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首鋼福山資源集團有限公司
SHOUGANG FUSHAN RESOURCES GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 639)

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
<i>(HK\$'million)</i>	For the six months ended 30 June 2012	For the six months ended 30 June 2011	Percentage change
Revenue	3,339	3,899	-14%
Gross profit	2,311	2,905	-20%
Gross profit margin	69%	75%	
Operating profit	1,801	2,193	-18%
EBITDA ¹	2,072	2,454	-16%
Profit for the period	1,251	1,372	-9%
Profit attributable to owners of the Company ("Owners")	1,006	1,131	-11%
Earnings per share (HK cents)	18.79	21.02	-11%
<i>(HK\$'million)</i>	As at 30 June 2012	As at 31 December 2011	Percentage change
Net assets	20,202	20,558	-2%
Gearing ratio ²	1.55%	4.37%	
Net assets per share attributable to Owners (HK\$)	3.51	3.53	-1%
The board of directors has declared an 2012 interim dividend of HK5 cents (2011 interim: HK6 cents) per ordinary share.			
<i>Notes:</i>			
1.	EBITDA is defined as operating profit plus depreciation and amortisation.		
2.	Gearing ratio is computed from total borrowings divided by total equity.		

INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Shougang Fushan Resources Group Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2012. These interim results have been reviewed by the Company’s Audit Committee and its Auditor.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited and restated)
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Continuing operations			
Revenue	3	3,339,013	3,898,544
Cost of sales		(1,027,933)	(993,860)
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Gross profit		2,311,080	2,904,684
Other operating income	4	143,519	136,176
Selling and distribution expenses		(196,332)	(332,720)
General and administrative expenses		(199,415)	(358,164)
Other operating expenses		(257,918)	(157,266)
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Operating profit		1,800,934	2,192,710
Finance costs	5	(11,702)	(26,062)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments		(11,350)	4,082
Share of loss of associate		(203)	(92)
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Profit before income tax	6	1,777,679	2,170,638
Income tax expense	7	(526,364)	(663,132)
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Profit for the period from continuing operations		1,251,315	1,507,506
Discontinued operations			
Loss for the period from discontinued operations	8	–	(135,675)
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Profit for the period		1,251,315	1,371,831

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2012	2011
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited and restated)
	<i>Notes</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other comprehensive income for the period			
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		(91,876)	240,713
Fair value loss on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	2.3	(372,392)	(233,518)
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>787,047</u>	<u>1,379,026</u>
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		1,005,539	1,131,062
Non-controlling interests		245,776	240,769
Profit for the period		<u>1,251,315</u>	<u>1,371,831</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		552,431	1,108,292
Non-controlling interests		234,616	270,734
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>787,047</u>	<u>1,379,026</u>
		HK(Cents)	HK(Cents)
Earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations			
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– Basic		18.79	21.02
– Diluted		18.78	21.00
Earnings per share from continuing operations	10		
– Basic		18.79	22.69
– Diluted		18.78	22.67

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2012

		At 30 June 2012 (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2011 (Audited and restated)
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		3,385,596	3,103,343
Prepaid lease payments		46,967	48,068
Mining rights		10,418,249	10,563,452
Goodwill		2,231,157	2,246,812
Interests in an associate		19,608	19,950
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	2.3	1,398,581	1,771,034
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		368,764	465,370
Deferred tax assets		18,415	17,806
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Total non-current assets		17,887,337	18,235,835
Current assets			
Inventories		198,074	190,507
Trade and bill receivables	11	2,805,701	3,350,955
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		291,968	98,216
Loan to a party	12	–	234,342
Amounts due from other parties		20,753	19,087
Derivative financial instruments		21	18
Pledged bank deposits		361,736	354,141
Time deposits with original maturity over three months		1,620,121	–
Cash and cash equivalents		2,024,738	4,517,196
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Total current assets		7,323,112	8,764,462

		At 30 June 2012 (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2011 (Audited and restated)
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Current liabilities			
Trade and bill payables	13	953,870	1,031,431
Other payables and accruals		1,219,775	1,647,612
Borrowings		313,230	897,848
Derivative financial instruments		12,771	991
Amounts due to other parties		16,653	14,545
Amounts due to non-controlling interests of subsidiaries		19,891	18,776
Tax payables		360,222	699,537
Total current liabilities		<u>2,896,412</u>	<u>4,310,740</u>
Net current assets		<u>4,426,700</u>	<u>4,453,722</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,314,037</u>	<u>22,689,557</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		2,112,159	2,131,424
Total non-current liabilities		<u>2,112,159</u>	<u>2,131,424</u>
Net assets		<u>20,201,878</u>	<u>20,558,133</u>
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	14	530,184	537,751
Reserves		18,102,052	18,428,828
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company		<u>18,632,236</u>	<u>18,966,579</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>1,569,642</u>	<u>1,591,554</u>
Total equity		<u>20,201,878</u>	<u>20,558,133</u>

NOTES:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Shougang Fushan Resources Group Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Hong Kong. Its registered office address is 6th Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, No. 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The Company’s shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The principal places of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are in Hong Kong and the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The principal activities of the Group’s subsidiaries comprise coking coal mining, production and sales of coking coal products and side products. There were no significant changes in the Group’s operations during the six months ended 30 June 2012.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2012 (the “Interim Financial Information”) has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34, “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and with the applicable disclosure provisions in Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”). The Interim Financial Information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011, which have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”).

The Interim Financial Information has been reviewed by our auditor in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the HKICPA.

The Interim Financial Information was approved for issue by the board of directors on 28 August 2012.

