preliminary assessment of the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012, turnover of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 is anticipated to record a significant increase from the comparative figure for the prior year and core net profit<sup>#</sup> and cash generated from operations of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 are anticipated to be slightly ahead of the comparative figure for the prior year. The comparative figures for turnover, core net profit and cash generated from operations for the year ended 30 June 2011 were approximately RMB1,412.6 million, RMB560.6 million and RMB617.2 respectively.

As previously highlighted in the Company’s announcement on 19 January 2012, due to the more mature nature of the Company’s orange plantations, the net gain on the change in fair value of biological assets for the year ended 30 June 2012 is expected to be significantly lower than in the prior year. Accordingly the net profit attributable to shareholders of the Company is expected to be lower than the comparative figure for the prior year of RMB1,110 million. The net gain on change in fair value of biological assets does not have any effect on cash flow.

This profit alert announcement is based only on the preliminary assessment of the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 and the information currently available to the Board. The audit now being conducted by the auditors of the Company on the management accounts has not yet been completed and the management accounts may still be subject to adjustments.

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

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”).

The Board wishes to inform the shareholders of the Company and potential investors in the Company that, based on the preliminary assessment of the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012, turnover of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 is anticipated to record a significant increase from the comparative figure for the prior year and core net profit<sup>#</sup> and cash generated from operations of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2012 are anticipated to be slightly ahead of the comparative figure for the prior year. The comparative figures for turnover, core net profit and cash generated from operations for the year ended 30 June 2011 were approximately RMB1,412.6 million, RMB560.6 million and RMB617.2 respectively.

Key factors affecting the financial performance of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2012 include, but not limited to:

- (i) the 12.2% increase in orange production for the year ended 30 June 2012 as stated in the Company’s announcement dated 21 June 2012;
- (ii) a short-term over supply of winter oranges to the market contributing to a small reduction in the Company’s summer crop selling price to supermarkets and wholesalers of approximately 1.2 and 1.9% respectively year on year as stated in the Company’s announcement dated 14 March 2012. This was compensated by an increase in the average selling price of winter oranges of approximately 3-4% which was reflected in the interim financial results for the period ended 31 December 2011;
- (iii) a higher volume of fertilisers and pesticides consumed as a result of the heavy rainfall in the second quarter of 2012; and
- (iv) a full year’s contribution from BPG Food and Beverage Limited which was acquired in November 2010.

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By Order of the Board  
**ASIAN CITRUS HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**Tong Wang Chow**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 25 July 2012

\* *for identification purposes only*

# *Core net profit refers to profit for the period excluding net gain on change in fair value of biological assets and share-based payments*

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises five executive Directors, namely Mr. Tong Wang Chow, Mr. Tong Hung Wai, Tommy, Mr. Cheung Wai Sun, Mr. Pang Yi and Mr. Sung Chi Keung; two non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Ip Chi Ming and Hon Peregrine Moncreiffe and four independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew, Mr. Nicholas Smith, Mr. Yang Zhenhan and Dr. Lui Ming Wah, SBS JP.*