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ZHONGSHENG GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

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INTERIM REPORT

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Corporate Information

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Mr. Ng Yuk Keung (Chairman)
Mr. Shen Jinjun
Mr. Leng Xuesong

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Mr. Shigeno Tomihei (Chairman)
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Mr. Shen Jinjun

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Mr. Shen Jinjun (Chairman)
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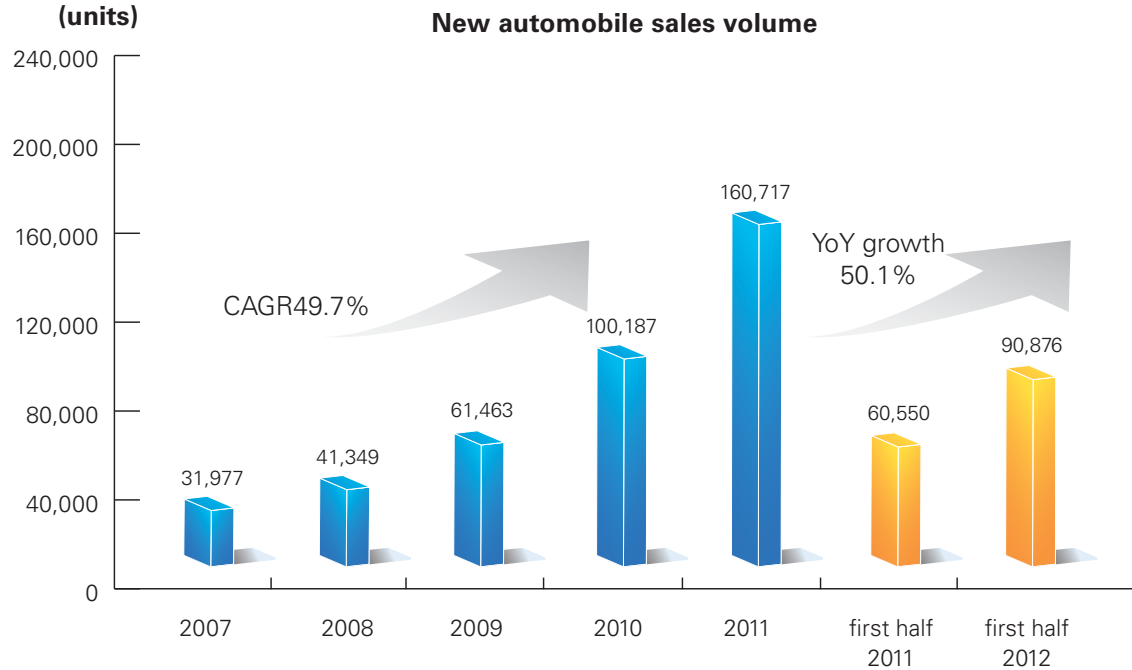
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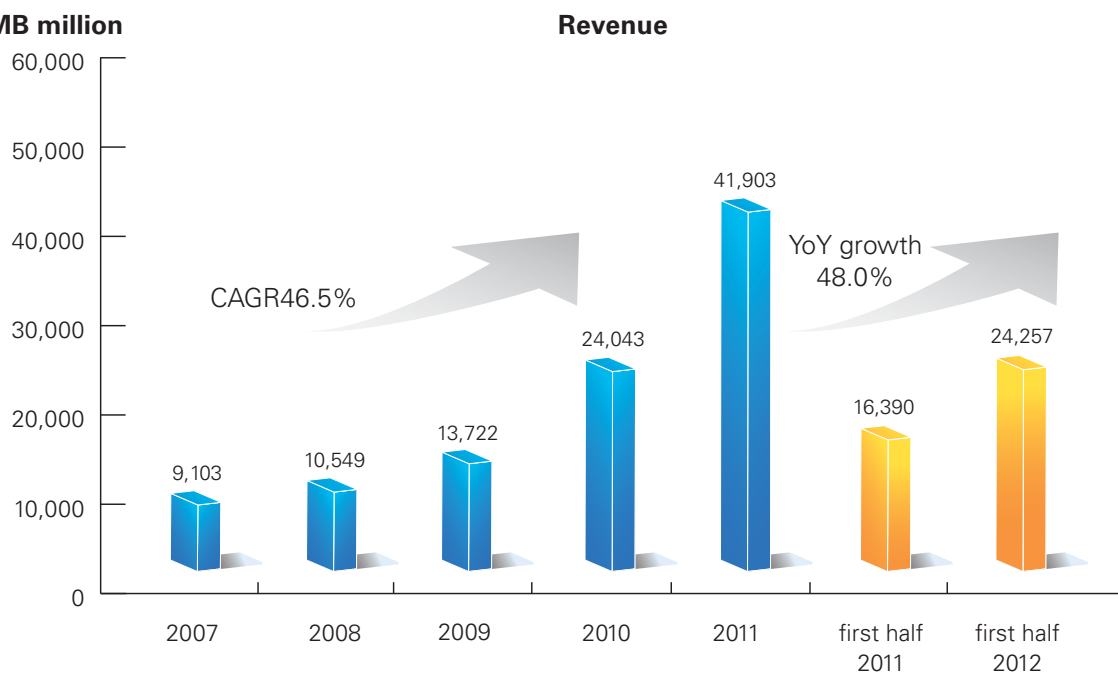
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Financial Highlights