The Interim Financial Information has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies adopted in the last financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011, except for the adoption of the following standards as of 1 January 2012:

Amendments to HKFRS 7	Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred tax: Recovery of underlying assets
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments

Other than as noted below, the adoption of these new or amended HKFRSs has had no material impact on the Interim Financial Information.

2.1 Adoption of amendments to HKFRS 7 Disclosure – Transfer of Financial Assets (“HKFRS 7”)

The amendments to HKFRS 7 improve the derecognition disclosure requirements for transfer transactions of financial assets and allow users of financial statements to better understand the possible effects of any risks that may remain with the entity on transferred assets. The amendments require additional disclosures if a disproportionate amount of transfer transactions is undertaken around the end of a reporting period. The adoption of the amended standard did not have any impact on the presentation of the financial assets.

2.2 Adoption of amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred tax: Recovery of underlying assets (“HKAS 12”)

The amendments to HKAS 12 introduce an exception to the existing principle for the measurement of deferred tax assets or liabilities arising on investment property measured at fair value. The adoption of the amended standard did not have any impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.

2.3 Early adoption of HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (“HKFRS 9”)

HKFRS 9 issued in November 2009 is the first part of phase 1 of a comprehensive project to entirely replace HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. This phase focuses on the classification and measurement of financial assets. Instead of classifying financial assets into four categories, an entity shall classify financial assets as subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value, on the basis of both the entity’s business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Fair value gains and losses will be recognised in profit or loss except for those non-trade equity investments, which the entity will have a choice to recognise the gains and losses in other comprehensive income. This aims to improve and simplify the approach for the classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of HKAS 39.

In November 2010, the HKICPA issued additions to HKFRS 9 to address financial liabilities (the “Additions”) and incorporated in HKFRS 9 the current derecognition principles of financial instruments of HKAS 39. Most of the Additions were carried forward unchanged from HKAS 39, while changes were made to the measurement of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss using the fair value option. For these fair value option liabilities, the amount of change in the fair value of a liability that is attributable to changes in credit risk must be presented in other comprehensive income. The remainder of the change in fair value is presented in profit or loss, unless presentation of the fair value change in respect of the liability’s credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. However, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts which have been designated under the fair value option are scoped out of the Additions.

Previously, financial assets of the Group were classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, available-for-sale financial assets or loans and receivables. The early adoption of HKFRS 9 has resulted in a change in accounting policy, and financial assets are classified into financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income or financial assets measured at amortised cost. The HKFRS 9 was issued in November 2009, and the Group has retrospectively applied the requirements of HKFRS 9 on 1 January 2011, which was at the beginning of the previous reporting period. Details of the changes in measurement category of financial assets as at the date of initial application are disclosed under the caption below of “Adoption of HKFRS 9 – Re-designation of financial assets on 1 January 2012”. Under the transitional provisions, HKFRS 9 was applied to financial assets existing at the earliest date reported on in the financial statements (i.e. 1 January 2011), comparative figures have been restated.

The estimated effect of this change in accounting policy is summarised below:

Consolidated statement of financial position

	At 30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000	At 1 January 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
Increase in financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,398,581	1,771,034	3,161,097
Decrease in available-for-sale financial assets	(1,398,581)	(1,771,034)	(3,161,097)
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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	2011 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Increase in fair value loss on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	372,392	233,518
Decrease in fair value loss on available-for-sale financial assets	(372,392)	(233,518)
Decrease in impairment loss of available-for-sale financial assets recognised in profit or loss	(931,519)	–
Decrease in reclassification adjustment upon impairment of available-for-sale financial assets through other comprehensive income	931,519	–
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Following the adoption of HKFRS 9, all existing available-for-sale financial assets were reclassified as financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income and the Group’s basic and diluted earnings per share increased by HK17.41 cents and HK17.40 cents respectively.

Under HKAS 39, fair value changes on the Group's available-for-sale financial assets were recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in security investment reserve. The amount accumulated in the security investment reserve was removed from equity and recognised in profit or loss on impairment or disposal. Under HKFRS 9, such financial assets are designated as fair value through other comprehensive income and the cumulative fair value changes previously accumulated in security investment reserve are not reclassified to profit or loss, but is reclassified directly to retained profits when such financial assets are disposed of.

Under HKAS 39, the Group's investments in unquoted equity instruments classified as available-for-sale financial assets were measured at cost. Under HKFRS 9, such investments have been designated as fair value through other comprehensive income and are measured at fair value. Any difference between cost and fair value at the date of initial application has been adjusted to security investment reserve at 1 January 2011.

Adoption of HKFRS 9 — Re-designation of financial assets on 1 January 2012

The tables below illustrate the classification and measurement of financial assets under HKFRS 9 and HKAS39 on 1 January 2011, 31 December 2011 and 30 June 2012.

At 1 January 2011

Original measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKAS 39	New measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKFRS 9			
	Original carrying amount	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
– Derivative financial instruments	12,224	–	–	12,224
Available-for-sale financial assets	3,161,097	–	3,161,097	–
Loans and receivables				
– Deposits and other receivables	199,888	199,888	–	–
– Loan to a party	937,367	937,367	–	–
– Trade and bill receivables	2,317,901	2,317,901	–	–
– Amounts due from other parties	292,876	292,876	–	–
– Pledged bank deposits	32,512	32,512	–	–
– Cash and cash equivalents	2,766,063	2,766,063	–	–
	<u>9,719,928</u>	<u>6,546,607</u>	<u>3,161,097</u>	<u>12,224</u>

