

PEARL RIVER TYRE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (Registered under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 01187)

INTERIM REPORT 2008

The Directors of Pearl River Tyre (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 (the "current period") together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period last year (the "corresponding period").

This interim report does not include all the notes normally included in an annual report. Accordingly, this interim report should be read in conjunction with the 2007 Annual Report.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

| | | Six-Month Period Ende | | |
|--|------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| | | 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 | |
| | Note | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Turnover | 3 | 270,712 | 321,595 | |
| Cost of sales | | (258,294) | (294,345) | |
| Gross profit | | 12,418 | 27,250 | |
| Other income | 4 | 193 | 8,425 | |
| Selling and distribution expenses | | (5,015) | (5,381) | |
| Administrative expenses | | (15,486) | (11,738) | |
| Other operating expenses | 4(i) | (11,314) | (4,900) | |
| (Loss)/Profit from continuing operations | | (19,204) | 13,656 | |
| Finance costs | 5 | (4,736) | (3,723) | |
| (Loss)/Profit before taxation | | (23,940) | 9,933 | |
| Income tax expense | 6 | | | |
| Net (loss)/profit | | (23,940) | 9,933 | |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share (Hong Kong cents) | 7 | (22.8) | 9.4 | |
| (Hong Rong Cents) | / | (22.6) | 7.4 | |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

| | | As A | .t |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Note | 30.6.2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 31.12.2007 HK\$'000 |
| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 191,875 | 191,323 |
| Operating lease prepayments | | 13,811 | 13,039 |
| Investment in an associate | | 4,475 | 4,475 |
| Investment in listed securities | 8 | 78,429 | 114,721 |
| Intangible asset | | 240 | 451 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 288,830 | 324,009 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Investment in listed securities | 8 | 16,848 | 22,497 |
| Inventories | | 127,429 | 109,928 |
| Trade receivables | 10 | 27,543 | 40,020 |
| Other receivables | | 14,357 | 16,403 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 199,105 | 148,657 |
| Total Current Assets | | 385,282 | 337,505 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade payables | 11 | 79,126 | 86,727 |
| Other payables and accruals | | 19,670 | 19,633 |
| Amount due to a director | | 5,385 | 5,385 |
| Provisions | | 6,994 | 6,573 |
| Borrowings | | 230,476 | 165,317 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 341,651 | 283,635 |
| Net Current Assets | | 43,631 | 53,870 |
| Net Assets | | 332,461 | 377,879 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 12 | 110,716 | 110,716 |
| Share premium | | 113,157 | 113,157 |
| Revaluation reserve | 13 | 58,787 | 95,079 |
| Capital reserve | | 37,344 | 37,344 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | | 52,019 | 37,205 |
| Accumulated losses | | (39,562) | (15,622) |
| Total Equity | | 332,461 | 377,879 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| | Six-Month Per 30.6.2008 HK\$'000 | iod Ended 30.6.2007 HK\$'000 |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Operating Activities | | |
| (Loss)/Profit before taxation | (23,940) | 9,933 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Allowance for diminution in value of listed securities | 5,841 | _ |
| Allowance for doubtful debts | _ | 184 |
| Amortisation of intangible asset | 233 | 214 |
| Amortisation of operating lease prepayments | 78 | 389 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 12,222 | 10,318 |
| Loss on foreign exchange – Unrealised | _ | 1,151 |
| Plant and machinery written off | 62 | _ |
| Interest expense | 3,615 | 2,868 |
| Interest income | (504) | _ |
| Dividend income | (1,806) | (1,138) |
| Gain on disposal of listed securities | _ | (170) |
| Gain on foreign exchange – Unrealised | (193) | _ |
| Writeback of allowance for diminution in value of | | |
| listed securities | _ | (8,248) |
| Writeback of allowance for doubtful debts | _ | (7) |
| | | _ |
| | (4,392) | 15,494 |
| (Increase)/Decrease in inventories | (10,325) | 8,482 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables | 18,895 | (3,578) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables | (15,398) | 9,938 |
| (| | -,,,,, |
| Cash (used for)/generated from operations | (11,220) | 30,336 |
| Tax paid | (1,620) | _ |
| Interest received | 504 | _ |
| Interest paid | (3,615) | (2,868) |
| • | | |
| Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities | (15,951) | 27,468 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (731) | (22,462) |
| Proceeds from disposal of listed securities | _ | 717 |
| Dividend received | 1,806 | 1,138 |
| | | , |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities | 1,075 | (20,607) |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONT'D)

