

### CHINA CHENGTONG DEVELOPMENT GROUP LIMITED

### 中國誠通發展集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 217)

#### INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The Board of Directors of China Chengtong Development Group Limited (the "Company") would like to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2008 together with the comparative figures for the six months ended 30 June 2007 as follows:

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

|   |       | Six month   | is ended    |
|---|-------|-------------|-------------|
|   |       | 30 J        | une         |
|   | NOTES | 2008        | 2007        |
|   |       | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    |
|   |       | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| Continuing operations                   |       |             |             |
| Turnover                                | 3     | 10,240      | 17,860      |
| Cost of sales                           |       | (6,082)     | (6,250)     |
| Gross profit                            |       | 4,158       | 11,610      |
| Other income                            |       | 4,236       | 3,086       |
| Selling expenses                        |       | (163)       | (613)       |
| Administrative expenses                 |       | (15,916)    | (12,118)    |
| Provision for claim                     | 4     | (1,900)     |             |
| Share of result of a jointly controlled |       |             |             |
| entity                                  |       | (668)       | (823)       |
| Share of results of associates          |       | (1,179)     | (174)       |
| Finance costs                           |       |             | (113)       |
| (Loss) profit before taxation           |       | (11,432)    | 855         |
| Taxation credit (charge)                | 5     | 353         | (2,457)     |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (Continued) FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

|  |       |   | nths ended<br>) June  |
|--|-------|---|-----------------------|
|  | NOTES | 2008  | 2007                  |
|  |       | HK\$'000                                    | HK\$'000              |
|  |       | (Unaudited)                                 | (Unaudited)           |
| Loss for the period from continuing operations                   |       | (11,079)                                    | (1,602)               |
| Discontinued operations  Profit for the period from discontinued | d     |   |                       |
| operation  | 6     |   | 32,011                |
| (Loss) profit for the period                                     | 7     | (11,079)                                    | 30,409                |
| Attributable to: Shareholders of the Company Minority interests  |       | (11,079)                                    | 29,125<br>1,284       |
|  |       | (11,079)                                    | 30,409                |
| (Loss) earnings per share  | 8     |   |                       |
| From continuing and discontinued operations:                     |       |   |                       |
| Basic  |       | $\underline{\text{HK}(0.414) \text{ cent}}$ | HK1.080 cent          |
| Diluted  |       | N/A   | HK1.064 cent          |
| From continuing operations: Basic                                |       | <u>HK(0.414) cent</u>                       | <u>HK(0.112) cent</u> |
| Diluted  |       | N/A   | N/A                   |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2008

|   | NOTES | <b>30.6.2008</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Unaudited) | <b>31.12.2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Audited and |
|---|-------|---|---|
|   |       |   | restated)                                       |
| Non-current assets  |       |   |   |
| Property, plant and equipment   |       | 4,614   | 3,232   |
| Investment properties   |       | 89,270  | 83,740  |
| Interests in associates   |       | 44,000  | 41,599  |
| Amounts due from associates   |       | 129,890                                       | 139,874   |
| Interest in a jointly controlled entity                               |       |   | 103,881   |
| Restricted bank balance   |       | 4,200   | 4,200   |
|   |       | 271,974                                       | 376,526   |
| Current assets  |       |   |   |
| Properties held for sale  |       | 25,259  | 32,678  |
| Properties under development  |       | 684,848                                       |   |
| Trade and other receivables   | 9     | 276,158                                       | 7,959   |
| Bills receivables   | 9     | 3,390   | 5,035   |
| Amounts due from associates   |       | 51  | 9,724   |
| Amounts due from related companies                                    |       | 5,014   | 4,741   |
| Tax recoverable   |       | 14,192  | 208 626   |
| Bank balances and cash  |       | 304,104                                       | 298,626   |
|   |       | <u>1,313,016</u>                              | 358,763   |
| Current liabilities   |       |   |   |
| Trade and other payables  | 10    | 102,986                                       | 48,919  |
| Provision for claim   | 4     | 1,900   | _   |
| Deposits received on sale of propertie                                | S     | 473,122                                       | 11,410  |
| Amounts due to related companies Amounts due to minority shareholders |       | 930   | 17,084  |
| of subsidiaries   |       | 6 220   | 2 079   |
| Tax payable   |       | 6,239<br>3,718                                | 3,978<br>12,505                                 |
| Bank loan   |       | 226,000                                       | 12,303  |
| Unsecured other loans   |       | 3,260   | 3,260   |
|   |       | 818,155                                       | 97,156  |
|   |       |   |   |
| Net current assets  |       | 494,861                                       | 261,607   |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Continued) AT 30 JUNE 2008

