

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

## 主席報告書

### RESULTS

Strong demand for the Group's hangar maintenance services and for the engine overhaul services of its jointly controlled companies resulted in profit attributable to shareholders increasing by 37.0% to HK\$846.8 million.

Your Directors have recommended a final dividend for 2006 of HK\$1.60 per share which, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.65 per share and a special dividend of HK\$2.50 per share paid on 26th September 2006, results in a total distribution for the year of HK\$4.75 per share.

### INVESTMENTS

During the year the Company increased its effective interest in Taikoo (Xiamen) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited ("TAECO") by 2% to 56.55% and in Taikoo (Shandong) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited by 10% to 35.65%.

The Company opened its second hangar at Hong Kong International Airport in December 2006 and has reached agreement with the Hong Kong Airport Authority to build a third hangar and to extend its franchise and leases at the airport to 2036. The third hangar is expected to open in the first half of 2009.

TAECO's fifth and sixth double-bay hangars at Xiamen airport are planned to open in mid 2007 and in the first quarter of 2009 respectively. HAESL is building an extension to its engine build area which is planned to open in early 2008.

The Group expanded its inventory technical management services during the year and has agreed to an investment of HK\$120 million in a new joint venture formed to overhaul landing gear in Xiamen. It continues to look at other opportunities to expand its aviation maintenance and repair services.

### 業績

集團的機庫維修業務及其共控公司的引擎大修業務需求強大，使股東應佔溢利增加百分之三十七，達港幣八億四千六百八十萬元。

董事局建議派發二零零六年度末期股息每股港幣1.60元，連同於二零零六年九月二十六日派發的中期股息每股港幣0.65元及特別股息每股港幣2.5元，本年度共派息每股港幣4.75元。

### 投資

年內公司增持百分之二的廈門太古飛機工程有限公司(「廈門太古飛機工程公司」)，使所持的實際權益增至百分之五十六點五五，並將所持的山東太古飛機工程有限公司實際權益增至百分之三十五點六五，增幅達百分之十。

公司於香港國際機場興建的第二個機庫於二零零六年十二月啟用，並與香港機場管理局達成協議，興建第三個機庫及延長公司於機場的專營權及租約期限至二零三六年。第三個機庫預期於二零零九年上半年啟用。

預期廈門太古飛機工程公司位於廈門機場的第五及第六個雙機位機庫將分別於二零零七年中及二零零九年第一季啟用。香港航空發動機維修服務公司正進行引擎裝建間擴建工程，擴建部分計劃於二零零八年初啟用。

年內，集團擴大庫存技術管理服務，並同意投資港幣一億二千萬元成立新的合資公司，在廈門從事起落架大修業務。集團將繼續尋求其他機會，致力拓展航空維修業務。



**Rolls-Royce Trent 800 engine with test equipment installed, in transit to HAESL's test cell for a performance test.**

勞斯萊斯特倫特800型引擎裝上了測試設備，正運往香港航空發動機維修服務公司的測試場進行性能測試。

## STAFF

Rapid growth has required a high level of recruitment with the total staff numbers increasing 23.6% to approximately 10,100 during the year. I would like to welcome the new employees and, on behalf of the shareholders, thank all staff for the hard work which has produced this year's strong results.

## OUTLOOK

The Group's prospects are good given the recent increase in hangar capacity, strong demand for its heavy maintenance services and the growth in the fleets of Hong Kong based customers. It will, however, take time to increase the number of fully trained staff to a level which matches the additional capacity and results will be moderated by associated cost increases and the impact of the appreciation of the Renminbi on TAECO's margins.

### Christopher Pratt

*Chairman*

*Hong Kong, 6th March 2007*

## 員工

因應業務迅速增長，集團需要聘用大量僱員，本年僱員人數增加百分之二十三點六，共約一萬零一百人。本人謹此歡迎新入職的同事，並代表各股東衷心感謝全體員工的辛勤工作，使這一年獲得理想的業績。

## 展望未來

有見機庫近期處理能力增加、大型維修服務需求殷切以及香港客戶的機隊擴大，預料集團前景相當理想。然而，要培訓熟練的員工充分配合新增的處理能力，所費需時；而相關成本增加，加上人民幣升值影響廈門太古飛機工程公司的利潤，預期業績將會因而放緩。

主席

白紀圖

香港，二零零七年三月六日