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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 01116)
(the "Company")

## ANNUAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Total revenue for the year decreased by 7.51% to approximately RMB388.6 million from 2015.
- Profit for the year was approximately RMB19.7 million (2015: Loss of approximately RMB8.2 million).
- The Gross profit for the year increased by 37.5% to approximately RMB52.8 million and gross profit margin for the year increased by 48.7% to 13.6% from 2015.
- The basic earnings per share for the year ended 31 December 2016 was RMB1.52 cents (2015: basic loss per share of RMB0.88 cents)

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") is pleased to present the audited consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2016 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2015.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification only

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Revenue	3	388,678	420,225
Cost of sales	-	(335,848)	(381,809)
Gross profit		52,830	38,416
Other income		22,460	6,742
Other net income		2,283	1,988
Distribution costs		(16,640)	(16,799)
Administrative expenses		(33,191)	(34,743)
Other operating expenses	_	(336)	(874)
Profit/(loss) from operations		27,406	(5,270)
Impairment loss on amounts due from			
investee companies		(181)	(293)
Finance costs	_	(4,000)	(2,678)
Profit/(loss) before tax		23,225	(8,241)
Income tax expense	5 _	(3,467)	
Profit/(loss) for the year	4	19,758	(8,241)
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		14,825	(8,546)
Non-controlling interests	_	4,933	305
	_	19,758	(8,241)
Earnings/(loss) per share			
Basic and diluted (RMB cents)	7	1.52	(0.88)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Profit/(loss) for the year	19,758	(8,241)
Other comprehensive income:  Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:  Evaluated differences on translating foreign operations	(7.641)	(4.054)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(7,641)	(4,954)
Items that may not be reclassified to profit or loss:  Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	4,890	3,476
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	(2,751)	(1,478)
Total comprehensive income for the year	17,007	(9,719)
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	12,074	(10,024)
Non-controlling interests	4,933	305
	17,007	(9,719)

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Prepaid land lease payments		35,906 6,196	38,734 6,418
Interest in joint ventures Available-for-sale financial assets		11,766	11,766
	-	53,868	56,918
Current assets Inventories Trade and other receivables Prepaid land lease payments Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Cash and cash equivalents	8	47,359 125,608 222 721 142,379	44,388 134,297 222 - 77,986
		316,289	256,893
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Current tax payable Borrowings	9	87,087 1,071 73,015	86,292 - 35,542
	-	161,173	121,834
Net current assets	-	155,116	135,059
Total assets less current liabilities	-	208,984	191,977
NET ASSETS		208,984	191,977
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves		88,872 66,182	88,872 54,108
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	-	155,054 53,930	142,980 48,997
TOTAL EQUITY		208,984	191,977

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

#### 1. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In the current year, the Group has adopted all the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting year beginning on 1 January 2016. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies, presentation of the Group's financial statements and amounts reported for the current year and prior years.

The Group has not applied the new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of these new and revised HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of The Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

There are pending litigations and winding up petitions against the Group. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the Group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The validity of which are based on the latest progress of the negotiation of settlement agreements in connection with the acquisition of Yield Rise Limited ("Yield Rise") and the legal advices on winding up petitions cause the directors to believe that these litigations ultimately will not have significant impact to the financial position of the Group. Accordingly, the directors of the Company (the "Directors") are of the opinion that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, adjustments would have to be made to the financial statements to adjust the value of the Group's assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any further liabilities which might arise and to reclassify non-current assets as current assets.

#### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by a mixture of both business lines (products and services) and geography. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the board of directors of the Company, being the Group's chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. The Group has presented the following two reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

- Steel PRC: this segment primarily derive its revenue from the manufacture and trading of steel pipes, steel sheets and other products made of steel. These products are manufactured in the Group's manufacturing facilities located in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").
- Investments: this segment invests in equity securities to generate dividend income and interest income and/or to gain from the appreciation in the investments' values in the long term.