|   | <b>30.6.2008</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Unaudited) | <b>31.12.2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Audited and restated) |
|---|---|---|
| Total assets less current liabilities                                 | 766,835                                       | 638,133   |
| Non-current liabilities Deferred tax liabilities                      | 5,550   | 4,737   |
| Net assets  | 761,285                                       | 633,396   |
| Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves                           | 267,649<br>_378,011                           | 267,202<br>366,194  |
| Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company Minority interests | 645,660<br>115,625                            | 633,396   |
| Total equity  | 761,285                                       | 633,396   |

### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (the "HKAS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars and the functional currency of the Company is Renminbi. The Company uses Hong Kong dollars as its presentation currency because the Company is a public company incorporated in Hong Kong with its shares listed on the Stock Exchange.

During the current period, a subsidiary of the Company, which had been under involuntary liquidation since 2004, was found to be dissolved in October 2006. Accordingly, a prior period adjustment is made in the condensed consolidated financial statements to recognise the gain on winding up of the subsidiary. It resulted in an adjustment to decrease the trade and other payables and unsecured other loans at 1 January 2007 by HK\$5,906,000 and HK\$3,936,000, respectively, and a corresponding increase in the opening balance of accumulated profits as at 1 January 2007 of HK\$9,842,000. The effect of such change had no significant impact on the profit for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the profit/loss for the period ended 30 June 2007 and 30 June 2008.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

The accounting policies used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time new interpretations ("new Interpretations") issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning 1 January 2008. The adoption of the new Interpretations has no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current and prior accounting periods are prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment is required.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised standards or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

| HKAS 1 (Revised)         | Presentation of financial statements <sup>1</sup>                                  |
|--------------------------|--|
| HKAS 23 (Revised)        | Borrowing costs 1  |
| HKAS 27 (Revised)        | Consolidated and separate financial statements <sup>2</sup>                        |
| HKAS 32 & 1 (Amendments) | Puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidation <sup>1</sup> |
| HKFRS 2 (Amendment)      | Vesting conditions and cancellations 1   |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised)        | Business combinations <sup>2</sup>   |
| HKFRS 8                  | Operating segments <sup>1</sup>  |
| HK(IFRIC)* - INT 13      | Customer loyalty programmes <sup>3</sup>   |
| HK(IFRIC) - INT 15       | Agreements for the construction of real estate 1                                   |
| HK(IFRIC) - INT 16       | Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation <sup>4</sup>                     |
|                          |  |

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009.

The adoption of HKFRS 3 (revised) may affect the accounting for business combination for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The adoption of HKAS 27 (revised) will affect the accounting treatment for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control, which will be accounted for as equity transactions. The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the other new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008.

<sup>\*</sup> IFRIC represents the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee.

#### 3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

#### **Business segments**

The Group's principal activities are property investment and property development. These business segments are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. During the period ended 30 June 2007, the Group discontinued its business of trade and manufacture of cement. Segment information about these businesses is presented as below:

| 30 June 2008  |                                    |  |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |                                    | Continuing operations                        |   |  | Discontinued operations Trade and             |   |  |
|   | Property                           | Property                                     |   | manufacturing  |   |   |  |
|   | investment<br>HK\$'000             | development<br>HK\$'000                      | Sub total HK\$'000  | of cement<br>HK\$'000                                      | Sub total<br>HK\$'000                         | Consolidated<br>HK\$'000  |  |
| Turnover<br>Segment turnover  | 902                                | 9,338  | 10,240  |  |   | 10,240  |  |
| Result Segment result   | 371                                | 262  | 633   | _  | _   | 633   |  |
| Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated other income   |                                    |  | (13,644)<br>3,426   |  | _<br>_  | (13,644)<br>3,426   |  |
| Share of result of a jointly<br>controlled entity<br>Share of result of associates  |                                    |  | (668)<br>(1,179)  |  |   | (668)<br>(1,179)  |  |
| Loss before taxation<br>Taxation credit   |                                    |  | (11,432)<br>353   |  |   | (11,432)<br>353   |  |
| Net loss for the period   |                                    |  | (11,079)  |  |   | (11,079)  |  |
| 20 I 2005   |                                    |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| 30 June 2007  |                                    |  |   |  |   |   |  |
| 30 June 2007  |                                    | Continuing ope                               | rations   |  | continued op                                  | perations   |  |
| 30 June 2007  | Property                           | Continuing ope Property development HK\$'000 |   | Dis<br>Trade and<br>manufacturing<br>of cement<br>HK\$'000 | •   | Consolidated  HK\$'000  |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover   | Property investment                | Property development                         | Sub total   | Trade and manufacturing of cement                          | Sub total                                     | Consolidated  |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover  Result Segment result  | Property<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Property<br>development<br>HK\$'000          | Sub total<br>HK\$'000   | Trade and<br>manufacturing<br>of cement<br>HK\$'000        | Sub total<br>HK\$'000                         | Consolidated<br>HK\$'000  |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover  Result Segment result Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated other income  | Property investment HK\$`000       | Property development HK\$'000                | Sub total<br>HK\$'000   | Trade and manufacturing of cement HK\$'000                 | Sub total<br>HK\$'000                         | Consolidated HK\$'000   |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover  Result Segment result Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated other income Share of result of a jointly controlled entity Share of result of associates               | Property investment HK\$`000       | Property development HK\$'000                | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>17,860<br>7,901<br>(8,979)                                     | Trade and manufacturing of cement HK\$'000                 | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>27,454<br>32,008     | Consolidated HK\$'000  45,314  39,909 (8,979) 3,046 (823) (174)           |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover  Result Segment result Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated other income Share of result of a jointly controlled entity   | Property investment HK\$`000       | Property development HK\$'000                | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>17,860<br>7,901<br>(8,979)<br>3,043<br>(823)                   | Trade and manufacturing of cement HK\$'000                 | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>27,454<br>32,008     | Consolidated<br>HK\$'000<br>45,314<br>39,909<br>(8,979)<br>3,046<br>(823) |  |
| Turnover Segment turnover  Result Segment result Unallocated corporate expenses Unallocated other income Share of result of a jointly controlled entity Share of result of associates Finance costs | Property investment HK\$`000       | Property development HK\$'000                | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>17,860<br>7,901<br>(8,979)<br>3,043<br>(823)<br>(174)<br>(113) | Trade and manufacturing of cement HK\$'000                 | Sub total<br>HK\$'000<br>27,454<br>32,008<br> | Consolidated HK\$'000  45,314  39,909 (8,979) 3,046 (823) (174) (113)     |  |

#### 4 PROVISION FOR CLAIM

On 29 July 2008, 中實投資有限責任公司 ("Zhongshi"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has received a summon issued by the independent contractor against Zhongshi to recover the unpaid contract fee for a property project of Zhongshi before the Group acquired Zhongshi in 2004 and the interest accrued thereon in the aggregate sum of RMB3,760,861 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,250,000). With reference to the financial records of Zhongshi, Zhongshi has partly paid the related contract fee amounting to approximately RMB1,400,000 to this contractor in the previous years. The directors of the Company are of the view that Zhongshi may be required to settle most of the unpaid contract fee. Accordingly, a provision for claim of HK\$1,900,000 was made for the current period.

#### 5. TAXATION CREDIT (CHARGE)

|   | Continuing Six months ence 2008 HK\$'000 | •       |
|---|--|---------|
| The taxation credit (charge) comprises: |  |         |
| Continuing operations                   |  |         |
| Current tax credit (charge)             |  |         |
| Hong Kong                               | _  | _       |
| People's Republic of China ("PRC")      | 317                                      | (2,478) |
| Deferred tax credit                     | 36                                       | 21      |
| Taxation credit (charge) for the period | <u>353</u>                               | (2,457) |

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profit for both periods.

PRC Enterprise Income Tax is provided for with reference to the applicable tax rates prevailing in the respective regions of the PRC on the estimated assessable profits of the Group's PRC subsidiaries. The taxation credit for current period represented overprovision in prior years.