At 31 December 2011

Original measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKAS 39	New measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKFR 9			
		Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss
Original measurement category	Original carrying amount <i>HK\$'000</i>	measured at amortised cost <i>HK\$'000</i>	through other comprehensive income <i>HK\$'000</i>	at fair value through profit or loss <i>HK\$'000</i>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
– Derivative financial instruments	18	–	–	18
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,771,034	–	1,771,034	–
Loans and receivables				
– Deposits and other receivables	258,105	258,105	–	–
– Loan to a party	234,342	234,342	–	–
– Trade and bill receivables	3,350,955	3,350,955	–	–
– Amounts due from other parties	19,087	19,087	–	–
– Pledged bank deposits	354,141	354,141	–	–
– Cash and cash equivalents	4,517,196	4,517,196	–	–
	<u>10,504,878</u>	<u>8,733,826</u>	<u>1,771,034</u>	<u>18</u>

At 30 June 2012

Original measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKAS 39	New measurement category and carrying amount in accordance with HKFRS 9			
	Original carrying amount <i>HK\$'000</i>	Financial assets measured at amortised cost <i>HK\$'000</i>	Financial assets measured through other comprehensive income <i>HK\$'000</i>	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss <i>HK\$'000</i>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
– Derivative financial instruments	21	–	–	21
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,398,581	–	1,398,581	–
Loans and receivables				
– Deposits and other receivables	264,051	264,051	–	–
– Trade and bill receivables	2,805,701	2,805,701	–	–
– Amounts due from other parties	20,753	20,753	–	–
– Pledged bank deposits	361,736	361,736	–	–
– Time deposits with original maturity over three months	1,620,121	1,620,121	–	–
– Cash and cash equivalents	2,024,738	2,024,738	–	–
	8,495,702	7,097,100	1,398,581	21

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive directors for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the executive directors are determined following the Group's major product lines. The Group has identified the following reportable segments:

Coking coal mining:	Mining and exploration of coal resources and production of raw and clean coking coal in the PRC
Coke production:	Production of coke in the PRC (Discontinued operations)

Each of these operating segments is managed separately as each of the product lines requires different resources as well as operating approaches.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, there has been no change from prior periods in the measurement methods used to determine operating segments and reported segment profit or loss.

These operating segments are monitored and strategic decisions are made on the basis of adjusted segment operating results. The Group's segment operating profit reconciles to the Group's profit before income tax as follows:

	Continuing operations				Discontinued operations (Note 8)				
	Coking coal mining		Total		Coke production		Consolidated		
	Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June		
	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Segment revenue:									
Sales to external parties	3,339,013	3,898,544	3,339,013	3,898,544	-	76,943	3,339,013	3,975,487	
Segment operating profit/(loss)	1,764,191	2,357,858	1,764,191	2,357,858	-	(131,098)	1,764,191	2,226,760	
Share-based compensation			-	(139,369)	-	-	-	(139,369)	
Interest income			70,653	30,337	-	-	70,653	30,337	
Other operating income not allocated			27,463	8,125	-	-	27,463	8,125	
General and administrative expenses not allocated			(61,373)	(64,241)	-	-	(61,373)	(64,241)	
Operating profit/(loss)			1,800,934	2,192,710	-	(131,098)	1,800,934	2,061,612	
Finance costs			(11,702)	(26,062)	-	(4,577)	(11,702)	(30,639)	
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments			(11,350)	4,082	-	-	(11,350)	4,082	
Share of losses of associates			(203)	(92)	-	-	(203)	(92)	
Profit/(Loss) before income tax			1,777,679	2,170,638	-	(135,675)	1,777,679	2,034,963	

	Continuing operations						Discontinued operations			
	Coking coal mining		Corporate		Total		Coke production		Consolidated	
	30 June		31 December		30 June		31 December		30 June	
	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Audited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Audited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Audited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Audited) HK\$'000	2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
Segment assets	20,344,012	22,028,353	3,429,812	3,163,136	23,773,824	25,191,489	-	-	23,773,824	25,191,489

4. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Bank interest income	67,986	18,018
Other interest income	2,667	12,319
Dividend income on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	27,463	–
Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment	–	4
Gain on sales of scrapped products	45,387	42,083
Net foreign exchange gain	–	63,752
Others	16	–
	<u>143,519</u>	<u>136,176</u>

5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Interest charged on:		
– bank borrowings repayable within five years	12,097	22,275
– early redemption of bill receivables	8,545	8,959
Finance charges on finance leases	368	317
	<u>21,010</u>	<u>31,551</u>
Less: interest capitalised in construction in progress*	<u>(9,308)</u>	<u>(5,489)</u>
Total finance costs	<u>11,702</u>	<u>26,062</u>

* Borrowing costs were capitalised at the rates ranging from 2% to 7% (Six months ended 30 June 2011: 5% to 6%) per annum for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

6. PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Profit before income tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses	1,027,933	993,860
Amortisation of		
– prepaid lease payments	766	617
– mining rights	140,032	159,702
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		
– owned assets	129,139	100,207
– leased assets	886	870
Employee benefit expenses (<i>including directors' remuneration, share-based compensation and retirement benefits scheme contributions</i>)	333,237	453,562
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)	18,004	(63,752)
Provision for impairment on trade receivables	11,211	–
Operating lease charges in respect of land and buildings	3,177	3,095
	<u>1,027,933</u>	<u>993,860</u>

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Current tax – PRC income tax	531,396	677,096
Deferred tax	(5,032)	(13,964)
	<u>526,364</u>	<u>663,132</u>

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the Interim Financial Information as the Group had no assessable profit arising in Hong Kong for the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011.

