

# Hua Yi Copper Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) Stock Code: 559

# Interim Report 2008/09

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of Hua Yi Copper Holdings Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2008, as follows:

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

		For the	g operations six months I December	For the	ed operations six months 1 December	Total For the six months ended 31 December		
	Notes	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Turnover Cost of sales	3	998,446 (1,233,362)	1,489,687 (1,452,890)	107,958 (104,909 )	86,378 (71,133)	1,106,404 (1,338,271 )	1,576,065 (1,524,023)	
Gross (loss)/profit Other income Interest income General and administrative expenses Selling and distribution expenses Finance costs Share of results of a jointly-controlled entity Gains on deemed disposal of		(234,916) 4,573 3,391 (23,077) (1,550) (17,762) (3,129)	36,797 12,272 3,115 (21,783) (1,583) (24,624) (202)	3,049 237 41 (3,756 ) (2,622 ) (1,766 )	15,245 476 157 (5,420) (1,994) (364)	(231,867) 4,810 3,432 (26,833) (4,172) (19,528) (3,129)	52,042 12,748 3,272 (27,203) (3,577) (24,988) (202)	
a jointly-controlleḋ entity Impairment loss on available-for-sale investment	9 9	7,466 (2,566 )	-	1	-	7,466 (2,566 )	-	
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments Change in fair value of convertible note designated as at fair value through profit or loss and loss on disposal of assets classified as held for sale and associated liabilities	14 10, 18	355 (7,520)	3,067	- (26,512 )	-	355 (34,032)	3,067	
(Loss)/profit before taxation	4	(274,735)	7,059	(31,329)		(306,064)		
Taxation	5	(339 )	(117)		(63)	(339)	(180 )	
(Loss)/profit for the period		(275,074 )	6,942	(31,329)	8,037	(306,403 )	14,979	
(Loss)/profit for the period attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Minority interests		(274,780 ) (294 )	6,942	(31,329 )	8,037	(306,109 ) (294 )	14,979	
		(275,074 )	6,942	(31,329)	8,037	(306,403 )	14,979	
Dividend	6		_				_	
(Loss)/earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations	7						(0	
– Basic						( <u>172.9) HK cents</u>	(Restated) 10.0 HK cents	
– Diluted						N/A	9.6 HK cents	
from continuing operations – Basic						( <u>155.2) HK cents</u>	4.6 HK cents	
– Diluted						N/A	4.4 HK cents	

The accompanying notes on pages 7 to 24 form an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

At 31 December 2008

	Notes	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2008 <i>HK\$`000</i> (Audited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	198,599	210,028
Prepaid lease payments for land			
- non-current portion		62,304	63,217
Intangible asset		158,045	158,467
Interest in a jointly-controlled entity Available-for-sale investment	9	-	18,057
Convertible note designated as at fair value	9	16,783	_
through profit or loss	10	8,000	_
	10	0,000	
		443,731	449,769
Current assets			
Inventories		39,179	330,074
Debtors, other loans and receivables,			
deposits and prepayments	11	328,518	458,125
Bills receivable	12	20,381	29,634
Promissory note receivable	13	13,445	-
Prepaid lease payments for land - current portion		1,732	1,734
Derivative financial assets	14	144	625
Tax recoverable		-	642
Pledged bank deposits		48,979	26,268
Bank balances and cash		46,453	147,397
		498,831	994,499
Assets classified as held for sale	18		102,053
		498,831	1,096,552

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

At 31 December 2008

	Notes	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
<b>Current liabilities</b> Creditors, other advances and accruals Bills payable Borrowings Taxation Derivative financial liabilities	15 16 17 14	60,065 90,909 327,811 12,309 580	58,305 76,963 599,278 6,682 372
Liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale	18	491,674  	741,600 43,405 785,005
Net current assets		7,157	311,547
Total assets less current liabilities		450,888	761,316
Non-current liabilities Deferred tax liabilities		54,025	54,143
Net assets		396,863	707,173
EQUITY Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	19	8,853 385,571	177,061 527,376
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company Minority interests		394,424 2,439	704,437 2,736
Total equity		396,863	707,173

The accompanying notes on pages 7 to 24 form an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company										
	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Share premium <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Contributed surplus <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited) <i>(Note (a))</i>	Exchange reserve <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Statutory reserve fund <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited) <i>(Note (b))</i>	Special reserve <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited) <i>(Note (c))</i>	Share option reserve <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Retained profits/ (accumulated losses) <i>HK\$*000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Minority interests <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
At 1 July 2007	134,627	981	172,724	18,868		(43,246)	4,128	192,973	481,055		481,055
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operation: recognised directly in equity Profit for the period	}	-	-	12,607	-	-		14,979	12,607 14,979	-	12,607 14,979
Total recognised income for the period Placement of new shares Expenses incurred in relation	_ 22,000	- 90,800	-	12,607	-	-	-	14,979 _	27,586 112,800	-	27,586 112,800
to the issue of new shares Issue of shares upon exercise	-	(3,237)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,237)	-	(3,237)
of share options Transfer upon exercise	300	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	413	-	413
of share options Recognition of equity-settled	-	118	-	-	-	-	(118)	-	-	-	-
share-based payments Appropriation					12,823		683	(12,823)	683		683
At 31 December 2007	156,927	88,775	172,724	31,475	12,823	(43,246)	4,693	195,129	619,300		619,300

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued)

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

Attributable to equity holders of the Company											
	Share capital HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	premium HK\$'000		Exchange reserve HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Statutory reserve fund HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note (b))	Special reserve HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (Note (c))	reserve HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Retained profits/ (accumulated losses) HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Total HK\$000 (Unaudited)
At 1 July 2008	177,061	124,891	172,724	57,470	14,005	(43,246)	10,626	190,906	704,437	2,736	707,173
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operatio recognised directly in equity a release upon deemed disposa a jointly-controlled entity ( <i>No</i> Loss for the period	and I of	-	-	(3,904)				- (306,109)	(3,904) (306,109)		
Total recognised loss for the period Capital reorganisation <i>(Note 19)</i> Cancellation and lapse of share options	(168,208	-	- 168,208 	(3,904) 		-	(10,626)	(306,109) 	(310,013) 	(297) 	(310,310) 
At 31 December 2008	8,853	124,891	340,932	53,566	14,005	(43,246)		(104,577)	394,424	2,439	396,863

Notes:

(a) In previous year, the Group undertook a capital reorganisation resulting in eliminating the share premium account of the Company as at 30 September 2005 of HK\$260,881,000 against the accumulated losses as at 30 September 2005 of HK\$88,157,000 with the remaining balance of HK\$172,724,000 credited to contributed surplus of the Company.

During the current period, the Group undertook a capital reorganisation resulting in eliminating the share capital of the Company of HK\$168,208,000 which was credited to the contributed surplus of the Company.

- (b) It represents the appropriation of statutory surplus reserve of a subsidiary of the Company operating in Mainland China.
- (c) Special reserve was arisen from the business combination carried out by the Company in 2004, which was accounted for as a reverse acquisition. The details of the transaction were set out in the Company's circular dated 14 June 2004.