#### (a) Segment results, assets and liabilities

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's chief operating decision maker monitors the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include all tangible assets and current assets with the exception of corporate assets. Segment liabilities include all liabilities including trade and other payables and borrowings managed directly by the segments with the exception of corporate liabilities.

Revenue 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. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. The measure used for reporting segment profit is "EBIT" i.e. "earnings before interest and taxes".

In addition to receiving segment information concerning EBIT, management is provided with segment information concerning revenue, interest income and expenses from cash balances and borrowings managed directly by the segments, dividend income, depreciation and amortisation, change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, net gain/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, impairment loss on trade and other receivables, reversal of impairment loss on trade and other receivables, write down of inventories, reversal of write down of inventories, share of result of joint ventures, income tax expenses and additions to non-current segment assets used by the segments in their operations.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the years ended 31 December 2016 and 2015 is set out below:

Information about reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

	Steel – PRC RMB'000	Investment RMB'000	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Year ended 31 December 2016			
Revenue from external customers	388,678		388,678
Segment profit	18,341	545	18,886
Interest income	1,136	24	1,160
Interest expenses	1,651	_	1,651
Dividend income	_	28	28
Fair value gain on financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss	_	2,166	2,166
Depreciation and amortisation	5,447	_	5,447
Net loss on disposal of property,			
plant and equipment	42	_	42
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables	_	_	_
Write down of inventories	_	_	_
Reversal of impairment loss on trade and			
other receivables	281	_	281
Reversal of write down of inventories	574	_	574
Share of profit of joint ventures	-	_	_
Income tax expense	3,296	<u>171</u>	3,467
Segment assets	355,991	1,212	357,203
Segment liabilities	113,423	328	113,751
Interests in joint ventures	_	_	_
Additions to non-current assets	2,536		2,536

	Steel – PRC RMB'000	Investment RMB'000	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Year ended 31 December 2015 Revenue from external customers	420,225		420,225
Segment (loss)/profit	3,502	(255)	3,247
Interest income	328	1	329
Interest expenses Dividend income	1,416	_	1,416
	_	_	_
Fair value gain on financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss Depreciation and amortisation	6,097	_	6,097
Net loss on disposal of property,	0,097	_	0,097
plant and equipment	171		171
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables	1/1	_	1/1
Write down of inventories	677		677
Reversal of impairment loss on trade and	077		077
other receivables	315	_	315
Reversal of write down of inventories	-	_	-
Share of profit of joint ventures	_	_	_
Income tax expense	_	_	_
income tax expense			
Segment assets	299,113	616	299,729
Segment liabilities	83,069	8	83,077
Interests in joint ventures Additions to non-current assets	3,178		3,178

Reconciliations of reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Profit or loss:		
Total profit of reportable segments	18,886	3,247
Finance cost	(4,000)	(2,678)
Dividend income	13,772	_
Depreciation	_	(112)
Corporate and unallocated profit or loss	(5,433)	(8,698)
Consolidated profit/(loss) before taxation for the year	23,225	(8,241)
Assets:		
Total assets of reportable segments	357,203	299,729
Corporate and unallocated assets:		
<ul> <li>Available-for-sale financial assets</li> </ul>	11,766	11,766
– Others	1,188	2,316
Consolidated total assets	370,157	313,811
Liabilities:		
Total liabilities of reportable segments	113,751	83,077
Corporate and unallocated liabilities	47,422	38,757
Consolidated total liabilities	161,173	121,834

#### Geographical information:

Over 90% of the Group's revenue and assets are derived from customers and operations based in the PRC and accordingly, no further analysis of the Group's geographical information is disclosed.

#### Revenue from major customers:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Customer A – revenue from Steel – PRC segment	33,375	44,267

No other customers individually contributed more than 10% of the total consolidated revenue of the Group.