| | Six-Month Period Ended | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|--|
| | 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Financing Activities | | | |
| Net drawdown/(repayment) of borrowings | 54,367 | (15,242) | |
| Net repayment from related parties | 2,073 | 1,051 | |
| Advances from a director | | 776 | |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities | 56,440 | (13,415) | |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 41,564 | (6,554) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the | | | |
| current/corresponding period | 148,657 | 51,447 | |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net | 8,884 | 6,545 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the | | | |
| current/corresponding period | 199,105 | 51,438 | |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| | Share Capital HK\$'000 | Share Premium HK\$'000 | Revaluation Reserve HK\$'000 | Capital Reserve HK\$'000 | Foreign Currency Translation Reserve HK\$'000 | Accumulated Losses HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| At 1 January 2008 | 110,716 | 113,157 | 95,079 | 37,344 | 37,205 | (15,622) | 377,879 |
| Adjustments arising from the translation of the financial statements of the Joint Venture | - | - | - | - | 14,814 | - | 14,814 |
| Loss on fair value change of available-for sale investment | - | - | (36,292) | - | - | - | (36,292) |
| Total income and expense recognised directly in equity | - | - | (36,292) | - | 14,814 | - | (21,478) |
| Net loss for the current period | | | | | | (23,940) | (23,940) |
| At 30 June 2008 | 110,716 | 113,157 | 58,787 | 37,344 | 52,019 | (39,562) | 332,461 |
| At 1 January 2007 | 110,716 | 113,157 | 91,688 | 37,344 | 19,239 | (14,476) | 357,668 |
| Adjustments arising from the translation of the financial statements of the Joint Venture | - | - | - | - | 8,098 | - | 8,098 |
| Loss on fair value change of available-for-sale investment | - | - | (10,094) | - | - | - | (10,094) |
| Total income and expense recognised directly in equity | - | - | (10,094) | - | 8,098 | - | (1,996) |
| Net profit for the corresponding period | | <u>-</u> | | | | 9,933 | 9,933 |
| At 30 June 2007 | 110,716 | 113,157 | 81,594 | 37,344 | 27,337 | (4,543) | 365,605 |

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("The Listing Rules") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. It was authorised for issuance by the Board of Directors on 18 September 2008.

The accounting policies and basis of preparation used in the preparation of the interim financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

This interim report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2007 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards.

These interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company.

2. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The following tables present revenue and profit information regarding geographical segments for the current period and the corresponding period last year:

| | The PRC (Note 1) | Singapore (Note 2) | Malaysia (Note 3) | Elimination | Group |
|--|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Six-month period ended 30 June 2008 | | | | | |
| Revenue from | | | | | |
| external customers | 268,906 | | 1,806 | | 270,712 |
| Results: | | | | | |
| Segment results (external) | (13,269) | | (6,128) | | (19,397) |
| Other income | | | | | 193 |
| Finance costs | | | | | (4,736) |
| Loss before taxation | | | | | (23,940) |
| Income tax expense | | | | | |
| Loss after taxation/ | | | | | |
| Net loss attributable | | | | | |
| to shareholders | | | | | (23,940) |

2. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

| The PRC (Note 1) | Singapore (Note 2) | Malaysia (Note 3) | Elimination | Group |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | |
| 320,457 | 12 | 1,126 | _ | 321,595 |
| | | | | |
| 6,268 | | (1,115) | 78 | 5,231 |
| | | | | 8,425 |
| | | | | (3,723) |
| | | | | 9,933 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | 9,933 |
| | (Note 1) HK\$'000 | (Note 1) (Note 2) HK\$'000 HK\$'000 | (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3) HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 320,457 12 1,126 | (Note 1) (Note 2) (Note 3) HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 320,457 12 1,126 – |

Notes:

- "The PRC" refers to the Joint Venture in the PRC relating to the manufacturing and marketing of bias tyres.
- "Singapore" refers to the investment in securities listed on a prescribed stock exchange and cash deposits in Singapore.
- "Malaysia" refers to the investment in securities listed on a prescribed stock exchange and cash deposits in Malaysia.