The accompanying notes on pages 7 to 24 form an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

		six months 1 December
	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash generated from/(used in) from operating activities	209,996	(23,884)
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(18,485)	19,121
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(290,978)	76,877
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(99,467)	72,114
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	147,397	161,860
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(1,477)	3,368
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	46,453	237,342
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents:		
Bank balances and cash	46,453	211,077
Bank balances and cash attributable to assets classified as held for sale		26,265
	46,453	237,342

The accompanying notes on pages 7 to 24 form an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2008

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values, as appropriate.

These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008. The accounting policies and method of computation used in the preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which also included HKASs and Interpretations) issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the current accounting period. The adoption of the new standards, amendments and interpretations had no material effect on how the results for the current or prior accounting periods are prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment is required.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Group has not early adopted the following new HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKAS 1 (Revised) HKAS 23 (Revised) HKAS 32 & 1 (Amendment)	Presentation of Financial Statements <sup>1</sup> Borrowing Costs <sup>1</sup> Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 1 & HKAS 27 (Amendment)	Cost of an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 2 (Amendment)	Vesting Conditions and Cancellations <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 and HKAS 39 (Amendment)	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives <sup>4</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation <sup>3</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 17	Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners <sup>2</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 18	Transfer of Assets from Customers <sup>2</sup>
2008 Improvements to	– HKAS 1, HKAS 16, HKAS 19,
HKFRSs that may	HKAS 20, HKAS 23, HKAS 27,
result in accounting	HKAS 28, , HKAS 29, HKAS 31,
changes for	HKAS 36, HKAS 38, HKAS 39,
presentation,	HKAS 40 & HKAS 411
recognition or	– HKFRS 5 <sup>2</sup>
measurement	

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008

<sup>4</sup> Effective for accounting periods ending on or after 30 June 2009

The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of the above new HKFRSs on the results and the financial position of the Group.

### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

On 21 May 2007, the Company announced a plan to dispose of its business of manufacture and trading of life-like plants based on a conditional sale and purchase agreement dated 19 May 2007. Accordingly, the business segment of manufacture and trading of life-like plants (the "Life-like Plants Operations") was classified as discontinued operation in the prior period. According to the supplemental agreements dated 19 September 2007, 17 December 2007, 28 February 2008, 20 May 2008 and 30 September 2008, entered into among the Group, the purchaser and Kong Sun Holdings Limited (the holding company of the purchaser), the long stop date and the disposal of the Life-like Plants Operations is extended to 31 December 2008. Kong Sun Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the Kong Sun Group. The disposal of Life-like Plants Operations was completed on 16 December 2008, details of which is disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 16 December 2008.

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

An analysis of the Group's turnover (which is also revenue) and segment results by business segment which is the Group's primary reporting segment is as follows:

### For the six months ended 31 December 2008 (unaudited)

	Continuing operations			Disc	ions		
					Production,		
					distribution		
					and		
					licensing of		
	Copper	luce mine	Tatal	Life-like	television	Total	Ormalidated
	rods <i>HK\$'000</i>	lron mine <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	plant <i>HK\$'000</i>	programmes <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	Consolidated HK\$'000
	ΠΚҘ ΟΟΟ	ΠΝΟ ΟΟΟ	ΠΚΆ ΟΟΟ	ΠΚҘ ΟΟΟ	<i>ΠΝ</i> Ϋ <i>UUU</i>	ΠΚΫ ΟΟΟ	<i>ΠΝ</i> Ϋ 000
TURNOVER							
Sales to external customers	995,289	3,157	998,446	107,958	-	107,958	1,106,404
RESULTS							
Segment results	(249,250)	(5,386)	(254,636)	(29,558)	-	(29,558)	(284,194)
Unallocated corporate							
income			1,651	-	-	-	1,651
Unallocated corporate							
expenses			(859)	(5)	-	(5)	(864)
Finance costs			(17,762)	(120)	(1,646)	(1,766)	(19,528)
Share of results of a			(0.400)				(0.400.)
jointly-controlled entity			(3,129)				(3,129)
Loss before taxation			(274,735)	(29,683)	(1,646)	(31,329)	(306,064)
Taxation			(339)	(13,000)	(1,040)	(01,023)	(339)
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Loss for the period			(275,074)	(29,683)	(1,646)	(31,329)	(306,403)

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

For the six months ended 31 December 2007 (unaudited)

	Continuing operations		Discontinued operations		
			Production,		
			distribution		
			and		
	0	1.14-111	licensing of		
	Copper	Life-like	television	Tatal	O lidatad
	rods	plants	programmes	Total	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
TURNOVER					
Sales to external customers	1,489,687	86,378	_	86,378	1,576,065
RESULTS					
Segment results	30,853	8,324		8,324	39,177
Unallocated corporate					
income	3,115			157	3,272
Unallocated corporate					
expenses	(2,083)			(17)	(2,100)
Finance costs	(24,624)			(364)	(24,988)
Share of results of a					
jointly-controlled entity	(202)				(202)
Profit before taxation	7.050			8,100	15 150
Taxation	7,059				15,159
ΙάλαιΙΟΙΙ	(117)			(63)	(180)
Profit for the period	6,942			8,037	14,979

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Group's turnover for the six months ended 31 December 2008 and 2007, analysed by geographical locations of customers, is as follows:

	Continuing operations For the six months ended 31 December		Discontinue For the si ended 31	x months	Total For the six months ended 31 December		
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	Turnover	Turnover	Turnover	Turnover	Turnover	Turnover	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Mainland China	998,446	1,489,687	-	-	998,446	1,489,687	
Americas	-	-	104,448	84,351	104,448	84,351	
Europe	-	-	1,857	1,072	1,857	1,072	
Hong Kong	-	-	1,202	900	1,202	900	
Other Asian regions	-	-	451	55	451	55	
Ū							
	998,446	1,489,687	107,958	86,378	1,106,404	1,576,065	

# 4. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Continuing operations For the six months ended 31 December		For the s	d operations ix months December	Total For the six months ended 31 December		
	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2007 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
(Loss)/profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging:							
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Charge of prepaid lease	11,075	7,861	687	-	11,762	7,861	
premium for land	841	730	193	42	1,034	772	

# 5. TAXATION

	For the s	operations ix months December	For the s	d operations ix months December	Total For the six months ended 31 December		
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Hong Kong profits tax Under provision in	268	1,200	-	63	268	1,263	
respect of prior period	173	-	-	-	173	-	
Taxation in Mainland							
China	3				3		
	444	1,200		63	444	1,263	
Deferred taxation							
Change in statutory							
tax rate in Mainland							
China	-	(854)	-	-	-	(854)	
Current period	(105)	(229)	-	-	(105)	(229)	
	(105)	(1,083)	-		(105)	(1,083)	
	339	117		63	339	180	

The Group's income taxes in Mainland China and Hong Kong are recognised based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate for the full financial year.

# 6. DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2008 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$Nil).

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

# From continuing and discontinued operations

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

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss)/earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	<u>(306,109</u> )	14,979
	Number of For the six	
	ended 31 De	
	2008	2007
		(Restated)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic (loss)/earnings per share	177,061,300	150,443,204
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: share options		4,863,906
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted (loss)/earnings per share	<u>177,061,300</u>	155,307,110

Note: Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the six months ended 31 December 2007 is restated to take into account the effect of the capital reorganisation during the current period.