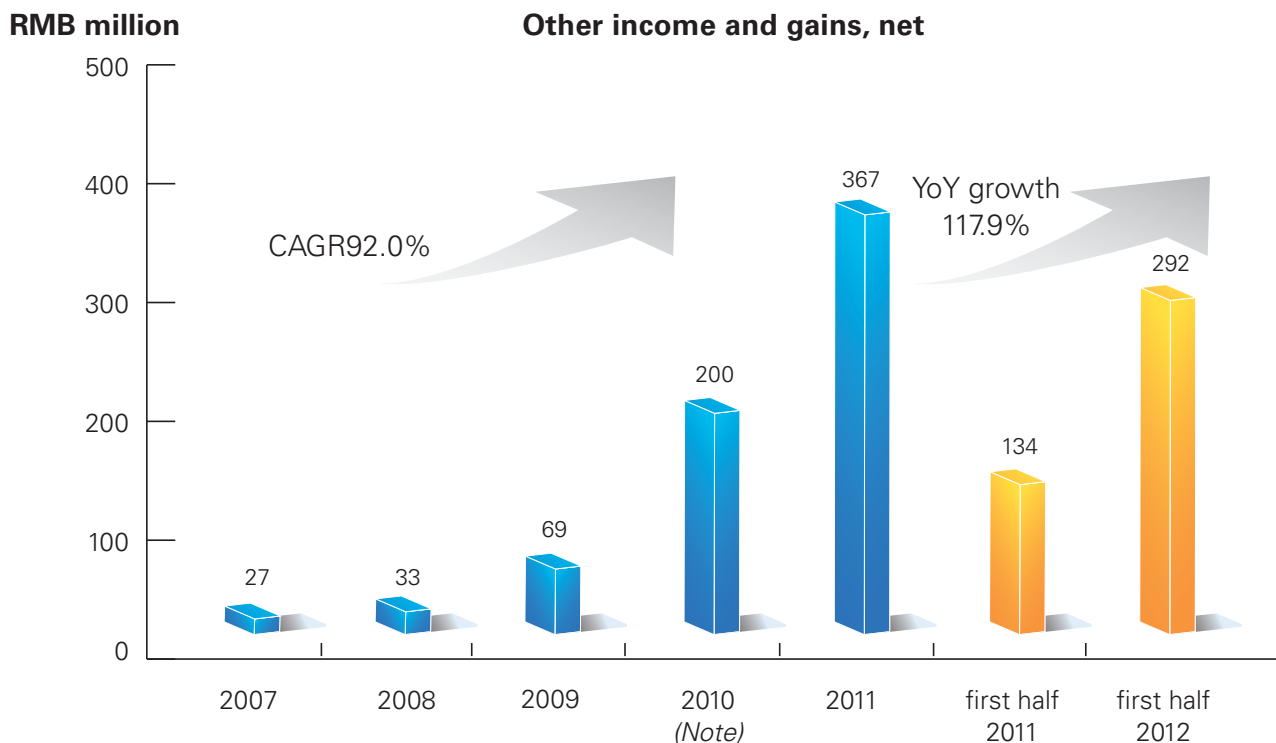
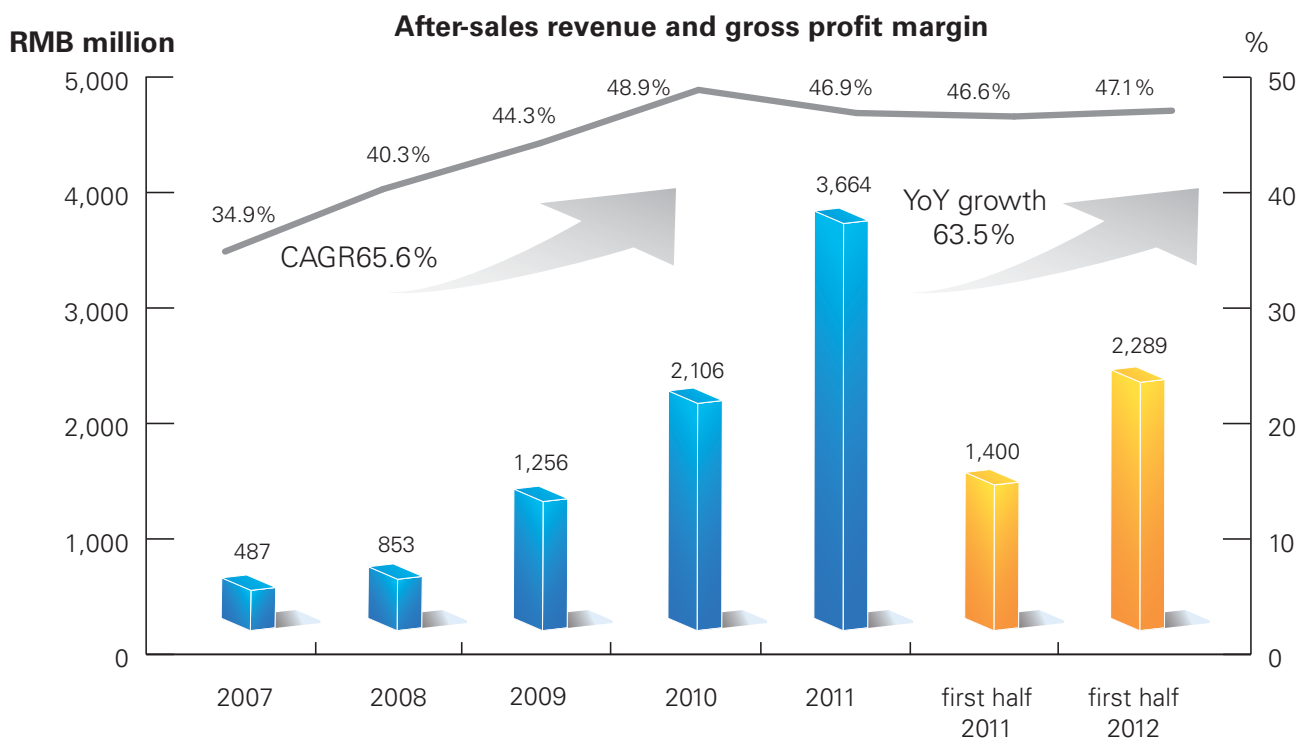
Sale of motor vehicles (units)



RMB million



Financial Highlights



Note: Excluding the non-recurring gains of RMB122 million in 2010 arising from disposal of land use rights, property, plant and equipment and a subsidiary.

Chairman's Statement

Adhering to the motto of “Zhongsheng Group – Lifetime Partner”, Zhongsheng will provide advanced after-sales services based on its well-balanced portfolio of luxury brands and mid-to-high-end brands and its nationwide network of dealerships, win more customers' recognition with quality services and further promote its position in the industry.



Huang Yi
Chairman

Chairman's Statement

Dear honourable shareholders,

On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board") of Zhongsheng Group Holdings Limited ("Zhongsheng" or the "Company"), I am pleased to present the interim report of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

During the first half of 2012, despite the unclear economic environment, Zhongsheng achieved continuous and steady development and was widely recognized with our remitting efforts. The Group was selected as a constituent stock of Hang Seng Mainland 100 Index in March 2012 and thus became one of the performance indexes of mainland China companies in the Hong Kong stock market. Such privilege enhanced the reputation and corporate image of the Group, helped investors better assess our future development potentials and increased our prestige and influence in the international capital market.

Due to China's economic slowdown, the overall growth of China's new automobile sales flattened in the first half of 2012. However, benefiting from the development of China's urbanization process and the continuous increase of per capita disposable income, China has become the world's largest new passenger vehicle market for three consecutive years. Compared to other well-developed major passenger vehicle markets, the penetration rate of passenger vehicles in China is lower while the demand for passenger vehicles remains increasing. As such, there is still tremendous market demand for new passenger vehicles and related after-sales services. We remain a positive view on the prospects of China's passenger vehicles market.

The Group actively expanded business in different sectors, penetrated into more markets by virtue of its leading position in the industry, and made great progress in both new automobiles sales business and after-sales services, which brought our unique advantages into full play. In the first half of 2012, the Group recorded a revenue of RMB24,257 million, representing an increase of 48.0% from RMB16,390 million for the corresponding period in 2011. Revenue from after-sales business increased 63.5% to RMB2,289 million.

To consolidate and expand our market shares in various cities and capitalize on our competitive edge, we have further expanded our existing dealerships network by organic growth and strategic acquisitions. As at the date of this interim report, the Group has 153 dealerships, including 48 luxury brand stores and 105 mid-to-high end brand stores, representing an addition of 13 dealerships as compared to the end of 2011. Our dealership network now covers 15 provinces and nearly 60 cities in China.

According to China Automobile Dealers Association, based on the Group's revenue in 2011, Zhongsheng successfully ranked as one of China's top five automobile dealers, which not only attests to our business scale and operating conditions, but also lays a firm foundation for our future business expansion. Benefiting from the policy of the PRC government to foster three to five large-scale automobile dealership enterprises and by virtue of the Group's leading position in the industry, we believe that we will have more opportunities for our future growth.

We will continue to strengthen the Group's internal control and business integration, so as to enhance the Group's core competitiveness. We provide various internal and external trainings for our senior management, general managers of our dealerships, middle-level executives as well as other employees, so as to improve the management capability and quality throughout the Group and grow more "Quality" employees into "Outstanding" ones. In addition, advanced performance appraisal and incentive measures are introduced to encourage employees to improve themselves and make breakthroughs by achieving better performance. As our enterprise's scale grows in size, we will utilise the unique features of our ERP platform to further optimise our management system and process, improve our management standards, lower costs and consequently enhance the effectiveness, so as to ensure better services to our customers.