3. TURNOVER

| | Six-Month Period Ended | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------|--|
| | 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Sale of goods | 268,203 | 320,408 | |
| Dividends received from securities listed on | | | |
| prescribed stock exchanges, outside Hong Kong | 1,806 | 1,138 | |
| Other operating income | 703 | 49 | |
| | 270,712 | 321,595 | |

4. OTHER INCOME

| | iod Ended |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 |
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| 193 | _ |
| | |
| _ | 170 |
| _ | 7 |
| | |
| | 8,248 |
| 193 | 8,425 |
| | HK\$'000 193 - - |

4(i). OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| | Six-Month Period Ended | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|--|
| | 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Allowance for diminution in value of listed securities | 5,841 | _ | |
| Amortisation of discount on acquisition | 145 | 145 | |
| Amortisation of intangible asset | 233 | 214 | |
| Depreciation charges | 2,105 | 2,332 | |
| Loss on foreign exchange | 2,138 | 322 | |
| Product warranty | 852 | 1,887 | |
| | 11,314 | 4,900 | |

5. FINANCE COSTS

Included in the finance costs of the Group is the interest on bank loans amounting to HK\$3,615,000 (30.6.2007 – HK\$2,868,000).

6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and continued under the laws of Bermuda subsequent to its migration. At the present time, no income, profit, capital or capital gain taxes are levied in Bermuda. Accordingly, no provision for such taxes has been recorded by the Company. In the event that such taxes are levied, the Company has received an undertaking from the Bermuda Government exempting it from all such taxes until 28 March 2016.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profits derived from or earned in Hong Kong for the current period and the corresponding period.

7. BASIC (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic (loss)/earnings per share is based on the net loss of HK\$23,940,000 (30.6.2007 – net profit of HK\$9,933,000) for the current period and on the number of shares in issue during the current period of 105,116,280 (30.6.2007 – 105,116,280).

There is no dilutive effect on the basic (loss)/earnings per share for the current period and the corresponding period last year.

8. INVESTMENT IN LISTED SECURITIES

| | As At | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | 30.6.2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 31.12.2007 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | |
| Non-Current | | | |
| Securities listed outside Hong Kong: | | | |
| – available-for-sale, at fair value (Note 1) | 78,429 | 114,721 | |
| Current | | | |
| Securities listed outside Hong Kong: | | | |
| - held for trading, at fair value | 16,848 | 22,497 | |

Note:

 Relates to investment in D & O Ventures Berhad ("D & O"), a company incorporated in Malaysia. As at 30 June 2008, the Group held 16.6% (31 December 2007 – 16.6%) equity interests in D & O. The carrying value represents the fair value of D & O based on the last quoted market price as at the balance sheet date.

9. INVESTMENT IN THE IOINT VENTURE

| | Place/Date | Authorised/ Fully Paid-Up Registered | | Attributable Interest | Principal |
|---|--|--|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| Name | of Incorporation | Capital | 30.6.2008 | 31.12.2007 | Activities |
| Guangzhou Pearl River Rubber Tyre Limited ("Joint Venture") | The People's Republic of China ("the PRC")/ 11 December 1993 | US\$43,202,166 | 70% | 70% | Manufacturing and marketing of bias tyres. |

The Joint Venture was established as a Sino-foreign joint venture under the Chinese Joint Venture Law. The Joint Venture is 70% owned by Carham Assets Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and 30% owned by Guangzhou Guang Xiang Enterprise Group Company Limited ("GGXEG") (previously known as Guangzhou Guang Xiang Tyre Enterprise Group Company Limited ("GGXTEG")), a state-owned enterprise, established in Guangzhou, the PRC.

| | As At | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| | 30.6.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| The Group's share of the Joint Venture's | | |
| assets and liabilities are as follows: | | |
| Non-current assets | 206,098 | 205,112 |
| Current assets | 357,220 | 304,513 |
| Current liabilities | (330,832) | (273,805) |
| Net assets | 232,486 | 235,820 |