In accordance with the Income Tax Law of the PRC for Enterprises with Foreign Investment, the Group's certain major subsidiaries, namely Shanxi Liulin Xingwu Coal Co., Limited ("Xingwu"), Shanxi Liulin Jinjiazhuang Coal Co., Limited ("Jinjiazhuang") and Shanxi Liulin Zhaiyadi Coal Co., Limited ("Zhaiyadi"), all established in the PRC, were subject to 25% enterprise income tax in the PRC since the calendar year of 2011.

The Group is also subject to a withholding tax at the rate of 5% (Six months ended 30 June 2011: 5%) on the distributions of profits generated from the Group's major PRC subsidiaries which are directly owned by the Group's subsidiaries incorporated in Hong Kong.

8. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In December 2010, one of the Group's wholly-owned subsidiaries, New Honest Limited ("New Honest") entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with an independent third party to dispose of its entire 66% equity interest in a subsidiary of the Group, namely Shanxi Yao Zin Coal and Coking Company Limited ("Shanxi Yao Zin"), for a cash consideration of Renminbi ("RMB") 211,200,000 (Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$") 249,216,000 equivalent) (the "Disposal"). In addition, the Group waived the shareholders' loans to Shanxi Yao Zin amounting to RMB124,900,000 (HK\$147,400,000 equivalent) and the corresponding interest upon the completion of the Disposal. Shanxi Yao Zin was incorporated in the PRC and is principally engaged in production and sales of coke products in Shanxi, the PRC. The Disposal was completed on 31 December 2011. Since then, Shanxi Yao Zin ceased to be a subsidiary of the Company.

As at 30 June 2011, loss for the period from discontinued operations is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June 2011 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Loss for the period from discontinued operations	
Revenue	76,943
Expenses	(212,618)
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Loss before income tax	(135,675)
Income tax expense	–
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Loss for the period	<u>(135,675)</u>
Loss for the period from discontinued operations attributable to:	
Owners of the Company (<i>Note 10</i>)	(89,545)
Non-controlling interests	(46,130)
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Loss for the period	<u>(135,675)</u>
Cash flows from discontinued operations:	
Operating cash outflows	(2,009)
Investing cash outflows	(23,089)
Financing cash inflows	25,213
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Total cash inflows	<u>115</u>

9. DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim dividend of HK5 cents per ordinary share (Six months ended 30 June 2011: HK6 cents per ordinary share)	265,092	322,834

Interim dividend of HK5 cents (Six months ended 30 June 2011: HK6 cents) per ordinary share declared after 30 June 2012 (Six months ended 30 June 2011: 30 June 2011) has not been recognised as a liability as at the reporting date.

Interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2012 is expected to be paid on or about 25 September 2012 to all owners of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 12 September 2012. As at 30 June 2012, the number of the issued share capital of the Company is 5,301,837,842 (As at 30 June 2011: 5,380,563,842).

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

From continuing and discontinued operations

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations to owners of the Company are based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit used to determine basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations	1,005,539	1,131,062
	'000	'000
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	5,351,476	5,380,563
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
– Share options	2,744	4,325
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	5,354,220	5,384,888

From continuing operations

The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to owners of the Company are based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	1,005,539	1,131,062
Add: Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company from discontinued operations (Note 8)	–	89,545
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Profit used to determine basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	1,005,539	1,220,607
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The weighted average number of ordinary shares used is the same as those disclosed above for both basic and diluted earnings per share.

From discontinued operations

Basic loss and diluted loss per share for the discontinued operations are both HK1.66 cents per share for the six months ended 30 June 2011, based on the loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company from the discontinued operations of HK\$89,545,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2011 and the weighted average number of ordinary shares as set out above for both basic and diluted loss per share.

11. TRADE AND BILL RECEIVABLES

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables	980,142	802,861
Less: Provision for impairment loss	(176,050)	(166,058)
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	804,092	636,803
Bill receivables	2,001,609	2,714,152
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	2,805,701	3,350,955
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Ageing analysis of net trade and bill receivables, based on invoice dates, is as follows:

	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
0-90 days	1,794,557	1,555,026
91-180 days	1,001,891	1,787,034
181-365 days	9,253	8,895
	<u>2,805,701</u>	<u>3,350,955</u>

Trade receivables generally have credit terms ranging from 60 to 90 days (Six months ended 30 June 2011: 60 to 90 days) and no interest is charged.

As at 30 June 2012, included in bill receivables is an amount of RMB326,700,000 (HK\$399,015,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB398,200,000 (HK\$489,786,000 equivalent)) which was pledged for bill payables of RMB318,997,000 (HK\$389,607,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB355,673,000 (HK\$437,478,000 equivalent)) (Note 13).

12. LOAN TO A PARTY

Pursuant to the loan agreement dated 13 April 2010 entered into between Jade Green Investments Holding Limited (“Jade Green”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, and Mr. Xing Libin (“Mr. Xing”), Jade Green agreed to make the loan of HK\$937,367,000 (RMB824,883,000 equivalent) (the “Loan Amount”) to Mr. Xing to settle the outstanding liabilities owned by Mr. Xing. The Loan Amount and the transactions contemplated thereunder were approved at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 8 June 2010. The Loan Amount was secured by 35% equity interest in Liulin Luenshan Coking Company Limited and dividend rights in respect of 35% equity interest in Jinjiazhuang and 5% equity interests in Zhaiyadi. The Loan Amount and interest accrued were repayable in three installments where (i) HK\$468,683,000 repaid on 9 June 2011; (ii) HK\$234,342,000 repaid on 9 December 2011; and (iii) the remaining HK\$234,342,000 repaid on 8 June 2012. The Loan Amount was subject to floating interest of LIBOR plus 2.5% per annum. Details of the loan arrangement were disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 4 May 2010. During the period, all remaining balance of the Loan Amount amounting to HK\$234,342,000 and the relevant interest of HK\$3,262,000 were repaid by Mr. Xing on schedule.