Chairman's Statement

Looking forward, we expect that, due to the intense market competition, the automobile dealership industry will experience further integration and develop into a more sophisticated stage. Adhering to the motto of "Zhongsheng Group – Lifetime Partner", Zhongsheng will provide advanced after-sales services based on its well-balanced portfolio of luxury brands and mid-to-high-end brands and its nationwide network of dealerships, win more customers' recognition with quality services and further promote its position in the industry. Given the general economic situation, we will actively capitalize on various business opportunities for sustainable development, strengthen the core businesses of the Group and consolidate our leading position in the industry. Meanwhile, we will also continue to expand our dealerships network and enlarge our business scale and brand portfolio by organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

In the first half of 2012, the Company achieved stable development. This should be credited to the loyal services and contribution of all employees of the Group and the support and encouragement from all shareholders and business partners. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the endeavors and dedication of all of you.

Huang Yi

Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2012



Management Discussion and Analysis

MARKET REVIEW

The growth of passenger vehicles market in China flattened in the first half of 2012. According to the statistics of China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (中國汽車工業協會), the sales of automobiles in China amounted to 9.60 million units for the six months ended 30 June 2012, representing an increase of 2.9% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The sales of passenger vehicles reached 7.61 million units, representing an increase of approximately 7.1% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. The growth of sport utility vehicles (“SUV”) remained strong, representing an increase of 32.0% as compared to the corresponding period last year. Through increasing the number of new dealerships as well as organic growth of our existing dealerships, our new automobile sales volume exceeded ninety thousand units in the first half of 2012, representing an increase of 50% as compared to the corresponding period last year. We significantly outperformed the industry average.

In the market analysis and forecast report with respect to the automobiles market in 2012 published by China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, it was stated that, assuming the macro-economic environment becomes positive in the second half of 2012, and there is no extensive policy introduced to limit the consumption of automobiles, the sales of passenger vehicles in China is expected to exceed 16 million units for the full year of 2012, representing an increase of 11.1% as compared with last year. Furthermore, starting from the second quarter of this year, the automobile brands we sell, including Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, Audi and Dongfeng Honda, launched a series of new automobile models and achieved impressive sales performance. According to our past experience, the second half of the year is traditionally a peak season for automobile sales. Hence, we remain cautiously optimistic about the sales outlook for the second half of this year.

At the beginning of this year, automobile manufacturers set relatively aggressive sales target due to the launch of new automobile models and expansion of production capacity. As a result, the supply of new automobiles and the inventory level of automobile dealers increased as compared with last year. In order to attract more customers, a larger discount for new automobiles was offered. As such, the gross profit margin of new automobile sales for automobile dealers were affected to certain extent in the first half of this year.

Since 2009, China has become the world biggest new passenger vehicle market for three consecutive years. The huge sales volume of new automobiles and expanding customer base have been driving the high growth of after-sales market. During the past five years, our after-sales revenue increased from RMB487 million in 2007 to RMB3,664 million in 2011, representing a CAGR of 65.6%. We believe that our highly visible and high-margin after-sales business will continue to maintain solid growth, and will account for a larger portion in our overall revenue and profit structure in the future.

Toyota regained its position as the world number one automaker with 4.97 million units of sales volume in the first half of 2012, of which more than 440,000 units were sold in China, representing an increase of approximately 25% as compared to the corresponding period last year. As the largest dealership group of Toyota in China, we will continue to maintain our entrenched business relationship with Toyota and strive for excellent future performance.

In the Guiding Opinions on Promoting the Development of Automobile Circulation Industry during the 12th Five-Year Planning Period as published earlier by the Ministry of Commerce, it was stated that, the PRC government will foster three to five large-scale automobile dealership groups with revenue from principal business of over RMB100 billion during the 12th Five-Year planning period. We believe, due to intense competition, the profitability of small-to-medium size automobile dealers and their operating environment will become more challenging, resulting in accelerated integration and consolidating in the automobile dealership industry. It will be an irreversible trend within the industry to foster and develop large-scale automobile dealership groups via industry consolidation.

Management Discussion and Analysis

BUSINESS REVIEW

Strategic Expansion of Dealership Network

The Group proactively captured market opportunities and expanded its existing dealership network through its own organic growth and external acquisitions, resulting in further enhancement and consolidation of our market share and positioning in a number of regions and establishment of our strategic dealership network. Our existing dealerships are primarily concentrated in cities with relatively affluent populations and strong consumption power in the northeastern, eastern and southern coastal regions, as well as selected inland regions of China. During the period under review, the Group completed the acquisition of the remaining 20% equity interest in Loong Wah Motors (Cayman) Co., Ltd. and now holds 100% equity interest in it. This acquisition enhanced the Group's competitive positioning in Japanese luxury and mid-to-high-end automobile brands in Zhejiang and Guangdong of China. Since the beginning of this year, we have set up eleven new dealerships in Shandong, Zhejiang, Fujian and Sichuan, etc, including three luxury brand dealerships and eight mid-to-high-end brand dealerships. Moreover, we successfully acquired one Mercedes-Benz dealership and one FAW-Toyota dealership in Guangdong and Fujian.