#### 4. PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR

The Group's profit/(loss) for the year is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

		2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
	Cost of inventories sold	335,848	381,809
	Depreciation	5,318	5,945
	Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	222	222
	Net exchange losses/(gains)	122	(1,844)
	Operating lease charges in respect of land and buildings Staff costs including directors' emoluments	586	910
	- Salaries, bonus and allowances	36,021	32,858
	- Retirement benefits scheme contributions	6,309	5,639
		42,330	38,497
5.	INCOME TAX EXPENSE		
		2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
	Current tax		
	PRC corporation income tax Hong Kong profits tax	3,298 169	_ 
		3,467	_

Hong Kong Profits Tax is provided at 16.5% based on the assessable profit for the year. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the year ended 31 December 2016 as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong in that year.

Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, the subsidiaries in the PRC are liable to PRC Corporate Income Tax at a rate of 25% (2015: 25%) during the year.

#### 6. DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend or declare the payment of any dividend in respect of the years ended 31 December 2016 and 2015.

#### 7. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

#### Basic earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of basic earning/(loss) per share is based on the loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately RMB14,825,000 (2015: loss of approximately RMB8,546,000) and the weighted average number of 972,564,000 ordinary shares (2015: 972,564,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the year.

#### Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share is equal to basic earnings/(loss) per share as there are no potential ordinary shares outstanding for both years.

#### 8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2016	2015
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	113,340	108,620
Less: allowance for doubtful debts	(1,907)	(2,639)
	111,433	105,981
Bills receivables	5,855	5,242
Other receivable	780	179
Prepayment and other deposit	7,540	22,895
	125,608	134,297

The aging analysis of trade receivables, based on invoiced date, and net of allowance, is as follows:

	2016	2015
RM	1B'000	RMB'000
0 to 30 days	39,012	32,860
31 to 60 days	39,623	31,664
61 to 90 days	19,696	21,663
91 to 180 days	13,102	18,666
Over 180 days	<del>_</del> _	1,128
1	11,433	105,981

### 9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2016	2015
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade payables	15,041	19,015
Bill payables	1,533	3,210
Other payable	56,870	51,332
Dividend payable	576	539
Receipts in advance	13,067	12,196
	87,087	86,292
The aging analysis of the trade payables and bills payables, based on invo	pice date, is as follow	vs:
	2016	2015
	RMB'000	RMB'000
0 to 20 days	12 075	17 503

#### EXTRACT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The following is the extract of the independent auditor's report from the external auditors of the Company:

We do not express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Group. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these consolidated financial statements and whether the consolidated financial statements have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF OPINION

### 1 Opening balances and corresponding figures

Our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2015, which forms the basis for the corresponding figures presented in the current year's consolidated financial statements, was disclaimed because of the significance of the possible effect of the limitations on the scope of our audit, details of which are set out in our auditor's report dated 9 April 2018.

There were no satisfactory audit procedures to ascertain the existence, accuracy, presentation and completeness of certain opening balances and corresponding figures (as further detail explained in the following paragraphs) shown in the current year's consolidated financial statements.

### 2 Limited accounting books and records of the Group

Due to the insufficiency of supporting documentation and explanations for accounting books and records in respect of a subsidiary of the Company, Guangzhou Mayer Corporation Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015, we were unable to carry out audit procedures to satisfy ourselves as to whether the cost of sales and depreciation charged of RMB300,290,000 and RMB818,000, respectively, for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the following income and expenses for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the certain assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2016 and 2015, and the segment information and other related disclosure notes in relation to the Group, as included in the consolidated financial statements of the Group, have been accurately recorded and properly accounted for in the consolidated financial statements:

*Income and expenses for the years ended 31 December:* 

	2015
	RMB'000
Revenue	420,225
Cost of sales	(381,809)
Gross profit	38,416
Other income	6,742
Other net income	1,994
Distribution costs	(16,799)
Administrative expenses	(25,977)
Other operating expenses	(874)
Profit from operation	3,502
Finance cost	(1,861)
Profit before taxation	1,641
Income tax expense	<del>_</del> _
Profit for the year	1,641

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment	5,464	6,282
Current assets Inventories	6,418	44,388
NET ASSETS	11,882	50,670

#### 3 Commitments and contingent liabilities

Due to the insufficiency of supporting documentation and explanations for accounting books and records as mentioned in point 2 above, no sufficient evidence has been provided to satisfy ourselves as to the existence and completeness of the disclosures of commitments and contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2015.