### 7. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE (UNAUDITED) (Continued) From continuing operations

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

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss)/earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted		
(loss)/earnings per share from continuing operations	(274,780)	6,942

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for calculating basic and diluted (loss)/ earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations.

### From discontinued operations

Basic (loss)/earnings per share from discontinued operations is (17.7) HK cents (six months ended 31 December 2007: 5.4 HK cents (restated)) per share and there is no dilutive effect on loss per share from discontinued operation for the current period. Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations in the prior period was 5.2 HK cents (restated), based on the earnings for the period from discontinued operations of HK\$8,037,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2007. The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for basic and diluted earnings per share.

The diluted loss per share for the six months ended 31 December 2008 has not been presented as the share options have anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share for the current period.

### 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Group purchased property, plant and equipment of HK\$158,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$2,170,000). In addition, the Group disposed of property, plant and equipment with a carrying value of HK\$304,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$3,145,000).

### 9. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENT

31 December	30 June
2008	2008
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<u>16,783</u>	

Unlisted equity investment, at cost less impairment loss

Note: The unlisted equity investment as at 31 December 2008 represented 9% equity interest in Fujian Jinyi Copper Products Company Limited ("Jinyi Copper"). Jinyi Copper is incorporated in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and is engaged in production and sale of copper pipes.

Pursuant to a capital increase agreement ("Capital Increase Agreement") dated 17 October 2008, Jinyi Copper, the Group's then 45%-owned jointly-controlled entity increased its registered and paid-up capital by RMB160,000,000, resulting in a deemed disposal of the equity interest in Jinyi Group Copper by the Group. Following the deemed disposal, the Group's equity interest in Jinyi Copper was reduced from 45% to 9% and lost the joint control over the economic activity of Jinyi Copper, and therefore Jinyi Copper ceased to be a jointly-controlled entity of the Group and became an available-for-sale investment since 17 October 2008. Gain on the deemed disposal amounting to HK\$7,466,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$NI), including recognition of exchange reserve of HK\$3,044,000 upon the deemed disposal, was recognised in the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

The Group's unlisted equity investment in Jinyi Copper was not stated at fair value but at cost less any impairment losses, because it did not have a quoted market price in an active market, the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant for the investment and the probabilities of the various estimates cannot be reasonably assessed. During the current period, an impairment loss on the Group's unlisted equity investment of HK\$2,566,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$NiI) was recognised because the recoverable amount of the unlisted equity investment with reference to its net assets value was estimated to be less than its estimated amount. Accordingly, the carrying amount of the unlisted equity investment is reduced to its recoverable amount.

### 10. CONVERTIBLE NOTE DESIGNATED AS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

A convertible note with principal amount of HK\$40,000,000 carrying coupon interest at 4% per annum with maturity date on 15 December 2011 (the "Maturity Date"), was issued BY the Kong Sun Group to the Group as part of consideration for the disposal of the Life-like Plants Operation.

The Group has the the right at any time during the conversion period to convert the whole or part of the outstanding principal amount of the convertible bond into conversion shares; and the right, at any time during the period between 20 months after the issue of the convertible note and before the Maturity Date, to redeem, the whole or part of the outstanding principal amount of the convertible note. On the other hands, the Kong Sun Group has the right, at any time during the period commencing from the date immediately following the date of issue of the convertible note up to the day immediately prior to and exclusive of the Maturity Date, to mandatorily convert the whole of the outstanding principal amount of the convertible note into conversion shares at the then applicable conversion price of HK\$0.1 per conversion share that subject to adjustment clauses in the convertible note agreement, or redeem any convertible note remaining outstanding at the Maturity Date at its nominal value. The convertible note may be transferred to any person but shall not be assigned or transferred to a connected person of the issuer.

Upon initial recognition, the Group has designated the convertible note as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss and is carried at fair value. The fair value of the convertible note on the issue date is HK\$15,520,000 based on a professional valuation performed by LCH (Asia-Pacific) Surveyors Limited ("LCH"), a firm of independent professional valuers.

At 31 December 2008, the fair value of the convertible note is HK\$8,000,000, based on the professional valuation performed by LCH. Accordingly, a loss on fair value of HK\$7,520,000 was charged to the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

### 11. DEBTORS, OTHER LOANS AND RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

At 31 December 2008, included in the Group's debtors, other loans and receivables, deposits and prepayments were trade debtors with outsiders of HK\$25,096,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$108,510,000) and trade balances with related companies of HK\$159,914,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$182,016,000). The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to 90 days to its outside trade debtors and a credit period of 45 days to its related companies.

At 31 December 2008, the Group has pledged trade balances with related companies of HK\$18,436,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$Nil) to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

The ageing analysis of trade debtors is as follows:

	31 December 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Within 30 days 31 - 60 days 61 - 90 days Over 90 days	28,110 40,743 24,913 91,244	100,278 53,085 27,322 109,841
	185,010	290,526

At 31 December 2008, included in debtors, other loans and receivables, deposits and prepayments were cash advances to related companies amounted to HK\$11,693,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$20,038,000). The amount was unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

At 31 December 2008, included in debtors, other loans and receivables, deposits and prepayments were amounts due from financial institutions amounting to HK\$6,770,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$14,159,000) resulting from the net settlements of derivative financial instruments which were in the closed out positions at period/year end. The amount of HK\$3,114,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$14,159,000) had been subsequently settled as at the date of the report.

### 11. DEBTORS, OTHER LOANS AND RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

At 31 December 2008, there was an aggregate amount of loans receivable from an independent third party amounted to HK\$44,407,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$43,909,000), which was interest-bearing at 2.5% per annum and secured by the plant and machinery of the third party. Pursuant to a loan agreement dated 3 October 2008, the loan receivable is repayable on 30 June 2009.

At 31 December 2008, there were three loans of HK\$55,426,000 in aggregate due from three independent third parties (30 June 2008: HK\$56,568,000). These loans are interest-bearing at 5% per annum or prime rate and secured by interests in coal and mineral mines located in Mongolia, of which two loans of HK\$34,984,000 in aggregate as at the balance sheet date had not been past due as at the date of the report and are repayable from 1 July 2009 to 1 September 2009. The remaining loan amounts of HK\$20,442,000 as at the balance sheet date has been subsequently settled after 31 December 2008.

### 12. BILLS RECEIVABLE

The age of bills receivable as at 31 December 2008 and 30 June 2008 is within 180 days.

	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
At date of inception and at 31 December 2008	13,445	

### 13. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLE

A promissory note in the principal amount of HK\$13,445,000 was issued to the Group by the Kong Sun Group as part of consideration for the disposal of the Life-like Plants Operations. The promissory note carried coupon interest of 4% per annum commencing from one month after the date of completion of the disposal and is receivable in one lump sum on or before six months from the date of completion of the disposal or one month after the resumption of trading of the shares of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of Kong Sun on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange whichever is earlier or such other date as mutually agreed in writing by the Group and the Kong Sun Group. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the repayment date of the promissory note is extended to 15 July 2009.