#### 6. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

The results of business of trade and manufacture of cement for prior period, which have been included in the condensed consolidated income statement, were as follows:

|  | Six months ended<br>30 June 2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|--|
| Turnover   | 27,454                                       |
| Cost of sales                                      | (24,621)                                     |
| Other income                                       | 247  |
| Gain on disposal of subsidiaries                   | 32,003                                       |
| Selling expenses                                   | (560)  |
| Administrative expenses                            | (2,512)                                      |
| Profit for the period from discontinued operations | 32,011                                       |
| Attributable to:                                   |  |
| Shareholders of the Company                        | 32,154                                       |
| Minority interests                                 | (143)  |
|  | 32,011                                       |

#### 7. (LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

|  | opera<br>Six mont | nuing<br>ations<br>ths ended<br>June | Discon<br>opera<br>Six mont<br>30 J | ntions<br>hs ended | Six mont   | lidated<br>hs ended<br>Tune |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
|  | 2008              | 2007                                 | 2008                                | 2007               | 2008       | 2007                        |
|  | HK\$'000          | HK\$'000                             | HK\$'000                            | HK\$'000           | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000                    |
| (Loss) profit for the period has been arrived at after charging: |                   |                                      |                                     |                    |            |                             |
| Depreciation of  |                   |                                      |                                     |                    |            |                             |
| property, plant and  |                   |                                      |                                     |                    |            |                             |
| equipment  | 574<br>476        | 334                                  | _                                   | 1,047              | 574<br>476 | 1,381<br>279                |
| Exchange loss Loss on disposal of property, plant and            | 470               | 279                                  | _                                   | _                  | 470        | 219                         |
| equipment  | 10                | _                                    | _                                   | _                  | 10         | _                           |
| and after crediting:   |                   |                                      |                                     |                    |            |                             |
| Interest income<br>Gain on disposal of                           | 1,836             | 1,810                                | _                                   | 3                  | 1,836      | 1,813                       |
| investment held for  |                   |                                      |                                     |                    |            |                             |
| trading  | 1,403             | 1,225                                |                                     |                    | 1,403      | 1,225                       |

#### 8. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### From continuing and discontinued operations

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share is based on the following data:

|   | -                       | nths ended<br>June   |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
|   | <b>2008</b><br>HK\$'000 |                      |
| (Loss) earnings (Loss) earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the |                         |                      |
| Company   | <u>(11,079</u> )        | 29,125               |
|   | Numbe<br>2008           | r of shares 2007     |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic (loss) earnings per share   | <u>2,675,712,352</u>    | 2,697,610,900        |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares in respect of share options  |                         | 40,811,078           |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share  |                         | <u>2,738,421,978</u> |

#### From continuing operations

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share from continuing operations is based on the following data:

(Loss) earnings figures are calculated as follows:

|  | Six months ended 30 June |                              |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>2008</b><br>HK\$'000  | <b>2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
| (Loss) profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Company and (loss) earnings for the purposes of basic and |                          |                              |
| diluted (loss) earnings per share  | (11,079)                 | 29,125                       |
| Less: Profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the<br>Company from discontinued operations                    |                          | (32,154)                     |
| Loss for the period attributable to shareholders of the  |                          |                              |
| Company and loss for the purposes of basic and diluted loss  |                          |                              |
| per share from continuing operations   | (11,079)                 | (3,029)                      |

#### 8. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for both basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share. No diluted loss per share for continuing operations for both periods have been presented because the exercise of share options will be anti-dilutive.

#### From discontinued operations

Basic and diluted earnings per share for discontinued operations for the period ended 30 June 2007 are HK1.192 cent per share and HK1.176 cent per share respectively.

#### 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

|                                   | <b>30.6.2008</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 31.12.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Trade receivables                 | 3,101                             | 3,176                  |
| Other receivables                 | 159,992                           | 2,207                  |
| Prepayments and deposits          | 113,065                           | 2,576                  |
| Total trade and other receivables | <u>276,158</u>                    | <u>7,959</u>           |
| Bills receivables                 | 3,390                             | 5,035                  |

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days (31 December 2007: 30 days) to its trade customers on open account credit terms. The aged analysis of the trade receivables is as follows:

|   | <b>30.6.2008</b><br><i>HK</i> \$'000 | <b>31.12.2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Within one year One to two years Over three years | 100<br>                              | 90<br>85<br>3,001                  |
|   | 3,101                                | 3,176                              |

The bills receivables are aged within six months (2007: aged within six months).