#### 4 Related party transactions and disclosures

Due to the insufficiency of supporting documentation and explanations for accounting books and records as mentioned in point 2 above, no sufficient evidence has been provided to satisfy ourselves as to the existence and completeness of the disclosures of the related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2015 and the related party balances as at 31 December 2015 as required by Hong Kong Accounting Standard 24 (revised) "Related Party Disclosures".

#### 5 Unconsolidation of Yield Rise Limited

Due to the dispute between Make Success Limited ("Make Success") and the Company in connection with the acquisition of Yield Rise and its subsidiaries ("Yield Rise Group"), the financial statements of Yield Rise Group have not been consolidated in the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and 2015. In addition, the promissory notes and convertible bonds issued for the acquisition were not recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Under Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" ("HKFRS 10"), the Company should consolidate Yield Rise Group if the Company has power to control Yield Rise Group to affect the return from them. We have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to assess (i) whether the Company has control over Yield Rise Group; and (ii) the validity of the promissory notes and convertible notes. We are unable to determine whether there is an departure from HKFRS 10 and the promissory notes and convertible notes should be recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements.

#### 6 Available-for-sale financial assets

The investment in 29.85% equity interest in Vietnam Mayer Company Limited ("Vietnam Mayer") of approximately RMB11,766,000 is recognised as available-for-sale financial assets and stated at cost for the years ended 31 December 2016 and 2015. We have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to assess whether the Group has significant influence in Vietnam Mayer. Therefore, we are unable to determine whether Vietnam Mayer should be recognised as an associate and accounted for using equity method of accounting and the dividend income from Vietnam Mayer of approximately RMB13,772,000 should be charged in consolidated profit or loss. In addition, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence as to the accuracy of its carrying amount.

Any adjustments to the figures as described from points 1 to 6 above might have significant consequential effects on the Group's results and cash flows for the years ended 31 December 2016 and 2015 and the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2016 and 2015, and the related disclosures thereof in the consolidated financial statements.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group reported consolidated revenue of approximately RMB388,678,000 representing a decrease of 7.51% over last year. Gross profit margin was 13.6% compared to last year's 9.1%. Profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB14,825,000, compared with last year's loss of approximately RMB8,546,000. Profit per share for the year was RMB1.52 cents versus last year profit per share RMB0.88 cents.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The primary business focus for the management of the Group in the year of review is still the publication of all outstanding financial results. In this regard, a number of legal actions have been taken by the Group during the past two years. The progress and the latest updates of those legal efforts, together with all other material information of the Company, had been disclosed in details by the Company's prompt announcements during the financial year under review and the monthly periodic announcements since May 2015.

Up to the date of this results announcement, the only active operating subsidiary of the Company is still Guangzhou Mayer, which is a manufacturer and distributor of steel pipes, steel sheets and other metal products in the PRC. The market territories of Guangzhou Mayer include the domestic sales of the steel products in the PRC and the indirect export distribution. The Company indirectly holds 81.4% equity interest in Guangzhou Mayer through Bamian Investments Pte Limited, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company incorporated in Singapore. The Group's effective interest in Guangzhou Mayer is 81.4%.

To help the Company understand the latest development of the project of the Dan Tien Port in Vietnam (the "Dan Tien Port Project", 越南民進港項目), the auditor of the Company (the "Auditor") commenced the audit procedures in early 2015 in Vietnam over the financial data of the Dan Tien Port Project for the respective financial years ended at 31 December 2011, 31 December 2012, 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014. Although the Auditor had completed the audit works on the Dan Tien Port Project in April 2016, the Auditor was not able to issue an auditor report at the level of a subsidiary of the Company due to a number of uncertainties which had been fully disclosed in the Company's periodic announcement dated 3 May 2016.