The promissory note receivable is classified as current asset and is carried at the amortised cost basis until extinguished or redemption.

### 14. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group entered into future contracts and foreign exchange forward contracts to manage the price risk of raw materials, and foreign exchange risk.

The net fair value of derivative financial liabilities at 31 December 2008 as provided by the banks or financial institutions are HK\$436,000 (30 June 2008: net fair value of derivative financial assets of HK\$253,000). All of these derivative financial instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting and fair value gain of HK\$355,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$3,067,000) has been recognised in the profit or loss for the period.

### 15. CREDITORS, OTHER ADVANCES AND ACCRUALS

At 31 December 2008, included in the balance are trade creditors with outsiders of HK\$4,145,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$19,178,000).

The ageing analysis of trade creditors is as follows:

	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 30 days	504	14,663
31 - 60 days	1,632	2,663
61 – 90 days	665	418
Over 90 days	1,344	1,434
	4,145	19,178

At 31 December 2008, included in creditors, other advances and accruals were cash advances from related companies amounted to HK\$22,482,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$Nil). The amounts were unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

### 16. BILLS PAYABLE

The age of bills payable as at 31 December 2008 and 30 June 2008 is within 180 days.

### **17. BORROWINGS**

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Group raised new borrowings of HK\$ 652,748,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$1,113,196,000) to provide for additional working capital and repaid borrowings of HK\$924,198,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$1,121,075,000). The borrowings of the Group are all due within one year and carried at floating interest rates ranging from 5% to 7% (30 June 2008: 5% to 7%) per annum.

### 18. ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

In prior years, the Group entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with independent third parties to dispose of the entire issue capital in FT China Limited and FT Fast Limited, both being indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, which carried on the Life-like Plants Operation and the consideration therefore would be settled by way of promissory note and convertible note issued by the Kong Sun Group. The disposal of the entire issue capital in FT China Limited and FT Fast Limited was completed during the current period.

The following amounts represent the assets and liabilities of the Life-like Plants Operation as at 30 June 2008:

	30 June 2008 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Property, plant and equipment	32,672
Prepaid lease payments for land	15,756
Inventories	71,669
Debtors, other loans and receivables, deposits and prepayments	2,588
Pledged bank deposits	5,536
Bank balances and cash	1,832
Impairment loss arising from adjustment to fair value less costs to sell	(28,000)
Assets classified as held for sale	102,053
Creditors, other advances and accrued charges	35,412
Bills payable	7,993
Liabilities classified as held for sale	43,405

A loss on disposal of the Life-like Plants Operation of HK\$26,512,000 (six months ended 31 December 2007: HK\$Nil) was recognised during the period based on the net assets of Life-Like Plants Operation of HK\$55,477,000 at the completion date of disposal and the fair value of the aggregate consideration of HK\$28,965,000 based on the fair value of the promissory note (Note 13) and convertible note (Note 10) issued by the Kong Sun Group to the Group upon the completion of the disposal.

### **19. SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of	
	shares	<b>Amount</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.2 each at 30 June 2008 and 1 July 2008,		
and HK\$0.05 each at 31 December 2008		
Authorised		
As at 1 July 2008 (audited)	1,500,000,000	300,000
Capital reorganisation	4,500,000,000	
As at 31 December 2008 (unaudited)	6,000,000,000	300,000
lssued and fully paid		
As at 1 July 2008 (audited)	885,306,500	177,061
Capital reorganisation	(708,245,200)	(168,208)
As at 31 December 2008 (unaudited)	177,061,300	8,853

A special resolution was passed at a special general meeting held on 15 December 2008 approving the capital reorganisation scheme (the "Scheme") of the Company. Pursuant to the Scheme the capital reorganisation involved:

- Capital Reduction: the par value of each then issued existing share was reduced from HK\$0.20 each to HK\$0.01 each by cancellation of HK\$0.19 of the paid-up capital on each of the then existing shares;
- Sub-Division: each of the then authorised but unissued shares in the capital of the Company of par value HK\$0.20 each was sub-divided into 20 shares of par value HK\$0.01 each; and
- (iii) Share Consolidation: upon completion of the capital reduction and the sub-division as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above becoming effective, every five shares of HK\$0.01 each in both the issued and unissued share capital of the Company were consolidated into one consolidated share of HK\$0.05 each.

### **19. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)**

Following the implementation of the capital reorganisation set out above, the Company's authorised share capital of HK\$300,000,000 was divided into 6,000,000 Consolidated Shares of par value HK\$0.05 each, and its issued share capital of HK\$8,853,065 divided into 177,061,300 consolidated shares of par value HK\$0.05 each.

### 20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 December	30 June
	2008	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements in respect of acquisition of:		
Plant and machinery	2,086	3,549

### 21. SHARE OPTIONS

Details of the share options outstanding during the current period are as follows:

	Number of share options	
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	(Unaudited) 67,636,000	
Cancelled and lapsed during the period	(67,636,000)	
Outstanding at the end of the period	-	

### 22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Other than those disclosed in Notes 11 and 15, during the period, the Group entered into the following transactions with related companies:

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Sales of goods	126,026	177,994
Rental income of factory premises	460	844
Rental expenses of office premises	194	90
Management fee income	561	2,216

The above transactions were determined with reference to the terms mutually agreed between the Group and the related companies.

At 31 December 2008, certain bank deposits and property, plant and equipment of the related companies of the Company with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$18,000,000 (30 June 2008: HK\$18,000,000) have been pledged against the banking facilities granted to the Group.

(b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	For the six months ended 31 December	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Directors' remuneration		
<ul> <li>Salaries, allowances and pension fund</li> </ul>		
contribution for:		
Independent non-executive directors	338	132
Executive directors	888	1,366
<ul> <li>Equity-settled share option expenses</li> </ul>		1,856
	1,226	3,354

# 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITY Environmental contingencies

To date, the Group has not incurred any significant expenditure for environmental remediation, and is currently not involved in any environmental remediation, and has not accrued any further amounts for environmental remediation relating to its operations. Under the existing legislation, management believes that there are no probable liabilities that will have a material adverse effect on the financial position or operating results of the Group and therefore, no provision was made therefore as at 31 December 2008 and 30 June 2008. The PRC government, however, has moved, and may move further towards the adoption of more stringent environmental standards. Environmental liabilities are subject to considerable uncertainties which affect the Group's ability to estimate the ultimate cost of remediation efforts. These uncertainties include (i) the exact nature and extent of the contamination at various sites including, but not limited to coal mines and land development areas, whether operating, closed or sold; (ii) the extent of required cleanup efforts; (iii) varying costs of alternative remediation strategies; (iv) changes in environmental remediation requirements; and (v) the identification of new remediation sites. The exact amount of such future cost is indeterminable due to such factors as the unknown magnitude of possible contamination and the unknown timing and extent of the corrective actions that may be required. Accordingly, the outcome of environmental liabilities under future environmental legislation cannot reasonably be estimated at present, and could be material.