#### 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|                             | <b>30.6.2008</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>31.12.2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (restated) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Trade payables              | 11,840                       | 12,933  |
| Other payables and accruals | 91,146                       | 35,986  |
|                             | 102,986                      | 48,919  |

#### 10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The aged analysis of the trade payables is as follows:

|                    | <b>30.6.2008</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 | <b>31.12.2007</b> <i>HK</i> \$'000 (restated) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Within one year    | 2,545                             | _   |
| One to two years   | 40                                |   |
| Two to three years | _                                 | 7,149   |
| Over three years   | 9,255                             | 5,784   |
|                    | 11,840                            | 12,933  |

#### 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On 31 July 2008, the Company announced that Yu Binghan, an individual who is a third party independent of the Company, (the "Agent") acting as an agent on behalf of Zhongshi and 北京世紀尊博投資有限公司 (Beijing Century Zun Bo Investment Co., Ltd.) (the "JV Partner") won a public tender on 21 July 2008 to acquire three pieces of land located in Zhucheng City, Shandong Province, the PRC. On the same date, the Agent, acting on behalf of Zhongshi and the JV Partner, signed three separate confirmation letters with 諸城市國有資產經營總公司 (Zhucheng City State Asset Operation Company) and 諸城市土地儲備中心 (Zhucheng City Land Reserves Centre) confirming the winning of the tender of the three pieces of land. The total consideration of the three pieces of land is amounting to RMB248,759,400 (equivalent to approximately HK\$281,098,000) and their designated usage are residential and commercial. On the same date, following the successful tender of the three pieces of land, Zhongshi and the JV Partner entered into three joint venture agreements to establish three companies (the "JV Companies"), with the same shareholding structure of 80% and 20% respectively, for these three JV Companies have been established on 12 August 2008 for the purposes to individually hold and develop the three pieces of land tendered.

Following the issue of the Company's announcement dated 31 July 2008, the Agent, acting on behalf of Zhongshi and the JV Partner, won another public tender to acquire a piece of land ("Land A") in Zhucheng City, Shandong Province, the PRC. On 8 August 2008, the Agent (acting on behalf of Zhongshi and the JV Partner) signed a confirmation letter with 諸城市國有資產經營總公司 and 諸城市土地儲備中心 confirming the winning of the tender of Land A. The consideration of Land A is amounting to RMB10,835,415 (equivalent to approximately HK\$12,244,000) and its designated usage is residential. As disclosed in the Company's circular dated 21 August 2008, Zhongshi and the JV Partner owns 80% and 20% interests in Land A respectively. Zhongshi and the JV Partner shall inject their respective interests in Land A into one of the JV Companies which holds one piece of land tendered on 21 July 2008 ("Land B") by way of shareholders' loans. Land A and Land B will be jointly developed by this project company.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend any payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (six months ended 30 June 2007: nil).

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS

Turnover from the Group's continuing operations for the period under review was approximately HK\$10.2 million, representing a decrease of approximately 43% as compared to approximately HK\$17.9 million for the same period of last year. The turnover of the Group for both the period under review and for the same period of last year comprised mainly of the sales revenue of the property development project City of Mergence ("Beijing City of Mergence") in Beijing, the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

During the period under review, the Group recorded a loss from continuing operations of approximately HK\$11.1 million as compared to a loss of approximately HK\$1.6 million from continuing operations and a net profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$29.1 million recorded for the same period of last year. In addition to a decrease in sales revenue from Beijing City of Mergence, an increase in administrative expenses by approximately HK\$3.8 million and a provision of HK\$1.9 million for claim relating to the unpaid contract fee for a property project, it was mainly due to a gain of approximately HK\$32 million from the disposal of a subsidiary, Sea-Land Mining Limited, during the same period of last year.

During the period under review, mainly due to the appreciation of Renminbi, the equity attributable to shareholders of the Group increased to approximately HK\$646 million as at 30 June 2008 from approximately HK\$633 million as at 31 December 2007.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

#### **Property Development**

#### Huzhou

In 2006, the Group acquired 50% indirect interest in a sino-foreign joint venture Huzhou Wangang United Estate Company Limited (湖州萬港聯合置業有限公司) ("Huzhou Wangang"). The sole business of the company then was a property development project ("Qinghe Jiayuan" (清河嘉園)) with a site area of approximately 214,000 square metres and gross floor area of 320,000 square metres located at Huzhou City of Zhejiang Province in the PRC as resettlement housing for local rural residents due to demolition or relocation reasons. The whole project will be acquired by the Management Committee of Huzhou Economic Development Zone at an agreed consideration. It is expected that Qinghe Jiayuan will contribute sales and profits to the Group in the second half of 2008 and the year of 2009.