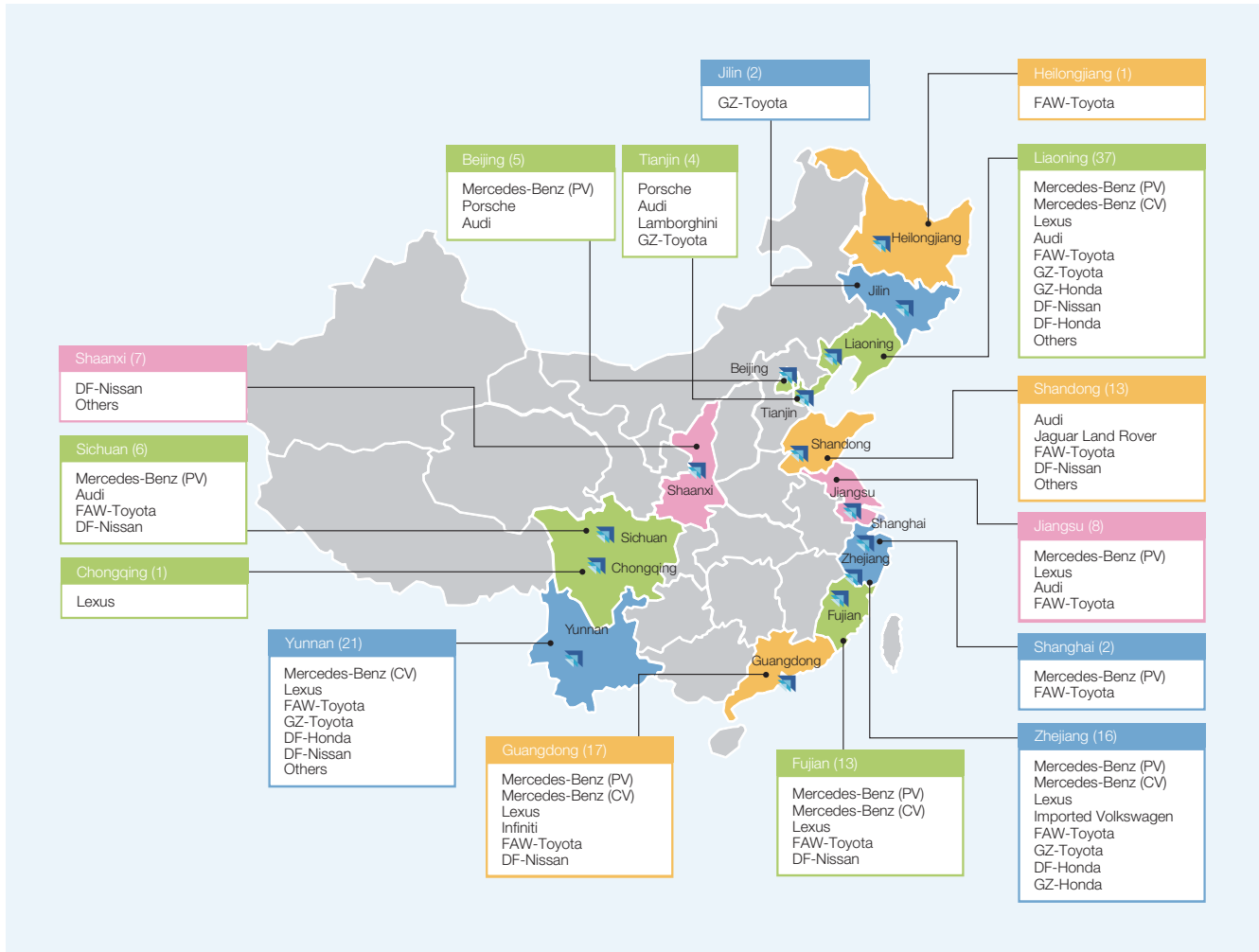


Li Guoqiang

*Vice-Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer*

Management Discussion and Analysis

As at the date of this interim report, our nationwide network has reached 153 dealerships, of which 48 dealerships are luxury brands and 105 dealerships are mid-to-high-end brands.



Management Discussion and Analysis

	As at the date of 2011 Annual Report	As at the date of this interim report	Change
Northeastern region	37	40	+3
Northern region	9	9	–
Eastern region	36	39	+3
Southern region	26	30	+4
Southwestern and Northwestern inland regions	32	35	+3
Total	140	153	+13

Optimization of Brand Portfolio

With the increasing consumption power of middle class in China, the Group focuses on luxury brands as well as mid-to-high-end brands in order to satisfy customers' demand. Some consumers have started to purchase their second car and are considering automobiles for outdoor activities. In order to capture the opportunities arising from the high-end SUV market, the Group successfully set up the first 4S dealership of Jaguar Land Rover, an international luxury SUV brand, in 2012. The brand portfolio of the Group now includes luxury brands, such as Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, Porsche, Audi, Lamborghini, Infiniti, imported Volkswagen and Jaguar Land Rover as well as mid-to-high-end brands such as Toyota, Nissan and Honda.

Further Development of After-Sales Services

With increasing number of our dealerships and new automobile sales volume, our customer base has expanded rapidly and our customers have higher expectations for better after-sales services quality. More and more consumers of luxury brands are now pursuing personalized retrofitting and tuning of automobiles. As such, the Group acquired a 70% equity interest in Carlsson Autotechnik GmbH, a world class automobile tuning company. The acquisition extended our business scope from traditional automobile dealership to new areas of professional automobile tuning as well as design and production of automobile accessories, and enabled us to tap further into the industry chain of automobile after-sales market.

Furthermore, in March 2012, Zhongsheng (Dalian) Group Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of our Group in China, entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with China Guangfa Bank Co., Ltd., which strengthened our automobile financing agency service business.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was RMB24,257 million, representing an increase of RMB7,867 million or 48.0% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. This increase was primarily due to the increase in the number of our dealerships and also the continuous stable growth of new automobile sales and after-sales business of our existing dealerships. Revenue from new automobile sales amounted to RMB21,968 million, representing an increase of RMB6,978 million or 46.6% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Revenue from after-sales business amounted to RMB2,289 million, representing an increase of RMB889 million or 63.5% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011.

Our new automobile sales business accounted for a substantial portion of our revenue, representing 90.6% (corresponding period in 2011: 91.5%) of our revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2012. The remaining portion of our revenue during the period was generated by our after-sales business which increased from 8.5% of our total revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2011 to 9.4% for the corresponding period this year. All of our revenue is derived from our business located in the PRC.

Management Discussion and Analysis

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, revenue from sales of our luxury brand automobiles amounted to RMB12,385 million (corresponding period in 2011: RMB7,595 million), accounting for 56.4% (corresponding period in 2011: 50.7%) of our revenue from new automobile sales. Revenue from sales of mid-to-high-end brand automobiles amounted to RMB9,583 million (corresponding period in 2011: RMB7,395 million), accounting for 43.6% (corresponding period in 2011: 49.3%) of our revenue from new automobile sales.

In terms of revenue from new automobile sales, Toyota and Mercedes-Benz are our top two selling brands, representing approximately 26% and 24% of our total revenue from new automobile sales, respectively (corresponding period in 2011: 29% and 20%, respectively).

Cost of Sales and Services

Cost of sales and services for the six months ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB22,077 million, representing an increase of RMB7,393 million or 50.3% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Costs attributable to our new automobile sales business amounted to RMB20,867 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012, representing an increase of RMB6,930 million or 49.7% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Costs attributable to our after-sales business amounted to RMB1,210 million for the six months ended 30 June 2012, representing an increase of RMB463 million or 62.0% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011.

Gross Profit

Our gross profit for the six months ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB2,180 million, representing an increase of RMB474 million or 27.8% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Gross profit from new automobile sales business amounted to RMB1,101 million, representing an increase of RMB48 million or 4.6% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Gross profit from after-sales services was RMB1,079 million, representing an increase of RMB426 million or 65.2% as compared to the corresponding period of 2011. For the six months ended 30 June 2012, gross profit from our after-sales services accounted for 49.5% of the total gross profit (corresponding period in 2011: 38.3%).

Our gross profit margin for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was 9.0% (corresponding period in 2011: 10.4%). The gross profit margin of new automobile sales business was 5.0% (corresponding period in 2011: 7.0%). The decrease in gross profit margin of new automobile sales business was primarily due to more promotional discounts offered to customers in the first half of 2012. The gross profit margin of after-sales services increased to 47.1% (corresponding period in 2011: 46.6%), which is due to better optimization of our brand portfolio as well as improving operational efficiency of the Group's dealerships.

Other Income and Gains, Net

Our other income and gains for the six months ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB292 million, representing an increase of RMB158 million or 117.9% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Our other income and gains mainly consisted of commission income from automobile insurance agency and automobile financing agency services, advertisement subsidies received from automobile manufacturers, gains from used automobile trading business and interest income, etc.

Profit from Operations

Our profit from operations for the six months ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB1,073 million, representing an increase of RMB33 million or 3.2% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Our operating profit margin for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was 4.4% (corresponding period in 2011: 6.3%).

Profit for the Period under Review

Our profit for the six months ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB406 million, representing a decrease of RMB211 million or 34.2% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011. Our profit margin for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was 1.7% (corresponding period in 2011: 3.8%).

Profit Attributable to Equity Holders of Our Parent

Our profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the six months ended 30 June 2012 was RMB371 million, representing a decrease of RMB140 million or 27.4% as compared to the corresponding period in 2011.

Management Discussion and Analysis

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Flow

We primarily use cash to pay for new automobiles, spare parts and automobile accessories, to repay our indebtedness, to fund our working capital and daily operating expenses, and to establish new 4S dealerships and acquire additional 4S dealerships. We finance our liquidity needs mainly through a combination of cash flows generated from our operating activities and bank loans and other borrowings.