On 4 March 2016, the Stock Exchange issued a letter to the Company informing that the Stock Exchange has placed the Company into the first delisting stage (the "First Delisting Stage") under Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules. The First Delisting Stage will expire on 23 September 2016 and the Company was required to submit a viable resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange at least 10 business days before the First Delisting Stage expires (that is, 8 September 2016) to address the resumption conditions. On 8 April 2016, the Company submitted to the listing committee of the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Committee") an application for a review of the decision of the First Delisting Stage pursuant to Rule 2B.06(1) of the Listing Rules and the review hearing was arranged and held on 17 May 2016. Thereafter, the Listing Committee informed the Company on 24 May 2016 of the conclusions of the review hearing that the decision of the First Delisting Stage had been upheld. The Company has then engaged legal consultants and a financial adviser to address the matters in respect of the resumption of the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

On 7 March 2016, the Company was notified by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") that it had commenced proceedings in the Market Misconduct Tribunal (the "MMT") against (i) the Company for failing to disclose price sensitive information as soon as reasonably practicable; and (ii) the nine former Directors and the former company secretary and financial controller of the Company for their reckless or negligent conduct causing the alleged breach by the Company of the provisions of the statutory corporate disclosure regime. The details of the proceedings in the MMT had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 14 March 2016.

On 30 June 2016, the SFC (also, the "Petitioner") served the Company and its three former Directors a sealed copy of petition (the "Petition") filed in the High Court of Hong Kong under Miscellaneous Proceedings numbered 1673 of 2016. Pursuant to the Petition, the three former Directors had conducted in a manner involving defalcation, misfeasance or misconduct towards the Company and/or unfairly prejudicial to its members or part of its members under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, and in particular, in causing the Company to commit to the alleged wrong-doing transactions, the three former Directors had failed to perform their duties owed to the Company with care, skill, and competence in matters concerning the Company's financial position, due diligence and assessment of contractual integrity. The Petitioner thereby asked the court to grant disqualification orders and orders against the three former Directors and other parties at fault for seeking recovery of compensation or damage for the loss and damage suffered by the Company as a result of their breach of director's duties under the common law. The details of this legal action had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 4 July 2016.

On 24 November 2016, the Stock Exchange issued a letter to the Company that the Stock Exchange has placed the Company in the second delisting stage (the "Second Delisting Stage") under Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules. The Second Delisting Stage will expire on 23 May 2017 and the Company should submit a viable resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange at least 10 business days before the Second Delisting Stage expires (that is, 8 May 2017) to address the resumption conditions.

#### PRODUCTION AND SALES

The revenue from indirect export sales of steel products in the PRC during the year was approximately RMB120,699,000, representing decrease of approximately 33.2% compared with approximately RMB180,587,000 for the last year. The market for indirect export sales in the PRC continued to be the core market for the Group's steel segment.

The revenue from domestic sales of steel products in the PRC during the year was approximately RMB259,028,000, representing a increase of approximately 11.5% compared with approximately RMB232,267,000, for the last year.

The revenue from direct export sales of steel products outside the PRC and Vietnam during the year was approximately RMB8,951,000 representing an increase of approximately 21.4% while it was approximately RMB7,371,000 for the last year.

#### **GROSS PROFIT**

The Group recorded a gross profit for continuing operations of approximately RMB52,830,000 for the year, with a gross profit margin of approximately 13.6%, compared with the gross profit of approximately RMB38,416,000 and a gross profit margin of approximately 9.1% for the last year.

This was mainly attributable to the decrease in the material cost for the year of 2016.

