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GENTING HONG KONG GROUP ANNOUNCES FULL YEAR RESULTS FOR 2009

The below commentary is prepared based on the comparison of the results for 2009 and 2008 of Genting Hong Kong Group (excluding NCL Corporation Ltd. (“NCLC”) Group).

Key points for 2009 in comparison with year 2008:

- EBITDA for the year improved 64.6% to US\$83.8 million, compared with US\$50.9 million for 2008
- Capacity decreased by 33.6% from approximately 2.5 million to approximately 1.7 million capacity days
- Occupancy percentage increased by 6% from 85% to 91% in 2009
- Net revenue decreased by 16.7% but net yield increased by 25.4%
- Ship operating expenses decreased by 44.6% in 2009, achieved through savings from lower fuel costs, various cost control and ship deployment initiatives
- Selling, general and administrative expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation decreased by 10.8% in 2009
- Operating profit before impairment was US\$5.3 million for 2009, versus an operating loss before impairment of US\$16.2 million in 2008

Genting Hong Kong Group (excluding NCLC Group)

For the full year 2009, net revenue fell by 16.7% as a result of decrease in capacity days by 33.6% compared to 2008 due to selective laying up of lower yielding ships and the disposal of m.v. Wasa Queen in April. However, we experienced an increase in net yield of 25.4% as a result of higher gaming revenues per capacity day derived by focusing on more gaming-centric routes. This is reflected in the Group's strong fourth quarter in 2009 where net revenues remained flat relative to 2008 at approximately US\$97 million despite a 27% reduction in capacity days.

Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation decreased US\$88.7 million (28.4%) to US\$223.3 million in 2009 from US\$312.0 million in 2008, primarily due to a 44.6% decrease in ship operating expenses as a result of stringent costs control measures through cost savings in payroll, fuel price, passenger food and supplies, repairs and maintenance, and other miscellaneous expenses. Ship operating expenses per capacity day decreased by 16.5% in 2009. Fuel cost savings are primarily due to an approximate 34.2% decrease in average fuel spot price from US\$552 per metric ton in 2008 to US\$363 per metric ton in 2009.

Selling, general and administrative expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation decreased by US\$8.4 million (10.8%) to US\$69.7 million in 2009 from US\$78.2 million in 2008 mainly due to lower advertising and promotion costs and shore salary-related costs.

Finance costs decreased by 15.4% during 2009 primarily due to lower average interest rates.

NCLC Group

The commentary below is prepared based on NCLC Group's US GAAP financial statements.

Net revenue decreased 12.4% in 2009 compared to 2008 due to a 7.7% decrease in net yield and a 5.1% decrease in capacity days. The decrease in net yield was the result of a decrease in passenger ticket pricing due to adverse global economic conditions. This decrease was partially offset by a slight increase in net yield pertaining to onboard and other revenue primarily due to increased net revenue from NCLC Group's shore excursions and gaming operations and an increase in occupancy percentage. The decrease in capacity days was the result of the departure of m.v. Marco Polo, m.v. Norwegian Dream and m.v. Norwegian Majesty from NCLC Group's fleet upon expiration of the relevant charter agreements in March 2008, November 2008, and October 2009 respectively, partially offset with the re-flagging of m.v. Pride of Aloha which was withdrawn from the fleet in May 2008 and launched as m.v. Norwegian Sky in July 2008.

Ship operating expenses decreased 18.3% in 2009 compared to 2008 primarily related to a decrease in fuel price and implementation of cost control initiatives. Ship operating expenses per capacity day decreased primarily due to lower fuel expense primarily as a result of a 30.1% decrease in average fuel price per metric ton to US\$392 in 2009 from US\$561 in 2008; lower marketing, general and administrative expense and other cruise operating expense per capacity day due to savings from cost control initiatives; and lower payroll and related expense per capacity day from the impact of the re-flagging and redeployment of *Pride of Hawai'i* and *Pride of Aloha* from the Hawaii market to international fleet in 2008.

Depreciation and amortisation expense decreased 6.1% in 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to the transfer of m.v. Norwegian Sky to the Group in January 2009.

Finance costs, net of capitalised interest, decreased to US\$115.4 million in 2009 from US\$152.4 million in 2008, primarily due to lower average interest rates.

Terminology

- *Net revenue represents total revenue less commissions, transportation and other expenses and onboard and other expenses.*
- *Net yield represents net revenue per capacity day. The Group utilises net yield to manage its business on a day-to-day basis and believes that it is the most relevant measure of the pricing performance and is commonly used in the cruise industry to measure pricing performance.*
- *Ship operating expenses represent operating expenses excluding commissions, transportation and other expenses and onboard and other expenses. NCLC Group, reporting under US GAAP, accounts for dry-docking costs under the direct expense method and these costs are classified as ship operating expenses. Under HKFRS, the dry-docking costs are included as a separate component of the ship costs to be amortised to the subsequent dry-docking generally every 2 to 3 years in the depreciation and amortisation.*
- *EBITDA represents earnings before interest and other income (expense) including taxes, and depreciation and amortisation. The Group uses EBITDA to measure operating performance of the business.*
- *Capacity days represent double occupancy per cabin multiplied by the number of cruise days for the period.*
- *Passenger cruise days represent the number of passengers carried for the period, multiplied by the number of days in their respective cruises.*
- *Occupancy percentage, in accordance with cruise industry practice, represents the ratio of passenger cruise days to capacity days. A percentage in excess of 100% indicates that three or more passengers occupied some cabins.*

ABOUT GENTING HONG KONG GROUP

Genting Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code: 678), the leading cruise liner in Asia-Pacific and together with its jointly controlled entities, NCLC, is the third largest cruise operator in the world, currently having a combined fleet operating 17 ships cruising to over 200 destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean and Bermuda.

Headquartered in Hong Kong, Genting Hong Kong is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices and representatives in Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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Forward-looking statements

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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009
PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS**

	Year ended 31 December	
	2009	2008
	US\$'000	US\$'000
	audited	audited (restated)
Turnover	376,802	441,039
Operating expenses		
Operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment loss	(223,292)	(311,972)
Depreciation and amortisation	(67,892)	(60,676)
	(291,184)	(372,648)
Selling, general and administrative expenses		
Selling, general and administrative expenses excluding depreciation and amortisation	(69,729)	(78,175)
Depreciation and amortisation	(10,580)	(6,446)
	(80,309)	(84,621)
Impairment loss	(28,588)	(99,873)
	(400,081)	(557,142)
	(23,279)	(116,103)
Share of profit / (loss) of jointly controlled entities	23,565	(104,098)
Share of (loss) / profit of associates	(2,512)	1,454
Other income, net	2,238	146,525
Finance income	209	3,233
Finance costs	(24,191)	(28,610)
	(691)	18,504
Loss before taxation	(23,970)	(97,599)
Taxation	(4,319)	(3,528)
Loss for the year	(28,289)	(101,127)
Loss attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	(25,343)	(80,107)
Minority interest	(2,946)	(21,020)
	(28,289)	(101,127)
Basic and diluted loss per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (US cents)	(0.34)	(1.08)
<u>Operating data</u>		
Passenger Cruise Days	1,504,480	2,106,071
Capacity Days	1,654,455	2,491,743
Occupancy as a percentage of total capacity days	91%	85%