We believe that our future liquidity demand will continue to be satisfied by using a combination of cash flow generated from our operating activities, bank loans and other borrowings and other funds raised from the capital markets from time to time in the future.

Cash Flow Used in Operating Activities

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, our net cash used in operating activities was RMB2,192 million. We generated RMB1,306 million net cash from operating profit before working capital movement and tax payment. The increase in working capital of RMB3,289 million was actually financed by our bank loans and other borrowings.

Cash Flow Used in Investing Activities

For the six months period ended 30 June 2012, our net cash used in investing activities was RMB1,757 million.

Cash Generated from Financing Activities

For the six months ended 30 June 2012, our net cash generated from financing activities was RMB3,340 million which was mostly used to finance our increased demand for working capital.

Net Current Assets and Current Liabilities

As at 30 June 2012, we had net current liabilities of RMB628 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB887 million from our net current assets as at 31 December 2011. The decrease in our net current assets was primarily due to the investment in dealerships as a result of our organic growth and acquisitions.

Capital Expenditures and Investment

Our capital expenditures comprised expenditures on property, plant and equipment and land use rights. For the six months ended 30 June 2012, our total capital expenditures were RMB706 million.

Inventory Analysis

Our inventories primarily consisted of new automobiles, spare parts and automobile accessories. Generally, each of our 4S dealerships individually manages the quotas and orders for new automobiles and after-sales products. We also coordinate and aggregate orders for automobile accessories and other automobile-related products across our 4S dealership network. We manage our quotas and inventory levels through our information technology systems, including our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

Our inventories increased from RMB6,380 million as at 31 December 2011 to RMB8,388 million as at 30 June 2012, primarily due to the increase in newly established dealerships as well as the increase in average inventory turnover days during the period.

Management Discussion and Analysis

The following table sets forth our average inventory turnover days for the periods indicated:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2012	2011
Average inventory turnover days	57.0	45.8

As at 30 June 2012, our new automobile inventory was thirty-one thousand units. We sold approximately eighteen thousand units of new automobiles in July 2012. Therefore, our effective new automobile inventory turnover days was 51.7 days as at 30 June 2012.

Bank Loans and Other Borrowings

Our bank loans and other borrowings as at 30 June 2012 were RMB13,263 million. Our bank loans and other borrowings increased during the period under review primarily due to satisfying our stronger demand for capital as a result of continuous growth in the number of our dealerships and the rise of our new automobile inventory levels.

Interest Rate Risk and Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The Group currently has not used any derivatives to hedge interest rate risk. The operations of the Group are mainly carried out in the PRC with most transactions settled in RMB. Certain cash and bank deposits of the Group are denominated in RMB. The Group has not used any long-term contracts, currency borrowings or other means to hedge its foreign currency exposure.

Employee and Remuneration Policy

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had 17,497 employees. The Group strives to offer good working environment, a diversified range of training programs as well as an attractive remuneration package to our employees. The Group endeavours to motivate our employees with performance-based remuneration. On top of base salary, the Group will reward employees with outstanding performance by way of cash bonuses, share options, honorary awards or a combination of the above to further align the interests of our employees and the Company, to attract talented individuals, and to create long-term incentive for our employees.

Pledge of the Group's Assets

The Group pledged its assets as securities for bank and other loan and banking facilities which were used to finance daily business operation. As at 30 June 2012, the pledged group assets amounted to approximately RMB5,224 million.

Future Outlook and Strategies

As China's leading "one-stop automobile service provider", we will focus on the market dynamics and capture early market opportunities. We will continue to strengthen our after-sales business and explore value in the industry chain based on our continuous growth in customer base.

As to the expansion of dealership network, we will continue to enlarge our business scale through expansion and strategic acquisitions, proactively explore new automobile brands with potentials to further diversify our brand portfolio, and capitalize the development trend in the passenger vehicle market. We plan to focus our development on luxury brands in more mature first and second tier cities, and mid-to-high-end automobile brands in third and fourth tier cities which have broader room for development. This will allow us to capture market opportunities arising from different regions.

Apart from increasing new automobile sales, the Group will also continue to develop our after-sales service business and used car business. After-sales service would enable us to generate stable income to the Group and help build long-term relationship with our customers. Used car business is also a significant business area with considerable growth potential. We believe that quality after-sales services is an important factor for customers to select the dealership. Therefore, we will adhere to our motto of "Zhongsheng Group – Lifetime Partner" and develop after-sales services and used car business as integral part of our dealership operation model, which will continue to make positive contribution to the Group.

Li Guoqiang

Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 20 August 2012

Consolidated Interim Income Statement

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

		Unaudited	
	Notes	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
REVENUE	4(a)	24,257,205	16,389,831
Cost of sales and services provided	5(b)	(22,077,241)	(14,683,946)
Gross profit		2,179,964	1,705,885
Other income and gains, net	4(b)	292,124	134,446
Selling and distribution costs		(988,670)	(517,531)
Administrative expenses		(409,929)	(283,039)
Profit from operations		1,073,489	1,039,761
Finance costs	6	(499,315)	(224,151)
Share of profits of jointly-controlled entities		2,624	5,779
Profit before tax	5	576,798	821,389
Tax	7	(171,133)	(203,972)
Profit for the period		405,665	617,417
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		370,721	510,611
Non-controlling interests		34,944	106,806
		405,665	617,417
Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent			
Basic			
– For profit for the period (RMB)	9	0.19	0.27
Diluted			
– For profit for the period (RMB)	9	0.19	0.27

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

	Notes	Unaudited	
		For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Profit for the period		405,665	617,417
Other comprehensive income			
Available-for-sale investments:			
Changes in fair value		–	(1,491)
Reclassification adjustments for losses included in the consolidated income statement			
– gain on disposal	4(b)	1,820	–
Income tax effect		–	246
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(6,997)	(13,091)
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax		(5,177)	(14,336)
Total comprehensive income for the period		400,488	603,081
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		365,544	496,275
Non-controlling interests		34,944	106,806
		400,488	603,081

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2012

	Notes	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		4,294,367	3,886,831
Land use rights		1,126,946	1,084,623
Prepayments		1,570,714	861,837
Intangible assets		2,354,368	2,241,290
Goodwill		1,820,586	1,697,884
Investments in jointly-controlled entities		47,149	44,525
Available-for-sale investments		–	132,928
Deferred tax assets		88,940	38,078
Total non-current assets		11,303,070	9,987,996
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	10	8,387,688	6,380,195
Trade receivables	11	620,426	466,697
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		6,048,215	4,631,948
Amounts due from related parties	20(b)(i)	8,336	4,369
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		50,678	49,749
Pledged bank deposits		1,427,877	1,664,888
Cash in transit		239,329	186,721
Cash and cash equivalents		3,878,682	4,487,819
Total current assets		20,661,231	17,872,386
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank loans and other borrowings	12	12,956,613	10,016,585
Senior notes, current portion	15	11,356	11,518
Trade and bills payables	13	5,663,308	5,679,875
Short-term bonds	14	401,742	–
Other payables and accruals		1,551,431	1,505,078
Amounts due to related parties	20(b)(ii)	31,104	2,096
Income tax payable		424,191	392,622
Dividends payable		249,375	5,718
Total current liabilities		21,289,120	17,613,492
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(627,889)	258,894
Total assets less current liabilities		10,675,181	10,246,890

Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position (continued)