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

The total operating expenses of the Group for the year were approximately RMB50,167,000, of which approximately RMB16,640,000 in distribution costs, RMB33,191,000 in administrative expenses and RMB336,000 in other operating expenses, accounting for approximately 4.3%, 8.5% and 0.1% of turnover respectively while the amounts for the last year were approximately RMB16,799,000, RMB34,743,000 and RMB874,000 respectively, accounting for approximately 4.0%, 8.3% and 0.2% respectively. The increase in operating expenses was mainly attributable to the increase in legal and professional fees for the year 2016.

#### **FINANCE COSTS**

During the year, the Group's incurred approximately RMB4,000,000 in finance costs, compared with approximately RMB2,678,000 for the last year. The Group relied on bank borrowings to finance its trading activities, the increase in finance costs paid during the year was mainly due to the increase in interest rates.

#### FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TREASURY POLICIES

The Group continues to adhere to prudent treasury policies. The Group continued to insure against major receivables in order to lower the risks of credit sales and to ensure that funds would be recovered on a timely basis, hence fulfilling the requirements for debt repayments and working capital commitments.

As at 31 December 2016, the Group had bank deposits and cash balances of approximately RMB142,379,000.

The Group had net current assets of approximately RMB155,116,000 as at 31 December 2016 as compared with RMB135,059,000 as at 31 December 2015. The current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) changed to approximately 1.96 as at 31 December 2016 from 2.11 as at 31 December 2015.

The Group had a total of approximately RMB93,867,000 financing facilities from banks were available as at 31 December 2016, of which approximately RMB93,867,000, mainly denominated in US dollars with fixed interest rates, had been drawn down to finance the Group's working capital purposes and capital expenditures.

The gearing ratio (net debt divided by total capital) as at 31 December 2016 was approximately 77.1% while it was 63.5% as at 31 December 2015. Current portion of borrowings accounted for approximately 19.7% and 11.3% of the total assets of the Group as at 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively.

#### **CASH FLOW**

For the year, the Group generated net cash inflow of RMB21,242,000 from its operating activities, as compared to net cash inflow of approximately RMB51,453,000 for the last year. The decrease in net cash inflow from operating activities was primarily due to the increase in trade receivables and other receivables and inventories. Net cash inflow of approximately RMB12,430,000 was from investing activities for the year, mainly resulted from dividend income. Net cash inflow of approximately RMB32,389,000 was from financing activities, mainly resulted from net proceed of bank borrowings. Banks deposits and cash balances as at 31 December 2016 amounted to approximately RMB142,379,000, mainly denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"), US dollars and HK dollars.

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURES

As most of the Group's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in RMB, US dollars and HK dollars and those currencies remained relatively stable during the year, the Group was not exposed to any significant foreign exchange risk. In general, it is the Group's policy for each operating entity to borrow in local currencies, where necessary, to minimize currency risk.

#### **CHARGE ON GROUP ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2016, no assets were pledged to banks for securing banking or other financing facilities granted to the Group.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group has contingent liabilities in connection to the following litigations outstanding up to the date of this announcement:

- 1. In January 2012, the Group commenced litigation against Make Success and certain parties (the "Defendants") involved in the acquisition of Yield Rise to claim for the damages and rescission of the agreement for breach of the agreement and misrepresentation made by them and repayment of consideration. The Group is negotiating with the Defendants for the settlement of the claims and proposes to enter a settlement deed with Make Success to resolve the matter of Yield Rise. Pursuant to the draft settlement deed, the Agreement shall be rescinded. Make Success shall (i) return the consideration shares to the Company and (ii) surrender the promissory notes and convertible bonds. The Company shall return the shares in Yield Rise to Make Success. Therefore, the Directors consider that the investment in Yield Rise Group, the promissory notes and convertible bonds were not recognised in the consolidated financial statements.
- 2. On 4 August 2014, Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing, a former Director, filed a Winding Up Petition dated 29 July 2014 against the Company under the Grant Court of Cayman Islands ("Grant Court") to demand for the repayment of loan of HK\$11,030,000 due to him. The Group acknowledged the loan was owing to him. On 7 November 2014 and judgment was handed down by Grant Court to dismiss the petition. Subsequently an appeal against the decision of the Grant Court was filed by Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing. On 19 October 2017, the Company filed an application to strike out the appeal to the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal. The hearing of the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal was held on 15 November 2017 and order that both the appeal filed by Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing and the Company be dismissed. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Directors that the outcome will not have a material impact on the Group's financial position.