9. INVESTMENT IN THE JOINT VENTURE (CONT'D)

| | Six-Month Period Ended | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|
| | 30.6.2008 | 30.6.2007 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| The Group's share of the Joint Venture's revenues and expenses are as follows: | | |
| Revenues and other income | 268,906 | 320,465 |
| Costs and expenses | (282,175) | (313,807) |
| (Loss)/Profit from continuing operations | (13,269) | 6,658 |
| Finance costs | (4,736) | (4,106) |
| (Loss)/Profit before taxation | (18,005) | 2,552 |
| Income tax expense | | |
| Net (loss)/profit from continuing operations | (18,005) | 2,552 |

10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The ageing analysis of trade receivables as at the balance sheet date is as follows:

| | As At | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| | 30.6.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Outstanding less than one year | 24,038 | 38,880 |
| Outstanding more than one year but less than two years | 4,244 | 1,916 |
| Outstanding more than two years | 28,548 | 26,716 |
| | 56,830 | 67,512 |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful debts | (29,287) | (27,492) |
| | 27,543 | 40,020 |

11. TRADE PAYABLES

The ageing analysis of trade payables as at the balance sheet date is as follows:

| | As At | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 30.6.2008 HK\$'000 | 31.12.2007 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
| Outstanding less than one year Outstanding more than one year but less than two years Outstanding more than two years | 72,113 - 7,013 | 79,545 666 6,516 |
| | 79,126 | 86,727 |

12. SHARE CAPITAL

The issued and fully paid-up share capital of the Company comprises 105,116,280 ordinary shares of A\$0.20 each. There was no change in the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company during the current period.

13. REVALUATION RESERVE

| | As At | |
|---|-----------|------------|
| | 30.6.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Net gain on fair value change of available-for-sale investment | | |
| At 1 January | 88,661 | 85,270 |
| Loss on fair value change of available-for-sale investment | (37,152) | (2,858) |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes | 860 | 6,249 |
| At 30 June/31 December Revaluation of buildings of the Joint Venture arising from | 52,369 | 88,661 |
| land and buildings swap | 6,418 | 6,418 |
| | 58,787 | 95,079 |

The revaluation reserve is not distributable by way of cash dividends.

14. INTERIM DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid since the end of the previous financial year and the Directors have not recommended and declared any dividend for the current period. No dividend was recommended and declared for the previous financial year.

15. CONNECTED/RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of the transactions with related parties, which were carried out in the normal course of operations of the Group:

| | Six-Month Period Ended | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 30.6.2008 <i>HK</i> \$'000 | 30.6.2007 <i>HK</i> \$'000 |
| Transactions between the Joint Venture and Guangzhou Bolex Tyre Limited ("Bolex") | | |
| Contribution received and receivable from Bolex for: – processing/providing raw material/intermediate/ | | |
| consumable products - charging of utilities (water, electricity, steam and | 240 | 944 |
| compressed air consumed) | 4,712 | 2,915 |
| - the right to use the factory lift and the factory space | 49 | 45 |
| Interest income for advances outstanding | | 55 |
| | 5,001 | 3,959 |
| Transactions between the Joint Venture and GGXEG * | | |
| Payments relating to: | | |
| - lease rental for a piece of land and buildings erected thereon | 1,936 | 1,778 1.013 |
| lease rental for the exclusive right to use certain machinery lease rental for a hostel | 1,105 20 | 1,013 |
| royalties for the right to use the trademark "Pearl River" and any technology and know-how necessary for the | 20 | 10 |
| production of bias tyres - share of administrative expenses/ongoing early retirement | 195 | 258 |
| payments payable to the retired personnel carried forward and arising from the administrative expenses for a hospital and staff canteen under the management | | |
| of GGXEG | | 59 |
| | 3,256 | 3,124 |

^{*} The agreements relating to these transactions were between the Joint Venture and Guangzhou Rubber Tyre Factory, which was the former PRC partner owning 30% equity in the Joint Venture and which assets and liabilities were taken over by GGXTEG in 2001.

The relevant percentage ratios on aggregate value of the transactions with each of Bolex and GGXEG were less than 25% (on the basis of proportionate consolidation of the Joint Venture in accordance with the prevailing accounting standards applicable to the Group) and the transaction amounts with each of Bolex and GGXEG were less than HK\$10 million.

16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During or since the end of the current period, the Group does not have any contingent liabilities.

17. SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING AND SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No significant event has arisen during and subsequent to the balance sheet date that would likely have a material effect on the operations of the Group, the results of the Group or the state of affairs of the Group which has not been disclosed or recognised in this interim financial statements.

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BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The Company is principally engaged in the business of investment holding. The Group's principal asset is a 70% equity interest in the Joint Venture. The principal activity of the Joint Venture is the manufacturing and sale of tyres for commercial vehicles.

The Group's unaudited net loss for the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 (the "current period") was recorded at HK\$23,940,000 against the unaudited net profit of HK\$9,933,000 recorded in the corresponding period last year. Loss in earnings per share was 22.8 Hong Kong cents

The Group's revenue and net profit, including the Group's share of the Joint Venture's result, are shown by geographical segments in Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

No event has arisen since the end of the current period that would likely to materially affect the operations of the Group, the results of the Group or the state of affairs of the Group.

Analysis on the Operating Results and Financial Position of the Group

Operating Results

| | Six-Month Per | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| | 30.6.2008 30.6.2007 | | Change |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | % |
| Turnover | 270,712 | 321,595 | (15.8) |
| Costs and expenses | (294,845) | (320,087) | (7.9) |
| Other income | 193 | 8,425 | (97.7) |
| Net (loss)/profit | (23,940) | 9,933 | (341.0) |

The net loss of the Group was HK\$23,940,000, mainly due to the share of the Joint Venture's operating loss of HK\$18,005,000 and the allowance for diminution in the value of listed securities of HK\$5,841,000 as a result of the decrease in the market value of shares invested in Malaysia.

Financial Analysis

| | As at | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| | 30.6.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Total assets (HK\$'000) | 674,112 | 661,514 |
| Shareholders' equity (HK\$'000) | 332,461 | 377,879 |
| Return on shareholders' equity (%) | (7.20) | 2.72* |
| Current ratio | 1.13 | 1.19 |

^{*} Calculated by dividing net profit for the corresponding period last year over shareholders' equity as at 30 June 2007.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (CONT'D)

Analysis on the Operating Results and Financial Position of the Group (Cont'd)

Financial Analysis (Cont'd)

The Group's cash and cash equivalents are held in currencies other than Hong Kong Dollar. The Hong Kong Dollar equivalents of foreign currency monetary items included in the financial statements are not hedged. The Directors acknowledge the exposure to currency risk and will continue to monitor closely and minimise the exchange risk by using applicable derivatives when necessary.

The Company does not have any bank borrowings and does not need any source of funding for capital expenditure in the foreseeable future.

The Joint Venture

2008 has been thus far been an eventful year for China. Softening external demand and global financial woes aside, there were even more pressing events domestically. The year started with a devastating winter storm, a major earthquake in Szechuan, serious flooding in the Southern and Central Regions, political unrest in the Northwest Region, and importantly, the elaborate preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Naturally, most industries were affected and the market was disrupted in the process. Specifically, the close monitoring and tight control of mining and quarrying activities by the government have resulted in a significant slowdown in demand for the Group's tyre products.

In addition, raw material costs, such as natural rubber and nylon threads, continued to spike, leaving many industry players struggling to survive. The above events left a strong impact on the business of the Joint Venture. For the first half of 2008, we experienced a 15.8% drop in sales revenue and incurred a loss of HK\$23.9 million.

Outlook

We expect the business environment to improve in the second half of 2008, largely due to expectations that the market would return to normal condition and that the Central Government would be introducing more pro-business policies.

Key raw materials, such as natural rubber and oil related products, have also come off their highs in recent weeks, and have shown signs of price stability. This would allow for better business planning and operational efficiencies.

Production of LTR (Light Truck Radial) tyres has come on stream and management is making plans for a new product range line-up in the coming year. We have not yet started commercial production of the OTR (Off-The-Raod) tyres due to some remaining technical issues that have yet to be resolved. In the meantime, negotiations are underway with a large reputable OTR company to render us with technical assistance and upon completion to provide them with certain volume of production off take.

The series of corrective actions undertaken by management has enabled the Group to emerge from this tumultuous period leaner and stronger. Whilst many of our competitors have succumbed to demand and cost pressures and have ceased operations, we managed to stay afloat during the most difficult period through price increases, a 20% reduction in headcount and better production scheduling. We expect the Group to return to profitability once the market restores to normality.