Huzhou Wangang is currently seeking for potential investment and development opportunities in Zhejiang Province of the PRC for the next property project upon completion of the Qinghe Jiayuan.

#### Beijing

During the first half of 2008, Beijing City of Mergence located at Xicheng District of Beijing had sold approximately 467 square metres of commercial units in area and approximately 664 square metres of commercial area for warehousing purpose. During the same period of last year, approximately 858 square metres of commercial units in area and 4 parking spaces were sold. The sales revenue in 2008 decreased as compared to the same period of last year due to the lower selling price of commercial area for warehousing purpose. As at 30 June 2008, 101 parking spaces and approximately 2,070 square metres of commercial and warehousing area in aggregate remained unsold in Beijing City of Mergence.

Beijing City of Mergence was held by the Group through its formerly 70% owned subsidiary Zhongshi Investment Company Limited ("Zhongshi"), and the acquisition of the remaining 30% equity interest of Zhongshi by the Group was completed in 2007. Zhongshi became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group and acted as a platform for expanding the property development business in the PRC.

#### Shandong

Zhucheng City of Shandong Province in the PRC is located in the southeast area of Shandong Peninsula, with a total area of 2,183 square kilomiles and a population of 1.06 million. It is one of the externally open national coastal cities confirmed by the State Council as well as a city for trial implementation of integrated reforms and rural urbanization. It is ranked the 43rd among the top 100 most prosperous counties at national level in terms of economic power. There has been a trend for rapid commencement of development in the real estate market of Zhucheng in recent years. Improvement in housing conditions by local residents increased the need for quality properties. However, the current level of housing prices and development capability of the local economy are relatively lower, with potential for an upward surge.

The Group and the joint venture partner acquired 4 plots of land located at Zhucheng City of Shandong Province in the PRC by successful tenders through representing agent in July and August 2008 for a total consideration of approximately RMB260 million, and established 3 joint venture companies each with a shareholding structure of 80% and 20% respectively for holding and the developing these land plots. The site areas of the 4 plots of land are 99,599 square metres, 133,333 square metres, 100,000 square metres and 12,673 square metres respectively, i.e. approximately 350,000 square metres in aggregate. Except a site of 26,669 square metres in one of them which was planned for the development of a five-star hotel and will be fully responsible by the joint venture partner for its development and all the relevant costs and expenses, these land plots will be mainly developed into luxurious residential housing with a portion of commercial properties. The Group considers that the land price of the Zhucheng project acquired by the Group in Shandong is relatively low, with small risk in costs and a good growth potential. It is expected to bring in substantial contributions of profits and shareholders' returns for the Group in future.

#### **Property Investment**

#### Guangzhou

The area for the retail shop of the Group located at Zone C of Level 3 at Li Wan Plaza in Guangzhou of the PRC with approximately 5,370 square metres generated rental income of approximately RMB510,000 for the Group in the first half of 2008, representing an increase of approximately 15% as compared to the same period of last year.

#### Shanghai

Price Sales Limited, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, owns 32% interest in Goodwill (Overseas) Limited, its associated company. In 2008, Goodwill (Overseas) Limited continued to share in the cash inflow arising from the rental income from East Ocean Centre Phase II located in Shanghai of the PRC. In the first half of 2008, East Ocean Centre Phase II continued to maintain its high occupancy rate, with rental income of approximately RMB29.8 million.

#### **Land Resource Exploitation**

#### Luoyang

The Group acquired a piece of land together with the warehouse complex erected thereon with site area of approximately 80,000 square metres located at Luoyang City of the PRC from China Chengtong Holdings Group Limited ("CCHG") through Zhongshi in 2007. The land has been zoned into commercial development area. The Group has an intention of making application for a change of its use from industrial to commercial in view of future market environment, resources as well as relevant laws and regulations. The land and its logistic assets as a whole are currently leased to a cooperation partner for use as a logistics centre.