### 24. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

### Asset swap

On 5 December 2008, (i) the Company, (ii) Wah Yeung Capital Resources Limited, an indirectly whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, (iii) Solartech International Holdings Limited ("Solartech"), (iv) Chau's Industrial Investments Limited, an wholly-owned subsidiary of Solartech, and (v) Chau's Electrical Company Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Solartech, entered into three sale and purchase agreements and one set-off deed (collectively the "Asset Swap"), details of which are disclosed in the Company's circular dated 31 December 2008 and Company's announcements dated 10 December 2008, 31 December 2008 and 19 January 2009. On 19 January 2009, an ordinary resolution was duly passed by the independent shareholders in the Special General Meeting. The Asset Swap was subsequently completed on 4 February 2009.

### Placement

On 22 January 2009, 104,000,000 new ordinary shares of par value HK\$0.05 each which were issued at a subscription price of HK\$0.30 each were subscribed by independent investors at an aggregate consideration, net of issuing expenses, of HK\$30,420,000 of which HK\$5,200,000 was credited to share capital and the remaining balance of HK\$25,220,000 was credited to the share premium account, details of which are disclosed in the Company's circular dated 31 December 2008 and the Company's announcements dated 10 December 2008, 31 December 2008 and 19 January 2009.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **Financial Results**

The Directors hereby announced that for the six months ended 31 December 2008 (the "period under review"), the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$1,106,404,000, representing a decrease of 29.8% over the approximately HK\$1,576,065,000 for the corresponding period last year. A loss attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$306,403,000 was also recorded, as opposed to the profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$14,979,000 for the same period last year. Basic loss per share was about HK172.9 cents (2007/08 interim: basic earnings per share of approximately HK10.0 cents (restated)). The loss was primarily attributable to (i) the consequence of the global economic downturn which led to a significant decline of the overall turnover of the Group; (ii) the loss on diminution in value of inventories of the Group and the substantial decrease in copper price since August of 2008 had affected on the selling prices of the Group's products, resulting in a negative consolidated gross margin of the Group; and (iii) provision for the impairment loss on convertible bonds.

### **Interim Dividend**

The Directors resolved not to pay any interim dividend for the year ending 30 June 2009 (2007/08 interim: nil).

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

For the period under review, copper rod business continued to be the core business of the Group and recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$995,289,000, accounted for approximately 90.0% of the Group's total turnover. Life-like plant business reported a turnover of approximately HK\$107,958,000, accounted for approximately 9.8% of total turnover, while mining business merely recorded approximately HK\$3,157,000 of turnover during the period under review, accounted for less than 1% of total turnover. By geographical segment, the PRC accounted for approximately 90.2% of the Group's total turnover, with the rest mainly originated from the American market.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW** (Continued)

### **Copper Rod Business**

The copper rod business covers the manufacturing and trading of copper rods and copper wires used primarily in producing power wires and cables for household electrical appliances, electronic products and infrastructure facilities.

Since the beginning of the second half of 2008, a number of leading financial institutions in the United States and Europe disclosed their sufferings from severe financial difficulties. The crisis had quickly dragged the global economy into a downward spiral, and the commodity market was one of the sectors which came first to be hit by the crisis. Fear of recession and the consequential drop in demand had caused significant decline in prices of commodities such as crude oil and non-ferrous metals. The copper monthly average spot price at London Metal Exchange ("LME") tumbled 65% from the peak at US\$8,685 per tonne in April 2008 to US\$3,072 per tonne in December 2008. While the drop in copper price had eased the Group's interest burden on financing raw materials purchases, it had substantially reduced the value of the Group's inventories for use in its production operation. To mitigate the risk of further loss in inventories' value due to decline in copper price, the Group had tightened its policies on stock piling and purchasing during the period under review. Its turnover and gross profit margins were directly affected by the utilisation of existing inventories purchased at substantially higher costs and the consistently falling prices of its products. During the period under review, turnover from copper rods and related products decreased approximately 33.2% from the last corresponding period to approximately HK\$995,289,000 (2007/08 interim: HK\$1,489,687,000).

Business of the Group's production facility at Kunshan City, Jiangsu Province had been stable during the period under review. It primarily manufactures high value-added downstream products, including annealed copper wires, tin-coated copper wires, stranded copper wires and copper wires of different specifications. With more corporations relocating their production bases northward to the Yangtze River Delta Region, the Kunshan facility may secure more orders from the manufacturers of electrical appliances, electronic products and wires in the region. The Group will actively identify new customers in order to further expand its sales of high value-added downstream products.

On the other hand, Fujian Jinyi Copper Products Company Limited, a joint venture of the Group, Fujian Zijin Investment Co., Ltd. and Minxi Xinghang State-owned Assets Investment Co., Ltd. established in Shang Hang County, Fujian Province, conducted a capital increase during the period under review to expand its registered capital from RMB40,000,000 to RMB200,000,000. As the Group did not participate in the capital increase, its proportionate shareholding had been reduced to 9%.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW** (Continued)

### **Mining business**

Mining operation in the iron-ore concentrated powder processing plant suspended during the Beijing Olympics (which was originally scheduled to be resumed after the end of the event) remained idle in most of the time during the period under review as the prospect of profitability from the operation was remote. This was due to the significant decline in price of iron-ore concentrated powder compared to that in early 2008 in line with the global economic downturn in the second half of the year. As a result, no contribution was made by the operation to the Group. The loss for the period under review was mainly incurred from expenses on depreciation and amortisation.

The Group considers that the price of iron-ore concentrated powder dropped irrationally due to various factors. The Group has paid close attention to the price negotiation of iron-ore concentrated powder in 2009 and the impact towards the price of iron-ore concentrated powder caused by the unprecedented economic stimulating package recently introduced by Chinese government, though which the Group could determine there is no evidence reflecting continuous impairment loss arising from mining operation.

### Life-like Plants and Others

The Group had fulfilled all the conditions precedent to the disposal of life-like plants business on 16 December 2008. Upon completion of the transaction, the Group might focus in its core business and dedicate resources to enhance the management of its core business.

### **PROSPECTS**

So far we have yet seen any sign of economic recovery in 2009, with consumer confidence remained weak and fragile. As the copper rod business of the Group requires substantial working capital to operate, and foreseeing a prolonged period of hard time in our business ahead, the Group entered into an asset swap agreement with our major shareholder Solartech International Holdings Limited on 5 December 2008, whereby the Group, upon completion of the deal, acquires Solartech's electrical cables and wires manufacturing business in Kunshan City and Shang Hang County in exchange of its own copper rod business mainly based in Dongguan City. As a result, the Group will benefit from enhancement in operational efficiency arising from common management of production facilities located in close proximity with each other, including saving in costs; greater flexibility on the part of management in allocating and mobilizing the available resources, in particular labour resources, within the same production base; as well as centralizing the banking resources of production bases under same group to allow more effective use of external financings. The Group will be better off further by its substantial reduction in bank loan. In view of the global credit crunch, lending of the Group will decrease to a more comfortable level in order to maintain a liquid position.

Following the fulfillment of all conditions precedent for the asset swap on 4 February 2009, the Group will be strengthened by the vertical integration of its business which covers copper electrical wires production and power wires and cables production.