13. TRADE AND BILL PAYABLES

The Group was granted by its suppliers credit periods ranging between 30 and 180 days (Six months ended 30 June 2011: 30 and 180 days) during the period. Based on the invoice dates, ageing analysis of trade and bill payables as at 30 June 2012 is as follows:

	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
0-90 days	553,995	519,028
91-180 days	349,942	471,479
181-365 days	22,832	14,706
Over 365 days	27,101	26,218
	<u>953,870</u>	<u>1,031,431</u>

As at 30 June 2012, bill payables of RMB615,174,000 (HK\$751,343,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB643,592,000 (HK\$791,619,000 equivalent)) were secured by the pledged bank deposits of RMB296,177,000 (HK\$361,736,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB287,919,000 (HK\$354,141,000 equivalent)) and bill receivables of RMB326,700,000 (HK\$399,015,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB398,200,000 (HK\$489,786,000 equivalent)) (Note 11).

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares		Amount	
	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) '000	31 December 2011 (Audited) '000	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
<i>Authorised:</i>				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
<i>Issued and fully paid:</i>				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each				
At 1 January	5,377,507	5,380,563	537,751	538,056
Shares repurchased	<u>(75,670)</u>	<u>(3,056)</u>	<u>(7,567)</u>	<u>(305)</u>
At 30 June/31 December	<u>5,301,837</u>	<u>5,377,507</u>	<u>530,184</u>	<u>537,751</u>

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Company repurchased 75,670,000 ordinary shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange for a total consideration of approximately HK\$197,535,000. These 75,670,000 repurchased ordinary shares were cancelled during the period. For the year ended 31 December 2011, the Company repurchased 3,056,000 ordinary shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange for a total consideration of approximately HK\$7,904,000. Of which, 2,216,000 repurchased ordinary shares were cancelled during the year while the balance of 840,000 repurchased ordinary shares were cancelled after 31 December 2011. The issued share capital of the Company has been reduced by the par value of the total repurchased ordinary shares.

15. COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating lease commitments

At 30 June 2012, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings payable by the Group are as follows:

	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within one year	4,579	5,444
In the second to fifth years	14,461	14,564
After fifth years	59,243	61,483
	<u>78,283</u>	<u>81,491</u>

The Group leases a number of land and buildings and other assets under operating lease arrangements. The leases run for an initial period of 1 to 50 years, without an option to renew the leases and renegotiate the terms at the expiry date or at dates as mutually agreed between the Group and respective landlords. None of the leases include contingent rental.

(b) Capital commitments

Capital commitments of the Group at 30 June 2012 are as follows:

	30 June 2012 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2011 (Audited) HK\$'000
Contracted but not provided for:		
– Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	259,385	376,364
– Exploration and design fees for a potential mining project	9,136	9,200
	<u>268,521</u>	<u>385,564</u>

(c) Other commitments

In accordance with notices issued by the Liulin County Government of Shanxi Province, certain mining companies in Liulin County, including Xingwu, Jinjiazhuang and Zhaiyadi, are obliged to pay subsidies for the improvement of educational infrastructure and facilities in the Liulin County including construction of modern schools and provision of educational facilities from 2012 to 2014. Such subsidies will be charged in consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the corresponding years accordingly. As at 30 June 2012, management expects that two (31 December 2011: three) further subsidies of RMB198,000,000 (HK\$241,827,000 equivalent) (31 December 2011: RMB198,000,000 (HK\$243,540,000 equivalent)) each are payable in 2013 to 2014 (31 December 2011: 2012 to 2014).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK5 cents per ordinary share for the six months ended 30 June 2012 (2011: HK6 cents per ordinary share) payable to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Wednesday, 12 September 2012. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the share registrars of the Company, Tricor Tengis Limited at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 September 2012 for registration. The interim dividend is expected to be paid on or about Tuesday, 25 September 2012.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The key operational data of our three premium operating coking coal mines in Liulin County, Shanxi (Xingwu Coal Mine, Jinjiazhuang Coal Mine and Zhaiyadi Coal Mine) for the six months ended 30 June 2012 ("the period under review") together with that of the same period of 2011 is summarised as follows:

		Six months ended		Change			
	Unit	30 June 2012	2011	Quantity/ Amount	%	2011 FY	Change %
<i>Production volume:</i>							
Raw coking coal	Mt	3.04	3.56	-0.52	-15%	6.36	
Clean coking coal	Mt	1.23	1.18	+0.05	+4%	2.31	
<i>Sales volume:</i>							
Raw coking coal	Mt	1.12	1.69	-0.57	-34%	2.77	
Clean coking coal	Mt	1.18	1.14	+0.04	+4%	2.26	
<i>Average realised selling price (inclusive of VAT):</i>							
Raw coking coal	RMB/tonne	1,064	1,012	+52	+5%	1,021	+4%
Clean coking coal	RMB/tonne	1,687	1,815	-128	-7%	1,812	-7%