- 3. Guangzhou Mayer, a subsidiary of the Company, had received a notice dated 6 December 2017 from the Intermediate Court of Guangzhou Municipality, Guangdong Province (the "Intermediate Court") that the Intermediate Court had received the application of the winding up petition against Guangzhou Mayer filed by Wealth & Health Investments Limited and Taishun Industrial (Inner Mongolia) Food Co., Limited. The Intermediate Court has not decided the date for hearing of the said winding up petition. According to legal advice, the winding up petition against Guangzhou Mayer do not meet the conditions required by the relevant laws. The Directors believe that the application of the winding up petition will be strike out by Intermediate Court.
- 4. On 29 March 2012, writs of summons were issued by Capital Wealth Finance Company Limited and Capital Wealth Corporation Limited against the Company to claim the sum of HK\$15,500,000 plus relevant legal costs incurred/to be incurred. The Company intends to contest the claim. In the Directors' opinion, the ultimate liability, if any, will not have a material impact on the Group's financial position.

#### EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

As at 31 December 2016, the Group had total of 342 employees. Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2016 were approximately RMB36,021,000, including retirement benefits cost of approximately RMB6,309,000. Remuneration packages of the Group are maintained at a competitive level to attract, retain and motive employees and are reviewed on a periodic basis.

The Group always maintains good relation with its employees and is committed to employee training and development on a regular basis to maintain the quality of our products. In addition, the Company's share option scheme had expired on 24 May 2014 and no option had ever been granted under the scheme since its adoption on 24 May 2004. The Board would consider a new share option scheme to be approved by the Shareholders after the Shares have been resumed trading on the Stock Exchange.

#### **OUTLOOK**

With its official entrance into Guangzhou Mayer in the third quarter of 2017, the new management of Guangzhou Mayer started to implement comprehensive management, and undertake market restructuring and repositioning. The development of carbon steel cutting, steel pipe and stainless steel pipe businesses have moved onto a steady development track.

Focusing on the businesses in relation to the steel sheets used in motor vehicles and the steel pipes used in motor vehicles as well as stainless steel drinking water pipes, Guangzhou Mayer adjusted its marketing strategies based on the actual situation in response to the market. Striving for creation, improvement and perfection, we aim to expand our market share and enhance the value of our products.

Looking ahead to 2018, we will continue to proceed with our steel processing and distribution business (including carbon steel cutting) and to better serve the existing customers. Meanwhile, we will explore new customers by leveraging on our existing advantages and boost sales through developing new domestic resources for steel plants. We strive to enhance our carbon steel pipe production ability, expand the business of pipes used in motor vehicles and gradually phase out from our low-end pipe business, enhancing the profitability of pipe business. We will actively promote the stainless steel drinking water pipe business by expanding its sales volume through integrating distribution channels, and foster regional direct sales channel at the same time. First, we will strenuously explore the direct sales market for stainless steel pipe materials and pipe fittings in Southern China so as to increase profit. In addition, we will actively seek for new projects that suit the need for corporate development in order to create new growth engines for the Group.

Nowadays, there is worldwide optimism about the PRC's future economic development. The pace of China's economic growth has remained in a reasonable range for years, demonstrating a development trend of growth amidst stability. The successful convention of the "19th National Congress of the CPC" has directed the future economic development of China and is going to pose significant impact on the global economy. Locating in the region of Pearl River Delta, one of the most prosperous regions of China, Guangzhou Mayer has unique advantages and we are confident of Guangzhou Mayer's future development. Stemming from 2017, we will strive to realize our business objectives in 2018, including a 16% growth in carbon steel cutting business, a 20% growth in stainless steel pipe business and a 10% growth in carbon steel pipe business, with more than 1,000 tonnes sales of motor vehicle steel pipes.