### **PROSPECTS** (Continued)

Looking forward, in order to weather the difficult situation and explore new opportunities, the Group is stepping up its effort in risk management and cost cutting initiatives in each of its business segments. We have put in place various cost saving and expenditure reduction measures to lower the operating expenses. The Group is also committed to expand into business of high-valued downstream products which is less capital-intensive comparing to the copper rod business, and to identify more new customers in the Yangtze River Delta Region to meet the trend of manufacturers relocating their facilities northward and to explore further business opportunities.

### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 31 December 2008, the Group had approximately 700 employees in Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group's remuneration policy is reviewed periodically and determined by reference to market terms, company performance, and individual qualifications and performance. Staff benefits include medical schemes, Mandatory Provident Fund scheme for Hong Kong employees, and state-sponsored retirement plans for employees in the PRC.

### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 December 2008, the Group had cash and bank balances (including pledged bank deposits) amounting to approximately HK\$95 million (30 June 2008: HK\$174 million) and net current assets value being over HK\$7 million (30 June 2008: HK\$311 million). The Group's gearing ratio as at 31 December 2008 was 0.83 (30 June 2008: 0.85), being a ratio of total bank borrowings of approximately HK\$328 million (30 June 2008: HK\$599 million) to shareholders' funds of approximately HK\$397 million (30 June 2008: HK\$707 million).

As at 31 December 2008, the Group had pledged certain properties, plants and machineries and fixed deposits with an aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$177 million (30 June 2008: HK\$113 million) and trade balances with related companies of approximately HK\$18 million (30 June 2008: HK\$Nil) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

As at 31 December 2008, the Company had issued guarantees to the extent of approximately HK\$567 million (30 June 2008: HK\$574 million) to banks to secure general banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries, of which, approximately HK\$165 million (30 June 2008: HK\$574 million) was utilized. In addition, the Company had issued guarantees to a financial institute amounting to approximately HK\$23 million (30 June 2008: HK\$23 million) in respect of commodity trading of copper by its subsidiary.

### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES (Continued)

The functional currencies of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars and Renminbi. During the period under review, the Group entered into copper forward contracts and foreign exchange forward contracts (collectively referred as "derivative financial instruments") in accordance with its hedging policies as adopted previously. These derivative financial instruments were solely used for hedging and risk management purposes; speculation is strictly prohibited. The outstanding derivative financial instruments have to be revalued and stated at their fair value at the balance sheet date and the changes in fair value were charged to the income statement.

The net gain of the derivative financial instruments for the six months ended 31 December 2008 was approximately HK\$355,000 (2007/08 interim: net gain of HK\$3,067,000).

On 21 May 2007, the Company announced a plan to dispose its business of manufacture and trading of life-like plants to Kong Sun Holdings Limited ("Kong Sun") based on conditional sale and purchase agreement dated 19 May 2007 and several supplemental agreements thereof. On 16 December 2008, all condition precedents to the completion of the disposal of life-like plant business are met. The Company received a promissory note and convertible note ("Convertible Note") in the principal amount of HK\$13,445,000 and HK\$40,000,000 respectively issued by Kong Sun as consideration for the disposal of life-like plant business accordingly.

Upon initial recognition, the Group has designated the Convertible Note as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss and carried at fair value. The fair value of the Convertible Note on the issue date was approximately HK\$15,520,000, which was based on the valuation performed by an independent professional valuation firm. The Group recorded a loss of approximately HK\$26,512,000 on the disposal of life-like plant business during the period under review. As at 31 December 2008, the fair value of the Convertible Note was approximately HK\$8,000,000, based on the valuation performed by an independent professional valuation firm. Accordingly, a loss on fair value of HK\$7,520,000 was charged to the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

### **DISPOSAL OF LIFE-LIKE PLANT BUSINESS**

On 21 May 2007, the Company and Solartech International Holdings Limited ("Solartech") whose shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") jointly announced that Brightpower Assets Management Limited ("Brightpower"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement (the "Sale and Purchase Agreement") on 19 May 2007 with Eternal Gain Investments Limited ("Eternal Gain"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and Kong Sun, a company incorporated in Hong Kong whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange. Kong Sun is the holder of 100% shareholding of Eternal Gain. Pursuant to the Sale and Purchase Agreement, Brightpower agreed to sell and Eternal Gain agreed to purchase the entire issued share capital of each of FT Far East Limited ("FTFE") and FT China Limited ("FTC") (together the "Sale Companies"), direct wholly-owned subsidiaries of Brightpower. Under the Sale and Purchase Agreement an indebtedness in the sum of HK\$80,786,000 owed by FTFE to Brightpower was agreed to be assigned by Brightpower to Eternal Gain for an aggregate consideration of HK\$60 million. The aggregate consideration will be settled partly by way of Kong Sun executing upon the completion date a promissory note in the amount of HK\$20 million to Brightpower and partly by Kong Sun issuing upon the completion date the convertible bonds for an aggregate principal amount of HK\$40 million ("Convertible Bonds") to Brightpower or its nominees as Brightpower may direct. Pursuant to the Sale and Purchase Agreement, completion is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent on or before a long stop date, being 30 September 2007 or such other date as the parties thereto may otherwise agree.

FTFE is principally engaged in trading of life-like decorative plants and FTC is principally engaged in manufacturing of life-like decorative plants through its subsidiary in the PRC. The life-like decorative plants and related business, as engaged by the Sale Companies, is a non-core business operation of the Group operating in a totally different business model when compared to the core copper business of the Group. It occupies financial and management resources of the Group in a higher proportional weight than it should have occupied in the Group. At the same time, this operation had not generated sufficient cash flow to the Group. Accordingly, the Group decided to dispose of this non-core business operation and concentrate the Group's resources and management effort in its core copper business. The Group considered that the disposal will generate a much higher cash flow in the coming three to four years than keeping the Sale Companies within the Group. In conclusion, the Directors believed that the Group would not only benefit from a stronger working capital position after realizing the proceeds from the disposal, but also it could direct all its corporate resources previously occupied by the Sale Companies towards the development of the core copper business. This would enhance the capability of the Group in horizontal expansion and vertical integration of the core copper business. Details of the material terms of the Sales and Purchase Agreement were set out in the circular dated 8 June 2007 jointly issued by the Company and Solartech.

# DISPOSAL OF LIFE-LIKE PLANT BUSINESS (Continued)

On 20 September 2007, the Company and Solartech jointly announced that the parties to the Sale and Purchase Agreement entered into a supplemental agreement (the "First Supplement Agreement") on 19 September 2007 to (i) extend the long stop date to 31 December 2007 or such other date as the parties thereto may agree, (ii) amend certain terms of the form of the bonds instrument to be executed by Kong Sun by way of a deed poll constituting the Convertible Bonds, and (iii) amend the reference period for the profit guarantee and the net asset value guarantee made by Brightpower in the Sale and Purchase Agreement to the period commencing from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. The details of other material terms of the First Supplemental Agreement were set out in the joint announcement of the Company and Solartech dated 20 September 2007.

The long stop date was further extended by mutual agreement of the parties on a number of occasions. All condition precedents to the completion of the Sale and Purchase Agreement were fulfilled and the completion took place on 16 December 2008.