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group produced approximately 3.04 million tonnes (“Mt”) (Six months ended 30 June 2011: approximately 3.56 million tonnes) of raw coking coal, representing a year-on-year decrease of 15% and also produced approximately 1.23 million tonnes (Six months ended 30 June 2011: approximately 1.18 million tonnes) of clean coking coal, representing a year-on-year increase of 4%. The decrease in raw coking coal production volume by 15% was due to the temporary reduction in demand of coking coal during the period under review. Operation of our three premium operating coking coal mines continued running smoothly throughout the period under review.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, we continued to make effort to expand our clean coking coal business. This falls in line with the Group’s long term strategy to shift our sales mix from raw coking coal to clean coking coal and hence both production and sales volume of clean coking coal increased by 4% while sales volume of raw coking coal dropped by 34% for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group’s average realised selling price (inclusive of value added tax “VAT”) of raw coking coal increased by 5% to Renminbi (“RMB”) 1,064/tonne when compared with that of the same period of 2011 (Six months ended 30 June 2011: RMB1,012/tonne) and the Group’s average realised selling price (inclusive of VAT) of clean coking coal decreased by 7% to RMB1,687/tonne when compared with that of the same period of 2011 (Six months ended 30 June 2011: RMB1,815/tonne). The decrease in average realised selling price of clean coking coal was due to the increase in proportion of sales volume to sell clean coking coal at ex-factory prices for the six months ended 30 June 2012. In terms of sales volume, ex-factory prices and C&F prices of clean coking coal accounted for 60% and 40% respectively for the six months ended 30 June 2012 compared against 37% and 63% respectively for the six months ended 30 June 2011.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately Hong Kong Dollars (“HK\$”) 3,339 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$560 million or 14% as compared with that of approximately HK\$3,899 million for the same period of 2011. The reduction in turnover was mainly attributable to the decrease in production volume of raw coking coal by 15% resulting in the drop of overall sales volume during the period under review. In terms of turnover, sales of raw and clean coking coal accounted for 37% and 63%, respectively for the six months ended 30 June 2012 compared against 45% and 55%, respectively for the six months ended 30 June 2011.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, total turnover to the top five customers accounted for 74% of the Group’s turnover. Of which, the turnover to the largest customer accounted for 22% of the Group’s turnover.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, gross profit margin achieved 69% while 75% for the same period in 2011. Nevertheless, gross profit margin of 69% for the first half of 2012 maintained a similar level to that of the year of 2011 (70%).

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group recorded net profit of approximately HK\$1,251 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$121 million or 9% as compared with that of approximately HK\$1,372 million for the same period of 2011. For the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Group also recorded profit attributable to the owners of the Company (the “Owners”) of approximately HK\$1,006 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$125 million or 11% as compared with that of approximately HK\$1,131 million for the same period of 2011. The decrease in net profit and profit attributable to the Owners for the six months ended 30 June 2012 were mainly attributable to the decrease in turnover as explained above, although the effect on the decrease in turnover was partially offset by below two events.

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, no non-cash share-based compensation expense was incurred as this expense has been fully recognised since August 2011. For the six months ended 30 June 2011, the Group incurred a non-cash share-based compensation expense of approximately HK\$139 million. In addition, the completion of the disposal of discontinued operations (coke plant) in December 2011, no loss for the period from the discontinued operations was recorded for the six months ended 30 June 2012. For the six months ended 30 June 2011, the Group recorded loss of approximately HK\$136 million from the discontinued operations.

During the period under review, earnings per share was HK18.79 cents (Six months ended 30 June 2011: HK21.02 cents), representing a year-on-year decrease of 11%.

Cost of Sales

During the period under review, cost of sales was approximately HK\$1,028 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$34 million or 3%, as compared with that of approximately HK\$994 million for the same period of 2011. The increase was due to the following reasons:

- (i) The increase in production costs as a result of (a) the increase in unit production cost of raw coking coal by 27% as explained in below (ii); (b) the increase in sales volume of clean coking coal by 4% from 1.14 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2011 to 1.18 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2012; and (c) the appreciation of RMB for the six months ended 30 June 2012 by approximately 2%; after offset by the effect on the decrease in production volume of raw coking coal by 15% from 3.56 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2011 to 3.04 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2012;

(ii) The unit production costs are summarised as follows:

	Unit	Six months ended		Change		2011 FY	Change %
		30 June 2012	2011	Amount	%		
Production cost of raw coking coal	RMB/tonne	270	213	+57	+27%	258	+5%
<i>Less:</i>							
One-off relocation compensation expenses	RMB/tonne	-	-			(13)	
One-off reversal of capitalised environmental restoration fund	RMB/tonne	-	-			(9)	
		270	213	+57	+27%	236	+14%
<i>of which, depreciation and amortisation</i>	RMB/tonne	(56)	(54)	(+2)	(+4%)	(57)	(-2%)
Processing cost for clean coking coal	RMB/tonne	53	49	+4	+8%	54	-2%
<i>of which, depreciation</i>	RMB/tonne	(11)	(10)	(+1)	(+10%)	(11)	-

The increase in unit production cost of raw coking coal by 27% as a result of the decrease in production volume of raw coking coal by 15% during the period under review, the increase in uncontrollable costs such as (a) the increase in water resource related levies by approximately HK\$13 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012; (b) the increase in power charge by approximately HK\$10 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012 as a result of the hikes in national power tariffs and the increase in usage of basic charge volume by substation; and the increase in other costs such as (c) the increase in the usage of ancillary materials by HK\$25 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012 as a result of the increase in material prices and material consumption when the mining proceeded further; and (d) the increase in staff costs by HK\$30 million or 15% to HK\$225 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012 due to the rising of wages in order to maintain the competitive advantages in the labour market and to retain quality management and staff and also due to the increase in the various staff insurance costs in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.