#### **Strategic Investment**

#### Cement

The Group held 20% equity interest in Cimpor Chengtong Cement Corporation Limited (the "Joint Venture"). At present, the Joint Venture mainly controls two domestic cement production companies in Shandong and Suzhou. During the period under review, the cement production company in Shandong turned from loss into profit, total production of cement and clinker amounted to approximately 1.62 million tonnes and profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$16.8 million was recorded. Meanwhile, the consolidated loss attributable to the shareholders of the Joint Venture of approximately HK\$5.9 million was mainly due to unrealized exchange losses of its shareholder' loans denominated in euros. By using the equity method of accounting, the Group shared its attributable loss to shareholder of approximately HK\$1.2 million. In order to improve the structure of assets and liabilities of the PRC domestic companies, reduce financial expenses and for further investment, after completing an increase of capital of RMB270 million in the Shandong company in the second half of 2007, the Joint Venture further increased its capital contribution by RMB200 million in August 2008, and the equity interest in the Shandong company held by the Joint Venture thus increased to 97.6%.

During the first half of 2008, the Joint Venture has been very active in identifying and negotiating for suitable targets for acquisition among the cement production enterprises in the regions of Jiangsu and Zhejiang Provinces. Looking ahead in the second half of 2008, the Joint Venture will make continuous endeavours in negotiating for the acquisition of cement enterprises and invest in the construction of new cement production lines in order to increase its market share substantially in the cement industry of mainland China.

#### **OUTLOOK**

#### **Property Development**

At present, money supply is tightened further to control inflation in the PRC, which will bring about much pressure on the funding needs of real estate companies with excessive land reserves. Bubbles in the housing prices have occurred in the Tier 1 cities and some of the Tier 2 cities which are facing downward pressure on housing prices. As such, the management of the Group has adopted more prudent investment strategies: (1) Stable and healthy financial conditions will be maintained by the Group as a condition precedent for investments in real estate projects. (2) The real estate market is a regional market in the vast land of China. Although Tier 1 cities are facing volatile fluctuations in housing prices, the progress of urbanization will create room for more increases in the housing prices of some regions. Hence, we shall focus on Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and select those regions with more population, more well-developed private economic sectors and cities with low housing prices as compared to other cities at the same level of economic development. (3) The prevailing macroeconomic conditions of tight money supply will be fully utilized so the Group can acquire land at low prices to strengthen the marginal security for its investments. (4) Projects of a certain scale for investment which are able to contribute profits and turnover to the Group continuously in the next few years will be selected. The investment in the Zhucheng project in Shandong is in compliance with the above strategies and has fully considered the strict macroeconomic situation. The management is convinced that the Zhucheng project will continue to bring satisfactory returns in the future.

In addition, the Group considers that the various austerity measures adopted continuously by the PRC Government in recent years are helpful in regulating the real estate market. And for the past few months, the PRC Government emphasized continuously on the stability and healthy development of the real estate market with appropriate relaxation of restrictions to the admission of foreign investments into the domestic real estate sector. These will help to avoid volatile fluctuations of the real estate market and maintain a relatively stable and orderly development of the real estate market.

#### **Land Resource Exploitation**

CCHG has dedicated its efforts to utilize its land resource advantage and to strengthen the cooperation with the Group. The Group is also seeking quality land with good potential to expand and strengthen the land resource basis of the Group. For the first half of 2008, CCHG achieved new progress in the trial run of its asset operations. With the approval from the State Council, the China International Enterprises Co-operative Corporation (中國國際企業合作公司), another central enterprise was merged into CCHG, pursuant to the latest arrangement of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council ("SASAC"). Within the next two years, the merging of central enterprises will speed up to consolidate 160 enterprises into 80-100 enterprises. It is certain that CCHG will be one of the two platforms for asset operations and will undertake more important tasks. One of the advantages of the Group is the ability to leverage on CCHG's advantages for continuous expansion of the land resource exploitation business in the domestic market of the PRC. The prospect of a faster merger of some central enterprises into CCHG will further expand the basis of resources available for selection by the Group substantially.

The Board is confident of the Group's this year and future development prospect.

#### **GEARING RATIO**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group's gearing ratio calculated on the basis of total bank loan, loans from minority interests and other loans of approximately HK\$235 million and total assets of approximately HK\$1,585 million, was 0.15 (31 December 2007: 0.01).

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Group's financial position remained healthy during the period under review.

At 30 June 2008, the Group had cash and bank balances amounting to HK\$308 million (31 December 2007: HK\$303 million), and current assets and current liabilities of HK\$1,313 million and HK\$818 million respectively (31 December 2007: HK\$359 million and HK\$97 million respectively). Out of the cash and bank balances of HK\$308 million at 30 June 2008, a sum of HK\$4.2 million was deposited in a segregated bank deposit account which sum is held on trust for those creditors of the Company who have not given their consents to the capital reduction of the Company as at the effective date of 21 June 2007.