# **CHANGE OF AUDITORS**

On 2 September 2008, the Company announced that as the Company and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ("Deloitte"), the then auditors of the Group, were not able to reach an agreement in relation to the terms of engagement, in particular the level of the audit fees, in respect of the Company's audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2008, Deloitte resigned as auditors of the Group with effect from 21 August 2008. The Company received a letter of resignation from Deloitte dated 21 August 2008, in which it is stated that, in reaching a conclusion whether to continue to act for their audit clients, Deloitte has taken into account many factors including the professional risk associated with the audit, the level of audit fees and their available internal resources in light of the current work flows. In the case of the Company, Deloitte has also taken into account certain weaknesses in the internal controls in respect of the delay in the Company as identified at the time of the review of the interim results of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2007. The interim results of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2007. The interim results of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2007. The interim results of the interim publication, and were in compliance with the applicable requirements under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") in respect thereof.

Save for the above, Deloitte has confirmed that there were no circumstances connected with its resignation which should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The Directors and the Audit Committee of the Company also confirm that there are no circumstances in respect of the change of auditors which they consider should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

At the special general meeting held on 26 September 2008, the ordinary resolution proposed to approve the appointment of Shu Lun Pan Horwath Hong Kong CPA Limited ("Shu Lun Pan Horwath") as the new auditors of the Group in place of the resigned auditors, Deloitte, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, was passed by the shareholders of the Company. At the 2008 annual general meeting of the Company held on 24 November 2008, Shu Lun Pan Horwath has been appointed as the auditors of the Company.

### DEEMED DISPOSAL OF INTEREST IN FUJIAN JINYI

On 17 October 2008, Master Achieve Enterprises Limited ("Master Achieve"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a capital increase agreement ("Capital Increase Agreement") with other shareholders of Fujian Jinyi, namely Minxi Xinghang and Fujian Zijin Investment Co., Ltd. ("Zijin Investment"), for an increase in capital of Fujian Jinyi. Before the Capital Increase Agreement, Fujian Jinyi's registered capital was RMB40 million. After completion of the Capital Increase Agreement, Fujian Jinyi's registered capital would be increased to RMB200 million. Fujian Jinyi intended to use the proceeds to increase its production capacity from 10,000 tonnes copper pipes to 40,000 tonnes copper pipes per year. Fujian Jinyi is mainly engaged in the production and sale of copper pipes in Shang Hang County, Fujian Province.

Pursuant to the Capital Increase Agreement, Minxi Xinghang and Zijin Investment agreed to increase their equity interests in Fujian Jinyi by contributing additional amounts of RMB78 million and RMB82 million respectively. Master Achieve will not contribute in this capital increase but has a right to buy-back the equity proportionally from Minxi Xinghang and Zijin Investment to restore to its ownership of 45% equity interest in Fujian Jinyi within two years from the day that Fujian Jinyi achieves its full scale of production. The consideration will be the original cost plus interest with reference to the bank's basic lending rate. Upon the completion of the Capital Increase Agreement, Master Achieve's equity interest in Fujian Jinyi decreased from 45% to 9%. The Group recorded a gain on deemed disposal of Fujian Jinyi of approximately HK\$7,466,000 during the period under review.

### **CAPITAL REORGANIZATION AND CHANGE OF BOARD LOT SIZE**

On 5 November 2008, the Company put forward to its shareholders a proposal for the capital reorganization ("Capital Reorganization") and a proposal to change the board lot size for trading in the ordinary shares of the Company from 2,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.20 each in the existing issued share capital of the Company ("Existing Shares") to 10,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.05 each in the share capital of the Company ("Consolidated Shares") immediately after the Capital Reorganization becoming effective.

The Capital Reorganization involved (i) capital reduction: the reduction of the par value of each existing share from HK\$0.20 to HK\$0.01 by the cancellation of HK\$0.19 of the paid-up capital on each existing share; (ii) subdivision: the sub-division of each of the authorised but unissued shares in the capital of the Company of par value HK\$0.20 into 20 shares of par value HK\$0.01 each; and (iii) share consolidation: upon completion of the capital reduction and the sub-division becoming effective, the consolidation of every five shares of HK\$0.01 each in both the issued and unissued share capital of the Company into one consolidated share of HK\$0.05.

Following the implementation of the Capital Reorganisation set out above, the Company's authorised share capital was HK\$300,000,000 divided into 6,000,000 shares of par value HK\$0.05 each, and its issued share capital was HK\$8,853,065 divided into 177,061,300 shares of par value HK\$0.05 each. The aggregate amount of HK\$168,208,235 arising from the above Capital Reorganisation was transferred to the Company's contributed surplus account.

# CAPITAL REORGANIZATION AND CHANGE OF BOARD LOT SIZE (Continued)

Details of the Capital Reorganization and change of board lot size were set out in the circular of the Company dated 20 November 2008.

All conditions of the Capital Reorganisation have been met. The Capital Reorganisation became effective on 16 December 2008 and the consolidated Shares commenced trading on the Stock Exchange from 9:30 a.m. on 16 December 2008.

### **ASSET SWAP**

On 5 December 2008, the Company, Wah Yeung Capital Resources Limited ("Wah Yeung"), a subsidiary of the Company, Solartech, Chau's Industrial Investments Limited ("Chau's Industrial"), a subsidiary of Solartech, and Chau's Electrical Company Limited ("Chau's Electrical"), a subsidiary of Solartech, entered into agreements (together "Asset Swap Agreements") which govern the asset swap between the Company and Solartech. The Asset Swap Agreements comprised four agreements, details of which are set out below.

Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 5 December 2008 entered into between Wah Yeung, Solartech and the Company, Solartech agreed to acquire from Wah Yeung (i) the one share of HK\$1 in the issued share capital of Modern China Enterprises Limited ("Modern China") which represented its entire issued share capital; and (ii) the 5,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each in the issued share capital of Hua Yi Copper Products Company Limited ("HY Products") which represent its entire issued share capital and the unsecured and interest-free shareholder's loan ("HY Products Shareholder's Loan") owed by HY Products and its subsidiary ("HY Products Group") to Wah Yeung for a consideration of approximately HK\$189.6 million ("HY Subsidiaries Consideration") (subject to the set-off arrangement and adjustments) (the "HY Subsidiaries Agreement").

Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 5 December 2008 entered into between Chau's Industrial, the Company and Solartech, the Company agreed to acquire from Chau's Industrial the 1,000 shares of HK\$1 each in the issued share capital of Solartech Enterprises Limited ("Solartech Enterprises") which represent its entire issued share capital and the unsecured and interest-free shareholder's loan ("Solartech Enterprises Shareholder's Loan") owed by Solartech Enterprises and its subsidiary ("Solartech Enterprises Group") to Chau's Industrial for a consideration of approximately HK\$101.0 million ("Solartech Enterprises Consideration") (subject to the set-off arrangement and adjustments) (the "Solartech Enterprises Agreement").