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

As at 30 June 2008, the interests and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (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 ("The Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listing Companies, were as follows:—

Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company

| Name | Capacity | Number of Shares Held in The Company | Percentage of the Issued Share Capital of The Company (%) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| Ang Guan Seng | Personal | 100,000 | 0.1 |
| (resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008) | Corporate | 38,114,000 (1) | 36.3 |
| Goh Nan Kioh | Family | 957,790 (2) | 0.9 |
| | Corporate | 38,114,000 (1) | 36.3 |
| Goh Nan Yang | Personal | 94,000 | 0.1 |
| Sandy Chim Chun Kwan | Personal | 102,252 | 0.1 |
| Lim Thian Soo | Personal | 134,308 | 0.1 |
| (resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008) | | | |

Notes:

- These shares are beneficially held by two corporations in which Ang Guan Seng and Goh Nan Kioh
 each hold more than 20% equity interest.
- These shares are beneficially held by the spouse and children (under 18 years old) of Goh Nan Kioh and accordingly he is deemed to be interested in these shares.

The Company does not have any listed debt securities.

Save as disclosed above as at 30 June 2008, none of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company or any of their associates had an interest or short position 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) which was required to be 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 pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed issuers. None of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company or any of their associates had an interest (directly and/or deemed) in the equity or debt securities of the associated corporations of the Company.

At no time during the current period, the Directors or the chief executive of the Company (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) had any interest in, or had been granted, or exercised, any rights to subscribe for shares (or warrants or debentures, if applicable) of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (CONT'D)

Substantial Shareholders

As at 30 June 2008, as far as is known to the Directors and the chief executive of the Company, the interests and short positions of 5% or more, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company, in the issued shares and underlying share of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company

| Name | Capacity | Number of Shares Held In The Company | Percentage Percentage of Issued Share Capital of The Company (%) |
|--|------------------|---|---|
| Pacific Union Pte Ltd(1) | Beneficial owner | 37,590,000 | 35.76 |
| Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad ⁽²⁾ | Beneficial owner | 32,085,976 | 30.52 |
| Batu Kawan Berhad ⁽³⁾ | Beneficial owner | 32,085,976 | 30.52 |
| Arusha Enterprise Sdn Bhd(3) | Beneficial owner | 32,085,976 | 30.52 |
| Wan Hin Investments Sdn Bhd ⁽³⁾ | Beneficial owner | 32,085,976 | 30.52 |
| KL-Kepong International Ltd | Beneficial owner | 24,085,976 | 22.91 |

Notes:

- 1. These shares are beneficially owned by Pacific Union Pte Ltd which has been a substantial shareholder of the Company since 1995. Pacific Union Pte Ltd is an investment holding company which does not have any business other than holding approximately 35.76% interests in the Company. The shares in Pacific Union Pte Ltd are in turn held by Goh Nan Kioh and Hoe Seng Co. Pte Ltd (a company associated with Ang Guan Seng) and the balance by independent third parties. Save as disclosed herein, Pacific Union Pte Ltd and its substantial shareholders do not have any interests in or business relations with Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad. Goh Nan Kioh is the Chairman of the Company.
- Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad is a company incorporated in Malaysia and listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (formerly known as Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange). It has been a substantial shareholder of the Company since 1995. Save as disclosed herein, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad and its controlling shareholders do not have any interests in or business relations with Pacific Union Pte Ltd.
 - Ablington Holdings Sdn Bhd is the beneficial owner of 8,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company. Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad owns 100% of Ablington Holdings Sdn Bhd and 100% of KL-Kepong International Ltd and is accordingly deemed by the SFO to be interested in a total of 32,085,976 ordinary shares beneficially owned by Ablington Holdings Sdn Bhd and KL-Kepong International Ltd.
- 3. As at 30 June 2008, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad is 46.57% directly owned by Batu Kawan Berhad, which is, in turn, 44.15% directly owned by Arusha Enterprise Sdn Bhd. Wan Hin Investments Sdn Bhd directly owns 77.40% of Arusha Enterprise Sdn Bhd. Accordingly, Batu Kawan Berhad, Arusha Enterprise Sdn Bhd and Wan Hin Investments Sdn Bhd are also deemed by the SFO to be interested in the ordinary shares owned by KL-Kepong International Ltd and Ablington Holdings Sdn Bhd as disclosed above.

