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### UNAUDITED FY11/12 FIRST QUARTER UPDATE FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

#### FIRST QUARTER UPDATE

The Company is pleased to present the unaudited FY11/12 first quarter update of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the three months ended 30 September 2011. This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The slower global economic growth and the worsening of the eurozone sovereign debt crisis during the quarter created an increasingly challenging business environment not only to the Group, but also to the industry as a whole.

#### **Turnover by Regions**

	Three mon 30 Septen		Three mor		Change	Retail comp	
Regions	HK\$ million	% to Group Turnover	HK\$ million	% to Group Turnover	HK\$	Local currency	store sales growth* %
Europe Asia Pacific	6,905 1.369	80.7% 16.0%	6,898 1.349	81.1% 15.8%	0.1% 1.4%	-9.2% -5.6%	-9.6% -2.3%
North America and others	284	3.3%	262	3.1%	8.7%	5.5%	n.a.
Total	8,558	100.0%	8,509	100.0%	0.6%	-8.2%	-8.5%

n.a. Not applicable

<sup>\*</sup> Exclude the directly managed stores covered by the store closure programs announced in FY09/10 and FY10/11 and directly managed stores in North America and the e-shop in the U.S., which are considered non-comparable stores as a result of management decision to divest the operations in North America

#### **Turnover by Key Distribution Channels**

	Three montl 30 Septemi		Three month 30 Septemb		Change in %		
		% to Group		% to Group		Local	
Key Distribution Channels	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$	currency	
Retail <sup>#</sup>	4,331	50.6%	4,296	50.5%	0.8%	-7.8%	
Europe	3,195	37.3%	3,182	37.4%	0.4%	-8.9%	
Asia Pacific	940	11.0%	933	11.0%	0.7%	-6.4%	
North America	196	2.3%	181	2.1%	8.5%	5.4%	
Wholesale	4,167	48.7%	4,161	48.9%	0.2%	-8.8%	
Europe	3,703	43.3%	3,711	43.6%	-0.2%	-9.4%	
Asia Pacific	418	4.9%	404	4.8%	3.4%	-3.6%	
North America	46	0.5%	46	0.5%	0.7%	-4.9%	
Licensing and others	60	0.7%	52	0.6%	13.7%	11.7%	
Total	8,558	100.0%	8,509	100.0%	0.6%	-8.2%	

Retail sales includes sales from e-shop in countries where available

#### **Turnover by Product Divisions**

	Three month 30 Septemb		Three month 30 Septemb		Change in %		
		% to Group		% to Group		Local	
Product Divisions	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$	currency	
casual	3,827	44.7%	3,934	46.2%	-2.7%	-11.3%	
edc	2,039	23.8%	2,068	24.3%	-1.4%	-9.7%	
collection	1,007	11.8%	888	10.5%	13.4%	3.6%	
others*	1,685	19.7%	1,619	19.0%	4.0%	-4.9%	
Total	8,558	100.0%	8,509	100.0%	0.6%	-8.2%	

Others include accessories, kids, shoes, bodywear, sports, de. corp, red earth, salon, licensing income & licensed products like timewear, eyewear, jewellery, bed & bath, houseware, etc.

## **Key Distribution Channels by Regions**

As at 30 September 2011	Retail										
·		Comp stores**									
Regions	No. of stores	Net sales area m²	Net opened stores*	Net change in net sales area*							
Esprit (excl Red Earth & Salon)											
Europe	346 619	210,970 109,269	3	1.1%	260						
Asia Pacific			4	0.4%	299						
North America <sup>#</sup>	89	30,955	-	-0.5%	n.a.						
Subtotal	1,054	351,194	7	0.7%	559						
Store closure program FY09/10	14	7,859	-	-	n.a.						
Store closure program FY10/11	79	39,419	(1)	-1.2%	n.a.						
Total	1,147	398,472	6	0.5%	559						

n.a. Not applicable

Net change from 30 June 2011

All e-shops within Europe are shown as 1 comparable store in Europe
All directly managed stores in North America and the e-shop in the U.S. are considered non-comparable stores as a result of management decision to divest the operations in North America

# **Key Distribution Channels by Regions (continued)**

As at 30 September 2011		Wholesale (controlled space only)														
		Franchise stores				Shop-in-stores			Identity corners			Total				
Regions	No. of stores	Net sales area m²	Net opened stores*	Net change in net sales area*	No. of stores	Net sales area m²	Net opened stores*	Net change in net sales area*	No. of stores	Net sales area m²	Net opened stores*	Net change in net sales area*	No. of stores	Net sales area m²	Net opened stores*	Net change in net sales area*
Esprit (excl Red Earth & Salon) Europe Asia Pacific	1,094 997	273,352 124,524	(14) (7)	-1.9% -2.5%	4,875 135	188,991 3,592	35	-0.6% -	4,569 -	101,048	(48) -	-1.8% -	10,538 1,132	563,391 128,116	(27) (7)	-1.4% -2.4%
Total	2,091	397,876	(21)	-2.1%	5,010	192,583	35	-0.6%	4,569	101,048	(48)	-1.8%	11,670	691,507	(34)	-1.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Net change from 30 June 2011

# On behalf of the Board ESPRIT HOLDINGS LIMITED Florence Ng Wai Yin Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31 October 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises (i) Mr Ronald van der Vis (Group Chief Executive Officer) and Mr Chew Fook Aun (Group Chief Financial Officer) as Executive Directors; (ii) Mr Jürgen Alfred Rudolf Friedrich as Non-executive Director; and (iii) Dr Hans-Joachim Körber (Chairman), Mr Paul Cheng Ming Fun (Deputy Chairman), Mr Alexander Reid Hamilton, Mr Raymond Or Ching Fai and Mr Francesco Trapani as Independent Non-executive Directors.