Included in cost of sales, amortisation of mining rights was approximately HK\$140 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$20 million or 13%, as compared with that of approximately HK\$160 million for the same period of 2011. The decrease in amortisation of mining rights was mainly due to the decrease in production volume of raw coking coal by 15% during the period under review.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

As a result of the reasons above, gross profit for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was approximately HK\$2,311 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$594 million or 20% as compared with that of approximately HK\$2,905 million for the same period of 2011. During the period under review, gross profit margin achieved 69%. The gross profit margin dropped to 69% due to the increase in unit production costs of raw coal as explained above under “**Cost of Sales**”. Nevertheless, gross profit margin of 69% for the first half of 2012 maintained a similar level to that of the year of 2011 (70%).

Other Operating Income

During the period under review, other operating income was approximately HK\$144 million, representing an increase of approximately HK\$8 million or 6% as compared with approximately HK\$136 million of the same period in 2011. Other operating income included:

- (i) the substantial increase in bank interest income by approximately HK\$50 million from approximately HK\$18 million for the same period of 2011 to approximately HK\$68 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012 as a result of the effective cash management;
- (ii) the receipt of dividend income of HK\$27 million arising from the equity securities listed in Australia for the six months ended 30 June 2012; and
- (iii) the increase of income from sales of scrapped products generated from the process of clean coking coal by approximately HK\$3 million to HK\$45 million which was increased with the production volume of clean coking coal for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

Selling and Distribution Expenses

During the period under review, selling and distribution expenses were approximately HK\$196 million, representing a substantial decrease of approximately HK\$137 million or 41% as compared with that of approximately HK\$333 million for the same period of 2011. The decrease was mainly as a result of the substantial decrease in transportation costs arising from the decrease in sales volume of clean coking coal at C&F prices by 35% from 0.72 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2011 to 0.47 million tonnes for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

General and Administrative Expenses

During the period under review, administrative expenses were approximately HK\$199 million, representing a substantial decrease of approximately HK\$159 million or 44% as compared with approximately HK\$358 million for the same period of 2011. The substantial decrease was resulted from (i) the reduction of the non-cash share-based compensation expense by approximately HK\$139 million during the period under review as this expense had been fully recognised since August 2011; and (ii) the reduction of road maintenance fees by approximately HK\$22 million during the period under review.

Other Operating Expenses

During the period under review, other operating expenses were approximately HK\$258 million, which mainly represented the committed annual payment of charitable donation for the year of 2012 of approximately HK\$243 million paid by the Group to the Liulin Provincial Government during the period under review, for the construction of modern schools and provision of education facilities as disclosed in the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2011. Accordingly, it is not expected to have the same charitable donation in the second half of 2012.

Finance Costs

During the period under review, actual finance costs were approximately HK\$21 million, representing a substantial decrease of approximately HK\$11 million or 34% as compared with that of approximately HK\$32 million for the same period of 2011. During the period under review, approximately HK\$9.3 million (Six months ended 30 June 2011: approximately HK\$5.5 million) of borrowing costs were capitalised in the construction in progress. The decrease in actual finance costs were mainly due to the decrease in borrowings by approximately HK\$585 million from approximately HK\$898 million as at 31 December 2011 to approximately HK\$313 million as at 30 June 2012.

Income Tax Expense

During the period under review, income tax expense was approximately HK\$526 million (Six months ended 30 June 2011: approximately HK\$663 million), of which approximately HK\$61 million (Six months ended 30 June 2011: approximately HK\$77 million) represented the provision of withholding tax of 5% on the dividend declared from the Group's major subsidiaries incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") ("major PRC Subsidiaries") in accordance with the tax regulations in the PRC. Income tax expense was decreased in line with profits during the period under review. The enterprise income tax rate for the major PRC Subsidiaries is 25%.

Owner's Attributable Profit

By reasons of the foregoing, the profit attributable to the Owners during the period under review was approximately HK\$1,006 million, representing a decrease of approximately HK\$125 million or 11% as compared with that of approximately HK\$1,131 million for the same period of 2011.

Material Investments and Acquisitions

During the period under review, the Group has no material investments and acquisitions.

Material Disposals

During the period under review, the Group has no material disposals.

Safety Production and Environmental Protection

The Group has always been paying great attention to production safety and environmental protection while achieving stable coal production. Thus, the Group makes great efforts in promoting safety management and strengthened measures for environmental protection, aiming at building itself into a safety-oriented and environmentally-friendly enterprise. During the period under review, all coal mines of the Group operated smoothly.

Charges on Assets

As at 30 June 2012, save for disclosed below, none of the Group's assets was charged or subject to any encumbrance.

- (i) bank deposits of approximately HK\$362 million and bill receivables of approximately HK\$399 million were used for securing bills facilities of approximately HK\$751 million; and
- (ii) the pledged of shares by certain subsidiaries of the Company namely Jade Green Investments Holding Limited, Thechoice Finance Limited, Worldman Industrial Limited, Gumpert Industries Limited, Thechoice Finance (HK) Limited, Worldman Industrial (HK) Limited and Gumpert Industries (HK) Limited that were used for securing United States Dollars ("US\$") 40 million of bank loan for the Company.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2012, there were no guarantees given to any banks or financial institutions by the Group.

Gearing Ratio

As at 30 June 2012, gearing ratio of the Group, computed from the Group's total borrowings divided by the total equity, was approximately 2%. The total borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$313 million as at 30 June 2012.

Exposure to Fluctuations in Exchange Rates

As at 30 June 2012, other than assets and liabilities denominated in RMB and Australian Dollars ("AUD"), the Group had no material exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations. As at 30 June 2012, RMB was slightly depreciated by approximately 0.7% while AUD was slightly appreciated by approximately 0.6% respectively when compared to that as at 31 December 2011.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 June 2012, the Group's current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) was approximately 2.5 times and the Group's cash and bank deposits amounted to approximately HK\$4,007 million, of which approximately HK\$362 million was deposited to secure bills facilities of the same amount.