Batu Kawan Berhad, Arusha Enterprise Sdn Bhd and Wan Hin Investments Sdn Bhd are companies incorporated in Malaysia and the shares of Batu Kawan Berhad are listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (CONT'D)

Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company (Cont'd)

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2008, no person, other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company whose interests are set out in the section "Directors' and the chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures" above, had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

GROUP STRUCTURE

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current period, including business combinations, acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investments, restructurings and discontinuing operations.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Bye-laws of the Company.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, associates and the Joint Venture purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the current period.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has applied and complied with the code provisions on Corporate Governance Practices set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules during the period ended 30 June 2008, with the exception that the non-executive directors of the Company have no set terms of office but retire from office on a rotational basis in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Company, which is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director, currently has a membership comprising 3 independent non-executive directors. The Audit Committee meets at least twice a year with management and annually with the external auditors of the Company to review matters relating to audit, accounting and financial statements as well as the accounting policies, internal controls and financial reporting of the Company, its subsidiaries and the Joint Venture.

As at 30 June 2008, both Mr Lim Chong Puang and Dr Lim Thian Soo resigned as Directors of the Company and ipso facto resigned as members of Audit Committee and replaced with the appointment of Mr Khoo Teng Keat and Mr Yeow See Yuen.

The interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2008 which were not required to be audited and have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company which is of the opinion that such financial statements complied with the applicable accounting standards, and that adequate disclosures have been made, and has recommended their adoption by the Board.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE SET OUT IN APPENDIX 10 TO THE LISTING RULES

The Company has adopted a code for securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in the Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules.

Following specific enquiry made with the Directors, the Company confirmed that all directors had complied with the standard set out in the Model Code regarding securities transactions during the period under review.

DIRECTORS

Helen Zee

Ang Guan Seng

Khoo Teng Keat

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the current period are as follows:

Goh Nan Kioh Chairman and Non-Executive Director

(re-designated as Chairman w.e.f.30 June 2008)

Sandy Chim Chun Kwan
Goh Nan Yang
Lim Thian Soo

Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

(also alternate to Goh Nan Kioh) (resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008)

Yeoh Eng Khoon Non-Executive Director

Lim Boon Seh

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive Director

(resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008)

Lim Loi Heng Independent Non-Executive Director
Lim Chong Puang Independent Non-Executive Director
(resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008)

Independent Non-Executive Director
Chairman and Non-Executive Director

(resigned w.e.f. 30 June 2008)
Independent Non-Executive Director

(appointed w.e.f. 30 June 2008)

Yeow See Yuen Independent Non-Executive Director

(appointed w.e.f. 30 June 2008)

During the current period under review to the date of this report:

- (i) At the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30 May 2008:
 - Mr Goh Nan Kioh who retired by rotation in accordance with the Company's Byelaws was re-elected to the Board.
 - Ms Helen Zee who retired by rotation in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws was re-elected to the Board.
 - Mr Lim Chong Puang who retired by rotation in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws was re-elected to the Board.

DIRECTORS (CONT'D)

- (ii) As at 30 June 2008, there were changes in the compositions of board and committees:
 - Ang Guan Seng resigned as a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Company effective 30 June 2008 due to health reasons.
 - Goh Nan Kioh has been re-designated from Deputy Chairman to the Chairman of the Board of the Company to fill the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr Ang Guan Seng effective 30 June 2008.
 - Dr Lim Thian Soo resigned as a Non-Executive Director and member of audit committee of the Company effective 30 June 2008 due to his other business commitments
 - Lim Chong Puang resigned as an Independent Non-Executive Director and members
 of audit committee and remuneration committee of the Company effective 30 June
 2008 due to his other business commitments.
 - Lim Boon Seh resigned as a Non-Executive Director of the Company effective 30
 June 2008 due to his other business commitments.
 - Khoo Teng Keat has been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director and member of audit committee of the Company effective 30 June 2008.
 - Yeow See Yuen has been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director and member of audit committee and remuneration committee of the Company effective 30 June 2008.

By order of the Board Goh Nan Yang Director and CEO

Kuala Lumpur, 18 September 2008