30 June 2012

	Notes	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank loans and other borrowings	12	306,087	29,945
Senior notes	15	1,236,250	1,232,693
Deferred tax liabilities		741,950	706,439
Total non-current liabilities		2,284,287	1,969,077
Net assets		8,390,894	8,277,813
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Share capital	16	168	168
Reserves		7,201,288	6,844,136
Proposed final dividend		–	247,929
		7,201,456	7,092,233
Non-controlling interests		1,189,438	1,185,580
Total equity		8,390,894	8,277,813

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Interim Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

	Unaudited Attributable to owners of the parent												Total equity RMB'000
	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Discretionary reserve fund RMB'000	Statutory reserve RMB'000	Merger reserve RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Available- for-sale investments revaluation reserve RMB'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Proposed final dividend RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Non- controlling interests RMB'000	
At 1 January 2011	168	5,021,215	37,110	219,324	(1,386,176)	-	2,489	(29,705)	1,878,403	192,765	5,935,593	778,976	6,714,569
Non-controlling interests arising from business combination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,504	120,504
Final 2010 dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(192,765)	(192,765)	-	(192,765)
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,245)	(13,091)	510,611	-	496,275	106,806	603,081
At 30 June 2011	168	5,021,215	37,110	219,324	(1,386,176)	-	1,244	(42,796)	2,389,014	-	6,239,103	1,006,286	7,245,389
At 1 January 2012	168	4,773,286	37,110	345,658	(1,386,176)	(3,964)	(1,820)	(89,306)	3,169,348	247,929	7,092,233	1,185,580	8,277,813
Capital contribution from a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,641	1,641
Non-controlling interests arising from business combination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(278)	(278)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	(8,392)	-	-	-	-	(8,392)	(31,328)	(39,720)
Final 2011 dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(247,929)	(247,929)	-	(247,929)
Dividends declared to non- controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,121)	(1,121)
Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,820	(6,997)	370,721	-	365,544	34,944	400,488
At 30 June 2012	168	4,773,286	37,110	345,658	(1,386,176)	(12,356)	-	(96,303)	3,540,069	-	7,201,456	1,189,438	8,390,894

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statements of Cash Flow

For the six months ended 30 June 2012

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(2,192,249)	100,973
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,757,024)	(830,716)
Net cash generated from financing activities	3,339,509	2,122,885
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(609,764)	1,393,142
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of each period	4,487,819	2,989,718
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	627	(13,023)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of each period	3,878,682	4,369,837
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents, represented by:		
Cash and bank balances	3,878,682	3,088,961
Short term deposit	–	1,280,876
	3,878,682	4,369,837

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Zhongsheng Group Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in the sale and service of motor vehicles in Mainland China.

The Company was incorporated on 23 June 2008 as an exempted company in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The registered office of the Company is located at Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The Company has established a principal place of business which is located at Rooms 3504–12, 35/F, Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

The Company has its primary listing on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Hong Kong Stock Exchange”).

In the opinion of the directors of the Company (the “Directors”), the ultimate controlling shareholders of the Company are Mr. Huang Yi and Mr. Li Guoqiang.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were presented in Renminbi (“RMB”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved for issue on 20 August 2012. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2012 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”). The condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”).

2.2 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

There are no amended standards or interpretations that are effective for the first time for this interim period that could be expected to have a material impact on this Group.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.3 Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

The following new standards and amendments to standards have been issued but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2012 and have not been early adopted:

- HKFRS 9 “Financial instruments” addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2015 but is available for early adoption. When adopted, the standard will affect in particular the Group’s accounting for its available-for-sale financial assets, as HKFRS 9 only permits the recognition of fair value gains and losses in other comprehensive income if they relate to equity investments that are not held for trading. Fair value gains and losses on available-for-sale debt investments, for example, will therefore have to be recognised directly in profit or loss.

There will be no impact on the Group’s accounting for financial liabilities, as the new requirements only affect the accounting for financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit or loss, and the Group does not have any such liabilities. The derecognition rules have been transferred from HKAS 39 “Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement” and have not been changed. The Group has not yet decided when to adopt HKFRS 9.

- HKFRS 10 “Consolidated financial statements” builds on existing principles by identifying the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of the parent company. The standard provides additional guidance to assist in the determination of control where this is difficult to assess. The Group is yet to assess HKFRS 10’s full impact and intends to adopt HKFRS 10 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2013.
- HKFRS 12 “Disclosures of interests in other entities” includes the disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off balance sheet vehicles. The Group is yet to assess HKFRS 12’s full impact and intends to adopt HKFRS 12 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.3 Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (continued)

- HKFRS 13 “Fair value measurement” aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across HKFRSs. The requirements do not extend the use of fair value accounting but provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within HKFRSs. The Group is yet to assess HKFRS 13’s full impact and intends to adopt HKFRS 13 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2013.
- HKAS 19 (Amendment) “Employee benefits” eliminate the corridor approach and calculate finance costs on a net funding basis. The Group is yet to assess the amendments to HKAS 19’s impact.

There are no other HKFRSs or HK (IFRIC) interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Group.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is engaged in the principal business of sale and service of motor vehicles. For management purposes, the Group operates in one business unit based on its products, and has one reportable segment which is the sale of motor vehicles and the provision of related services.

No operating segments have been aggregated to form the above reportable operating segment.

Information about geographical area

Since almost all of the Group’s revenue and operating profit were generated from the sale and service of motor vehicles in Mainland China and almost all of the Group’s identifiable assets and liabilities were located in Mainland China, no geographical segment information is presented in accordance with HKFRS 8 Operating Segments.

Information about major customers

Since none of the Group’s sales to a single customer amounted to 10% or more of the Group’s revenue during the six months ended 30 June 2012, no major customers segment information is presented in accordance with HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments”.

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4. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS, NET

(a) Revenue

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Revenue from the sale of motor vehicles	21,967,848	14,990,222
Others	2,289,357	1,399,609
	24,257,205	16,389,831

(b) Other income and gains, net

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Commission income	185,987	82,640
Advertisement support received from motor vehicle manufacturers	10,714	18,353
Rental income	11,118	3,875
Government grants	5,456	2,304
Interest income	26,035	19,115
Net (loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2,947)	3,374
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments	3,370	–
Fair value (losses)/gains, net:		
Available-for-sale investments (transfer from equity on disposal)	(1,820)	–
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
– listed equity investments held for trading	650	(8,879)
– equity linked note	–	(2,818)
Others	53,561	16,482
	292,124	134,446

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5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
(a) Employee benefit expense (including directors' remuneration)		
Wages and salaries	555,742	271,977
Pension scheme contributions	74,863	48,648
Other welfare	37,716	21,054
	668,321	341,679
(b) Cost of sales and services		
Cost of sales of motor vehicles	20,867,362	13,936,782
Others	1,209,879	747,164
	22,077,241	14,683,946
(c) Other items		
Depreciation and impairments of property, plant and equipment	184,250	106,804
Amortisation of land use rights	12,871	6,462
Amortisation of intangible assets	60,960	46,496
Advertisement expenses	81,128	39,811
Office expenses	70,789	48,646
Lease expenses	53,601	43,004
Logistics expenses	57,773	32,124
Business promotion expenses	97,576	52,229
Provision for impairment of trade receivables and other receivables	-	11
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2,947	(3,374)

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6. FINANCE COSTS

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Interest expense on bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	451,914	192,277
Interest expense on senior notes	33,082	12,675
Interest expense on short-term bonds	3,342	–
Interest expense on other borrowings	51,301	26,788
Interest expense on finance leases	788	–
Less: Interest capitalised	(41,112)	(7,589)
	499,315	224,151

7. TAX

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Current Mainland China corporate income tax	224,069	222,105
Current Hong Kong corporate income tax	–	1,267
Deferred tax	(52,936)	(19,400)
	171,133	203,972

8. DIVIDENDS

The directors of the Company proposed not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

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9. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of shares in issue, during the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011, respectively.