Included in trade and bill receivables, the Group has total bill receivables amounting to approximately HK\$2,002 million (of which approximately HK\$399 million was used for securing bills facilities of approximately HK\$389 million) as at 30 June 2012 that were readily convertible into cash, but would be subject to finance costs when conversion before the maturity. Taking into account of free bill receivables of approximately HK\$1,603 million, the Group's free cash resources would have approximately HK\$5,248 million as at 30 June 2012.

Capital Structure

Total equity and borrowings are classified as capital of the Group. As at 30 June 2012, the amount of capital was approximately HK\$20,515 million.

During the period under review, the Company repurchased a total of 75,670,000 ordinary shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$198 million. The share repurchases were made with a view to enhance shareholders' interests. All repurchased shares were cancelled during the period under review.

Save as disclosed above, there was no change in the issued capital of the Company during the period under review. As at 30 June 2012, the issued capital of the Company was approximately HK\$530 million, represented approximately 5,302 million shares in number.

As at 30 June 2012, the total borrowings of approximately HK\$313 million denominated in USD and RMB. The USD borrowing of approximately HK\$309 million bears an interest calculated at LIBOR plus 1.85% per annum and is repayable by 13 installments from September 2010 to September 2013, and the remaining balances of RMB borrowings of approximately HK\$4 million are subject to fixed interest rates or interest free and are repayable within 1 year from 30 June 2012.

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had 28 Hong Kong employees and 6,679 PRC employees. The remuneration packages of the employees are subject to annual review. The Group provides a mandatory and voluntary provident fund scheme for its employees in Hong Kong and the state-sponsored retirement plan for its employees in the PRC. The Company also has a share option scheme. During the period under review, no share option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

In the first half of 2012, global economy was still under great uncertainties. Under these circumstances, a slowdown of economy in China is inevitable, the GDP decreased from 8.9% in the fourth quarter of 2011 to 7.6% in the second quarter of 2012. China Steel Industry Association announced the domestic crude steel production volume grew by only 1.8% to 357 million tonnes in the first half of 2012, a year-on-year decrease by 7.8% due to a slower demand growth.

The CPC Central Committee Political Bureau held a party meeting on 31 July 2012 and reiterated that “Steady growth” is a top priority. The guidelines for economy in the second half of this year are: to strengthen and improve macroeconomic regulations, continue to implement prudent monetary policy, increase the structural tax reduction policy, moderately provide more liquidity in money credit to the market and promote domestic consumption to drive up the economy. Although the policies targeted towards the real estate market will still be strictly enforced, the plan to build more affordable housing will still be implemented to meet the housing needs of the citizens. In addition, policies towards supporting the railway investments will still be launched. According to the “2012 railway construction bonds prospectus” announced on 30 July 2012, the total size of railway fixed assets investment plan in 2012 will be RMB580 billion, of which RMB146.5 billion was expensed in the first half of 2012. All of these may boost demand for steel and thus benefit the coking coal sector as well. However, for the second half of 2012 ahead, the situation is expected to remain conservatively optimistic.

We believe that it is a good timing to actively look for merger and acquisition projects both domestically and overseas now, we will be able to fully utilise our financial strength to expand our resources and production capacity; at the same time we continue to expand new customer base and formulate strategic co-operations with the major steel producers to maximise the returns for our shareholders.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 June 2012, the Company repurchased a total of 75,670,000 ordinary shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") at an aggregate consideration of HK\$196,982,940 (expenses excluded). The share repurchases were made with a view to enhance shareholders' interests. Details of the share repurchases are as follows:

Month of share repurchases	Total number of the ordinary shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share HK\$	Lowest price paid per share HK\$	Aggregate consideration (expenses excluded) HK\$
January 2012	110,000	2.73	2.64	291,300
April 2012	46,716,000	2.71	2.53	124,590,340
May 2012	28,844,000	2.60	2.39	72,101,300
	<u>75,670,000</u>			<u>196,982,940</u>

All of the above repurchased shares were cancelled during the period under review.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the period under review.

COMPLIANCE WITH CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Former Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange was revised to, and renamed as, Corporate Governance Code (the "Revised Code") from 1 April 2012. The Company has complied with the code provisions of the Former Code during the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 and the Revised Code during the period from 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012, except for the following deviation:

- Under code provision A.6.7 of the Revised Code, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders.

All of the three Non-executive Directors and one of the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company attended the annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 May 2012 (the “Meeting”). Two out of the three Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company did not attend the Meeting due to other business engagements. The Company considers that the Non-executive Directors and the Independent Non-executive Director in attendance at the Meeting were already of sufficient number and caliber of forming a balanced understanding of the views of the shareholders of the Company.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to our customers, suppliers and shareholders for their continuous support to the Group. I would also extend my gratitude and appreciation to all management and staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the period.

By Order of the Board
Li Shaofeng
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 August 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Li Shaofeng (Chairman), Mr. Chen Zhouping (Vice-chairman and Managing Director), Mr. Wong Lik Ping (Vice-chairman), Mr. So Kwok Hoo (Deputy Managing Director), Mr. Chen Zhaoqiang (Deputy Managing Director), Mr. Liu Qingshan (Deputy Managing Director), Mr. Xue Kang (Deputy Managing Director), Mr. Leung Shun Sang, Tony (Non-executive Director), Mr. Zhang Yaoping (Non-executive Director), Mr. Zhang Wenhui (Non-executive Director), Mr. Kee Wah Sze (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. Choi Wai Yin (Independent Non-executive Director), Mr. Chan Pat Lam (Independent Non-executive Director) and Mr. Chan Chung Chun (Independent Non-executive Director).