At 30 June 2008, the Group's bank borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$226 million which was secured and repayable within one year with interest at commercial rate. The amounts due to minority interests of approximately HK\$6.2 million were unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. The other loans from third parties of approximately HK\$3.3 million were unsecured, repayable on demand and interest-free, except out of which a loan of approximately HK\$2.1 million carrying interest at fixed interest rate. The Group anticipates that it has adequate financial resources to meet its commitments and obligations for the coming year.

The Group will continue to employ conservative and sound financial planning, ensuring a solid financial position to support its future growth.

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK MANAGEMENT

The business activities and operation of the Group are mainly in Hong Kong and Mainland China, with revenue and expenditure denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. The Group considers that the appreciation in Renminbi does not impose a significant foreign exchange risk to the Group since its PRC operations mainly use their income in Renminbi to settle their expenses.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

At 30 June 2008, the Group employed a total of 63 employees, of which 13 were based in Hong Kong and 50 were based in Mainland China. Employee's remunerations are determined in accordance with nature of their duties, experiences and qualifications, and remain competitive under current market trend. Apart from the basic salary, discretionary bonus and other incentives are offered to employees to reward their performance and contributions. The Company has a share option scheme under which the Company may grant options to eligible employees to subscribe for shares in the Company.

#### PLEDGE OF ASSET

As at 30 June 2008, the Group's land use right included in properties under development to approximately HK\$130 million was pledged as security for the Group's bank loan. As at 31 December 2007, there was no pledge of asset.

#### **CAPITAL COMMITMENT**

As at 30 June 2008, there was capital commitment authorised but not contracted for of approximately HK\$283 million in respect of acquisition of certain pieces of land in the PRC, and other commitment contracted for but not provided for of approximately HK\$37.4 million in respect of the properties under development. The

Group funds the commitment through internal resources of the Group and borrowings from a substantial shareholder of the Company which is on terms better to the Group and no security over the assets of the Group is granted in respect of such borrowings. As at 31 December 2007, there was no capital commitment.

#### PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

For the six months ended 30 June 2008, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company had adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the directors of the Company (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry to each of the directors of the Company, they confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2008.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board of Directors ("the Board") appreciates that the good corporate govenance is vital to the healthy and sustainable development of the Group. The directors consider that the Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30 June 2008, save as disclosed below in this paragraph:

#### **CODE PROVISION A.2.1**

Managing Director of the Group is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations, and focuses on implementing objectives and strategies. The role of Managing Directors is similar to the role of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") as defined in the Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.Code Provision A.2.1 stipulated that the roles of Chairman and CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the period from 1 January to 10 April 2008, the positions of Chairman and Managing Director were held by Mr. Ma Zhengwu ("Mr. Ma") and Mr. Zhang Guotong ("Mr. Zhang") respectively. Their responsibilities are clearly defined and set out in writing.

Since Mr. Ma resigned from the position of Chairman in this April, Mr. Zhang, the Managing Director was elected to take the position as Chairman of the Board also. Given the Group's current stage of development and scope of business, the Board considers that vesting the roles of Chairman and Managing Director in the same person facilitates the execution of the Group's business strategies and maximizes

effectiveness of its operation. However, to attain high standard of corporate governance, the Board will review the effectiveness of this arrangement from time to time and it will consider the appropriate move to take should suitable circumstance arise.

#### **CODE PROVISION A.4.1**

Under the Code provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election. None of the existing non-executive Directors of the Company is appointed for a specific term. This constitutes a deviation from code provision A.4.1 of the Code. However, all directors of the Company (executive and non-executive) are subject to the relevant retirement provisions under Articles of Association of the Company. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporation governance practices are no less exacting than those in the Code.

#### REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

Disclosure of financial information in this announcement complies with Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee has reveiwed the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008 in conjuncton with auditors of the Company.

#### PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This results announcement is published on HKEXnews at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's website at http://www.irasia.com/listco/hk/chengtong/. The 2008 Interim Report will be available on both websites and dispatched to Shareholders in due course.

By Order of the Board
China Chengtong Development Group Limited
Zhang Guotong

Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong, 8 September 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Zhang Guotong and Mr. Wang Hongxin; the non-executive Directors are Mr. Gu Laiyun and Ms. Xu Zhen; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Kwong Che Keung, Gordon, Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa, Alec, Mr. Lao Youan and Mr. Ba Shusong.