	Unaudited	
	For the six months ended 30 June 2012	For the six months ended 30 June 2011
Earnings		
Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent (RMB'000)	370,721	510,611
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period	1,908,481,295	1,908,481,295
Earnings per share (RMB)		
Basic	0.19	0.27
Diluted	0.19	0.27

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented in the reporting periods in respect of a dilution as the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2012 and 2011, respectively.

10. INVENTORIES

	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2012	31 December 2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Motor vehicles	7,692,963	5,900,111
Spare parts	678,947	470,317
Others	15,778	9,767
	8,387,688	6,380,195

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11. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Trade receivables	620,617	466,888
Impairment	(191)	(191)
	620,426	466,697

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimize credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at each statement of financial position date (based on the invoice date) is as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Within 3 months	567,522	433,202
More than 3 months but less than 1 year	45,624	28,831
Over 1 year	7,280	4,664
	620,426	466,697

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12. BANK LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Bank loans and overdrafts repayable		
– within one year or on demand	12,395,628	9,665,303
– over one year but within five years	296,526	26,109
	12,692,154	9,691,412
Other borrowings repayable		
– within one year	549,043	340,683
	549,043	340,683
Finance lease payables		
– within one year	11,942	10,599
– in the second year	7,020	3,584
– in the third year	2,541	252
	21,503	14,435
Total bank loans and other borrowings	13,262,700	10,046,530
Less: Portion classified as current liabilities	(12,956,613)	(10,016,585)
Long-term portion	306,087	29,945

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13. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Trade payables	1,032,074	600,322
Bills payable	4,631,234	5,079,553
Trade and bills payables	5,663,308	5,679,875

The trade and bills payables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Within 3 months	4,030,238	3,258,824
3 to 6 months	1,614,432	2,165,436
6 to 12 months	11,195	251,715
Over 12 months	7,443	3,900
	5,663,308	5,679,875

14. SHORT-TERM BONDS

As at 30 June 2012, outstanding short-term bonds are summarised as follows:

	Face value RMB'000	Maturity	Fixed interest rate	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Short-term bonds	400,000	2013	5.70%	401,742	–

All the short-term bonds were issued for working capital.

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15. SENIOR NOTES

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Non-current	1,236,250	1,232,693
Current	11,356	11,518
	1,247,606	1,244,211

On 14 April 2011, the Company issued senior notes maturing on 21 April 2014, with an aggregate principal amount of RMB1,250,000,000 at a fixed interest rate of 4.75% per annum (the "senior notes"). The senior notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company guaranteed by existing subsidiaries not incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China.

Interest of the senior notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on 21 April and 21 October each year commencing from 21 October 2011.

On 25 April 2011, the senior notes were listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

Interest expense on the senior notes is calculated using the effective interest rate method by applying the effective interest rate of 5.47%.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Unaudited 30 June 2012	Audited 31 December 2011
Authorised: 1,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.0001 each (HK\$'000)	100,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid 1,908,481,295 shares of HK\$0.0001 each (HK\$'000)	191	191
Equivalent to RMB'000	168	168

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17. BUSINESS COMBINATION-ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

As part of the Group's plan to expand its motor vehicle sales and service business in Mainland China, the Group acquired 100% of the equity interests of Dongguan Juxinghang Automobile Sales & Services Co., Ltd. (東莞市聚星行汽車銷售服務有限公司), 70% of the equity interests of Carlsson Autotechnik GmbH (卡爾森汽車技術公司) and 100% of the equity interests of Fuzhou Yuntong Toyota Automobile Sales & Services Co., Ltd. (福州運通豐田汽車銷售服務有限公司) from third parties on 31 March 2012, 25 May 2012 and 31 May 2012, respectively. Dongguan Juxinghang Automobile Sales & Services Co., Ltd. and Fuzhou Yuntong Toyota Automobile Sales & Services Co., Ltd. are mainly engaged in motor vehicle sales and service business in Mainland China and Carlsson Autotechnik GmbH is mainly engaged in automobile tuning business. The total purchase consideration for the acquisitions was RMB286,570,000 payable in cash, of which RMB181,035,000 was paid during the six months ended 30 June 2012.

The Group has elected to measure the non-controlling interests in these subsidiaries at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the subsidiaries' identifiable net assets.

The acquisitions had the following effect on the Group's assets and liabilities on the acquisition date:

	Recognised fair values on acquisition RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment	77,579
Intangible assets	150,528
Deferred tax assets	1,202
Inventories	98,743
Trade receivables	24,477
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	19,488
Pledged bank deposits	23,351
Cash in transit	393
Cash and cash equivalents	4,847
Trade and bills payables	(66,027)
Other payables and accruals	(95,927)
Income tax payable	(44)
Bank loans and other borrowings	(36,233)
Deferred tax liabilities	(38,787)
Total net identifiable assets	163,590
Non-controlling interests arising from a business combination	278
Goodwill on acquisition	122,702
Total purchase consideration	286,570

An analysis of the net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the acquisitions of these subsidiaries is as follows:

Cash consideration paid	(181,035)
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	4,847
Net cash outflow	(176,188)

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17. BUSINESS COMBINATION-ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Since the acquisitions, the acquired business contributed RMB171,992,000 to the Group's revenue and RMB7,901,000 to the consolidated profits for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

Had the combination taken place at the beginning of the period, the revenue from continuing operations of the Group and the profit of the Group for the period would have been RMB24,478,882,000 and RMB399,738,000, respectively.

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had no significant contingent liabilities.

19. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
Contracted, but not provided for land use rights and buildings	106,946	117,669
Contracted, but not provided for potential acquisitions	299,762	585,289
	406,708	702,958

(b) Operating lease commitments

At the end of the reporting periods, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases payable as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2012		Audited 31 December 2011	
	Properties RMB'000	Land RMB'000	Properties RMB'000	Land RMB'000
Within one year	53,340	35,763	52,134	32,855
After 1 year but within 5 years	258,673	152,420	226,694	144,391
After 5 years	183,249	310,910	174,901	309,111
	495,262	499,093	453,729	486,357

The Group is the lessee in respect of a number of properties and land held under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of two to twenty years, with an option to renew the leases when all the terms are renegotiated.

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

(a) Transactions with related parties

The following transactions were carried out with related parties during the six months ended 30 June 2012:

		Unaudited	
		For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
(i)	Sales of goods to jointly-controlled entities:		
	– Xiamen Zhongsheng	7,319	11,940
	– Zhongsheng Tacti	4,655	564
		11,974	12,504
(ii)	Purchase of goods or services from jointly-controlled entities:		
	– Xiamen Zhongsheng	4,472	14,296
	– Zhongsheng Tacti	25,012	31,985
		29,484	46,281
(iii)	Dividends from a jointly-controlled entity:		
	– Xiamen Zhongsheng	–	11,920

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (continued)

(b) Balances with related parties

The Group had the following significant balances with its related parties as at 30 June 2012:

	Unaudited 30 June 2012 RMB'000	Audited 31 December 2011 RMB'000
(i) Due from related parties:		
Trade related		
Jointly-controlled entities		
– Xiamen Zhongsheng	4,292	3,765
– Zhongsheng Tacti	4,044	604
	8,336	4,369
(ii) Due to related parties:		
Trade related		
Jointly-controlled entities		
– Xiamen Zhongsheng	13,000	–
– Zhongsheng Tacti	18,104	2,096
	31,104	2,096

Balances with related parties were unsecured and non-interest-bearing and had no fixed repayment terms.