### **ASSET SWAP** (Continued)

Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 5 December 2008 entered into between Chau's Electrical, the Company and Solartech, the Company agreed to acquire from Chau's Electrical the one share of HK\$1 in the issued share capital of Fund Resources Limited ("Fund Resources") and the unsecured and interest-free shareholder's loan ("Fund Resources Shareholder's Loan") owing by Fund Resources and its subsidiary ("Fund Resources Group") to Chau's Electrical for a consideration of approximately HK\$77.1 million ("Fund Resources Consideration") (subject to the set-off arrangement and adjustments) (the "Fund Resources Agreement").

Pursuant to the deed of set-off and transition arrangements dated 5 December 2008 entered into between Solartech, Chau's Industrial, Chau's Electrical, the Company and Wah Yeung (the "Set-off Deed"), all parties to the Asset Swap Agreements agreed to facilitate the settlement of the considerations payable by the relevant purchasers under HY Subsidiaries Agreement, Solartech Enterprises Agreement and Fund Resources Agreement intended to take place simultaneously. Pursuant to the terms of the Set-off Deed, the payment obligation of Solartech for the HY Subsidiaries Consideration shall be set-off against the payment obligation of the Company for the aggregate of the Solartech Enterprises Consideration and the Fund Resources Consideration with the difference to be settled in cash.

The consideration paid at completion was subject to the adjustments to be determined following delivery of the respective unaudited consolidated balance sheets of Modern China and its subsidiaries, HY Products Group, Solartech Enterprises and its subsidiary and Fund Resources and its subsidiary as at the date of completion.

Details of the material terms of the Asset Swap Agreements were set out in the circular dated 31 December 2008 ("Circular") issued by the Company.

At the special general meeting held on 19 January 2009, the ordinary resolution proposed to approve the Asset Swap Agreements as contemplated in the Circular was duly passed by the shareholders of the Company.

All conditions of the Asset Swap Agreements have been met and the completion took place on 4 February 2009.

### PLACING OF 104,000,000 NEW SHARES

On 5 December 2008, the Company and Kingston Securities Limited entered into a placing agreement to place 104,000,000 new ordinary shares of par value of HK\$0.05 each in the capital of the Company ("Shares") at a price of HK\$0.30 per Share on a best effort basis (the "New Shares Placing"). The net proceeds from the New Shares Placing of approximately HK\$30.3 million were intended to be used as general working capital of the Group. The issuance of the Shares under the New Shares Placing was subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company to grant a specific mandate in respect of such issuance (the "Specific Mandate"). At the special general meeting held on 19 January 2009, the shareholders approved to grant the Specific Mandate. Pursuant to the Specific Mandate, the New Shares Placing was completed on 22 January 2009 and a total of 104,000,000 Shares were issued.

Details of the New Shares Placing were set out in the announcement dated 10 December 2008 and the circular dated 31 December 2008 issued by the Company.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

As at 31 December 2008, the interests and short positions of each director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and futures Ordinance ("SFO")), as recorded in the register kept under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies contained in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), were as follows:

### Long positions in the shares of the Company

Name of director	Class of shares	Capacity in which the shares are held	Number of issued ordinary shares beneficially held	Number of shares underlying share options	Percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Mr. Chau Lai Him	Ordinary Shares	Beneficial owner	578,800	-	0.33%

Other than as disclosed above, none of the directors and chief executives of the Company had any interest or short position in any share, underlying share or debenture of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) at 31 December 2008.

# **OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

So far as is known to any of the directors and chief executives of the Company, as at 31 December 2008, persons other than a director or a chief executive of the Company who had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, were as follows:

### Long position in the shares of the Company

	Number of issued ordinary shares held		
	Corporate	Approximate	
Name	interest	shareholding	
Solartech	80,426,375	45.42%	
Skywalk Assets Management Limited ("Skywalk") (Note)	80,426,375	45.42%	
Belleview Global Limited	20,000,000	11.30%	

*Note:* Given Skywalk is a wholly owned subsidiary of Solartech, Solartech was deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held directly by virtue of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, so far as is known to any of the directors and chief executives of the Company, as at 31 December 2008, no other person other than a director or a chief executive of the Company had any interest or short position in any shares or underlying shares of the Company which was recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

### **SHARE OPTIONS**

On 4 December 2003, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") which replaced its old share option scheme adopted in 1996. At the annual general meeting held on 24 November 2008, an ordinary resolution to approve the cancellation of all outstanding share options granted but not exercised was duly passed by the shareholders of the Company. All conditions to the cancellation of outstanding share options granted under the Share Option Scheme were fulfilled and all the share options granted but not exercised were cancelled on 24 November 2008.

# SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

The following table sets out the changes in the Company's outstanding share options under the New Share Option Scheme during the six months ended 31 December 2008:

					Number of share options		
					Lapsed	Cancelled	
			Exercise	Outstanding at	during	during C	lutstanding at
Capacity	Date of grant	Exercise period	price HK\$	1.7.2008	the period	the period	31.12.2008
Employees	9 December 2005	1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008	0.275	336,000	-	(336,000)	-
Others	9 December 2005	1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008	0.275	4,000,000	(4,000,000)	-	-
Others	6 April 2006	1 May 2006 to 30 April 2011	0.495	30,600,000	(30,600,000)	-	-
Directors	5 November 2007	1 February 2008 to 31 January 2011	0.910	7,500,000	-	(7,500,000)	-
Employees	5 November 2007	1 February 2008 to 31 January 2011	0.910	10,200,000	-	(10,200,000)	-
Others	5 November 2007	1 August 2008 to 31 July 2011	0.910	15,000,000	(15,000,000)		_
				67,636,000	(49,600,000)	(18,036,000)	

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold, or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 31 December 2008.

# **COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("CG Code") in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules except for the deviation from code provisions A.2.1 and A.4.1 of the CG Code which is explained below.

# COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES (Continued)

Under code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the role of the chairman and the chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the period under review, Mr. Chau Lai Him acts as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company. Mr. Chau is the founder of the Group and has extensive industry experience. Mr. Chau is responsible for effective running of the board and for formulating business strategies. The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Group to have Mr. Chau to continue to be the executive chairman and that the current management structure has been effective in the development of the Group and implementation of business strategies under the leadership of Mr. Chau. The Directors will continue to review the effectiveness of the Group's corporate governance structure to assess whether changes, including the separation of the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer, are necessary.

Under code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. The existing independent non-executive directors of the Company were not appointed for a specific term as required under code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. As such, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company has good corporate governance practices.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry of all directors of the Company, all the directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee currently comprises Mr. Chung Kam Kwong, Mr. Lee Kin Keung and Mr. Lo Chao Ming, all of whom are independent non-executive directors of the Company. The Audit Committee has adopted terms of reference which are in line with the code provisions of the CG Code. The Audit Committee and external auditors have reviewed the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 31 December 2008 and agreed with the accounting treatment adopted.

On behalf of the Board Chau Lai Him Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong SAR, 23 March 2009

As at the date of this report, the board of the Company comprises Mr. Chau Lai Him, Mr. Chu Yuk Kuen and Mr. Chan Sio Keong being the executive directors and Mr. Chung Kam Kwong, Mr. Lee Kin Keung and Mr. Lo Chao Ming being the independent non-executive directors.