With its ability, wisdom and determination and with an unwavering focus on economic benefits, the management of Guangzhou Mayer is committed to optimizing the product structure and developing new products of competitiveness, enhancing product value and increasing customer satisfaction, seizing every opportunity that is beneficial to the Company's development and generating the best return to society, shareholders and investors.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") assists the Board in providing an independent review of the effectiveness of the financial reporting process, internal control and risk management systems of the Group, overseeing the audit process and performing other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board from time to time. The Audit Committee comprises independent non-executive Directors; namely, Mr. Lau Kwok Hung (who is also the chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. Ng Cheuk Lun and Mr. Deng Shimin. The annual results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to the establishment of stringent corporate governance practices and procedures with a view to enhancing investor confidence and the Company's accountability and transparency. The Company strives to maintain a high standard of corporate governance. The Board is of the view that, for the year ended 31 December 2016, the Company complied with the code provisions on the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), save for the deviations below:

The Company was not in compliance with the following code provisions:

The then code provision	Reason for the non-compliance and improvement actions took or to be taken
A.1.8	No insurance cover was arranged for the financial year under review (the "Financial Year"). The Company will arrange insurance cover immediately upon the resumption of trading of the Company's shares.
A.2.5	The Company was not in compliance with certain code provisions as set out in the CG Code for the Financial Year. The existing Chairman has confirmed that he will take active action to improve and monitor the corporate governance practice of the Group.
A.4.2	No general meeting was held during the Financial Year. Therefore, no Directors have been subject to retirement and re-election by the Shareholders at the general meeting. General meeting will be held in due course for the retirement and re-election of Directors.
C.1.5	Due to change of auditor, there were no annual and interim results of the Group for the Financial Year presented to regular Board meetings for approval.
C.2.3, C.2.4, C.2.5	The Company did not conduct an annual review on the effectiveness of the internal control systems of the Group during the Financial Year. However, the Company has appointed an independent professional adviser to assist the Board to carry out an internal control review of the Group.
E.1.1, E.1.2, E.1.3, E.2.1	No general meeting was held during the Financial Year. General meeting of the Company will be arranged in due course.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL**

Compliance with the Model Code for Directors' Securities Transactions

The Company adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the standard for securities transactions by the Directors. The Company has made specific enquiries of all the Directors and all the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2016.

The Company has also established written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code for securities transactions by the relevant employees of the Group, who are likely to be in possession of inside information of the Company.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

Save as disclosed in this announcement, during the year ended 31 December 2016, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## PUBLICATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

The Company's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange at www.hkex.com.hk and the Company at www.mayer.com.hk in due course.

## CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF THE TRADING IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Trading in the Shares on the Stock Exchange has been suspended from 9:00 a.m. on 9 January 2012. The Stock Exchange has placed the Company in the third delisting stage under the Practice Notice 17 to the Listing Rules on 14 June 2017. If the Company does not submit a viable resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange by the end of the third delisting stage (that is, 13 December 2017), the Company's listing status will be cancelled. The Company has engaged legal consultants and a financial adviser to address the matters in respect of the resumption of the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

Up till the date of this results announcement, the trading in the Shares will continue to be suspended until further notice.

#### REVIEW OF THIS FINAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The figures in respect of the preliminary announcement of the Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been agreed by the Group's auditors, ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited, to the amounts set out in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by ZHONGHUI ANDA CPA Limited on the preliminary results announcement.

For and on behalf of the Board
Mayer Holdings Limited
Lee Kwok Leung
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 9 April 2018

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises three executive directors; namely, Mr. Lee Kwok Leung, Mr. Xu Lidi and Mr. Lin Jinhe; one non-executive director; namely, Mr. Wang Dongqi; and three independent non-executive directors; namely, Mr. Lau Kwok Hung, Mr. Ng Cheuk Lun and Mr. Deng Shimin.