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

	Unaudited For the six months ended 30 June 2012 RMB'000	For the six months ended 30 June 2011 RMB'000
Short term employee benefits	6,715	7,700
Post-employee benefits	145	165
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	6,860	7,865

21. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 7 August 2012, the Group completed issuance of short-term bonds with a total face value of RMB400 million with one year term. The fixed annual interest rate is 5.30%.

Corporate Governance and Other Information

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2012, the interests and short positions of our directors and chief executives in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of our associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “SFO”), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Hong Kong Stock Exchange”) pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) set out in Appendix 10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), were as follows:

Long positions in the Company's shares

Name of Director	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Total Number of Ordinary Shares	Approximate Percentage of Shareholding (%)
Mr. Huang Yi	Deemed interest – interest of controlled company, founder of a discretionary trust/beneficiary of a trust, and agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376	65.34
Mr. Li Guoqiang	Deemed interest – interest of controlled company, founder of a discretionary trust/beneficiary of a trust, and agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376	65.34

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2012, none of the directors or chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

Corporate Governance and Other Information (continued)

Substantial Shareholders' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares

As at 30 June 2012, the followings are the persons, other than the directors or chief executives of the Company, who had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Total number of shares	Approximate percentage of shareholding (%)
Blue Natural Development Ltd. (Note 1)	Beneficial owner and deemed interest – agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
Light Yield Ltd. (Note 2)	Beneficial owner and deemed interest – interest of controlled company and agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
Vest Sun Ltd. (Note 3)	Deemed interest – interest of controlled company and agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
Mountain Bright Limited (Note 4)	Beneficial owner and deemed interest – agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
Vintage Star Limited (Note 5)	Beneficial owner and deemed interest – agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
RBC Trustees (CI) Limited	Deemed interest – interest of controlled company, trustee and agreement to acquire interests	1,247,014,376 (Long position)	65.34
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.	Deemed interest – interest of controlled company	116,763,000 (Long position)	6.12

Notes:

- Blue Natural Development Limited is owned by Light Yield Ltd. (62.3%) and Vest Sun Ltd. (37.7%). Mr. Huang Yi and Mr. Li Guoqiang are directors of Blue Natural Development Ltd..
- Light Yield Ltd. is wholly-owned by Mr. Huang Yi, who is also the sole director of Light Yield Ltd..
- Vest Sun Ltd. is wholly-owned by Mr. Li Guoqiang, who is also the sole director of Vest Sun Ltd..
- Mountain Bright Limited is wholly owned by RBC Trustees (CI) Limited as trustee of a trust settlement for Mr. Huang Yi (the settler of the trust) and his family.
- Vintage Star Limited is wholly owned by RBC Trustees (CI) Limited as trustee of a trust settlement for Mr. Li Guoqiang (the settler of the trust) and his family.

Corporate Governance and Other Information (continued)

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2012, the Company is not aware of any other person who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

LOAN AGREEMENT WITH COVENANTS RELATING TO SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

The Company issued RMB1,250,000,000 senior notes maturing in 2014 with a fixed interest rate of 4.75% per annum (the “**Notes Issue**”) in April 2011. The Indenture to the Notes Issue provided that upon the occurrence of a change of control, the Company will make an offer to repurchase all outstanding Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the offer at the date of repurchase.

A change of control under the Indenture includes, among others, any transaction that results in either: (1) the merger, amalgamation or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger or amalgamation of another Person with or into the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company to another Person; or (2) the Permitted Holders are the beneficial owners of less than 40% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; or (3) either the Permitted Huang Holders or the Permitted Li Holders are the beneficial owners of less than 15% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company; or (4) any Person other than the Permitted Holders is the beneficial owner of more voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company than such total voting power held beneficially by the Permitted Holders; or (5) individuals who on the Original Issue Date constituted the Board of the Company, together with any new directors whose election by the Board was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were either directors or whose election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board of the Company then in office; or (6) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms above have the same meaning as defined in the announcement published by the Company on 25 April 2011.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Share Option Scheme (as defined in the Company’s prospectus dated 16 March 2010) was conditionally approved by a resolution of the shareholders on 9 February 2010 and adopted by a resolution of the Board on the same day. Unless it is terminated by the Board or our shareholders in general meeting in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme, the Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of ten years from the date on which it becomes unconditional. After the period, no further options will be granted or offered but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect to exercise any subsisting options granted prior to the expiry of this ten year period or otherwise as handled in accordance with the provisions of the Share Option Scheme. The amount payable by a participant upon a grant of option is HKD1.0.

The Board may, at its absolute discretion, offer any employee, management member or director of the Company, or any of our subsidiaries and third party service providers the options to subscribe for shares on the terms set out in the Share Option Scheme. The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain skilled and experienced personnel, to incentivize them to remain with us and to give effect to our customer-focused corporate culture, and to motivate them to strive for our future development and expansion, by providing them with the opportunity to acquire equity interests in the Company.

The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed 10.0% of the shares in issue as at the date of approval of the Share Options Scheme. No option may be granted to any person such that the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon the exercise of options granted and to be granted to that person in any 12 month period up to the date of the latest grant exceeds 1.0% of our issued share capital from time to time, unless the approval of our shareholders is obtained.

Corporate Governance and Other Information (continued)

The amount payable for each share to be subscribed for under an option upon exercise shall be determined by the Board and notified to a proposed beneficiary at the time of offer of the option and shall be not less than the higher of: (a) the closing price of the shares as stated in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the date of grant, which must be a business day; (b) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of the shares. The Share Option Scheme does not contain any minimum period(s) for which an option must be held before it can be exercised. However, at the time of grant of the options, the Company may specify any such minimum period(s).

During the reporting period and up to the date of this interim report, no options have been granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme.

CHANGE IN DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, the changes in the directors' information of the Company up to the date of this interim report are as follows:

Mr. Ng Yuk Keung, being an independent non-executive director of the Company, has resigned as independent non-executive director of Xinjiang Xinxin Mining Industry Co., Ltd. and chief financial officer, executive director and company secretary of China NT Pharma Group Co. Ltd. with effect from 14 October 2011 and 1 July 2012, respectively, and has been serving as the chief financial officer of Kingsoft Corporation Limited since 15 July 2012.

Save as disclosed above, no other information is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has adopted the principles set out in the "Code on Corporate Governance Practices" and "Corporate Governance Code" (with effect from 1 April 2012) (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2012 and up to the date of this interim report, the Company has been in compliance with the code provisions set out in the CG Code.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. Specific enquiries have been made to all the directors and the directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2012 and up to the date of this interim report.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities throughout the six months ended 30 June 2012 and up to the date of this interim report.

Corporate Governance and Other Information (continued)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) has adopted the terms of reference in accordance with the Listing Rules and consists of three members, including two independent non-executive directors, being Mr. Ng Yuk Keung and Mr. Shen Jinjun, and one non-executive director, being Mr. Leng Xuesong.

The Audit Committee has considered and reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and has discussed matters in relation to internal control and financial reporting with the management, including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2012. The Audit Committee considers that the interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2012 are in compliance with the relevant accounting standards, rules and regulations and appropriate disclosures have been duly made.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors proposed not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

By order of the Board
Zhongsheng Group Holdings Limited
Huang Yi
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2012