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# C.banner International Holdings Limited

千百度國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1028)

# ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

## **ANNUAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**

	Year ended 31 December	
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB '000
Revenue	2,432,165	2,043,696
Gross profit	1,539,480	1,298,261
Operating profit	435,276	405,377
Income tax expense	(111,312)	(115,199)
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	313,521	290,178
	%	%
Gross profit margin	63.3	63.5
Operating profit margin	17.9	19.8
Net profit margin	12.9	14.2
	RMB cents	RMB cents
Earnings per share		
– Basic	15.68	16.28
– Diluted	15.36	N/A

	31 December 2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	31 December 2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Balance of cash and bank deposits	777,061	503,997
Bank loans	0	0
		%
Liquidity ratio	527.5	479.7
Gearing ratio	0.6	0.9
	Days	Days
Average inventory turnover period	240.9	238.0
Average receivables turnover period	43.5	37.8
Average payable turnover period	59.5	81.1

*Note:* Liquidity ratio = current assets/current liabilities; gearing ratio = notes payable and bank loans/total assets

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of C.banner International Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2012 together with the comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2011 as follows:

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	NOTES	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Revenue	4	2,432,165	2,043,696
Cost of sales		(892,685)	(745,435)
Gross profit		1,539,480	1,298,261
Other income and expenses and other gains and losses	5	56,600	2,891
Distribution and selling expenses		(1,040,475)	(817,803)
Administrative and general expenses		(110,996)	(74,350)
Finance costs		(7,349)	(1,568)
Share of losses of joint ventures		(1,984)	(2,054)
Profit before tax	6	435,276	405,377
Income tax expense	7	(111,312)	(115,199)
Net profit for the year		323,964	290,178
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year			
Attributable to owners of the Company		313,521	290,178
Non-controlling interests		10,443	
		323,964	290,178
Earnings per share			
– Basic (RMB cents)	8	15.68	16.28
– Diluted (RMB cents)	8	15.36	N/A

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2012

	NOTES	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Prepaid lease payments Investment properties Intangible assets Goodwill Interest in joint ventures Held-to-maturity investments Deferred tax assets	9	117,971 14,962 47,000 3,230 5,725 5,213 33,107 17,515	109,89915,30246,0002,190 $-6,994-17,256$
Long-term deposit		<u>    10,716</u> 255,439	9,464
<b>Current assets</b> Inventories Trade receivables Other receivables and prepayments Held-to-maturity investments Available-for-sale investments Other financial assets Pledged bank deposits Bank balances and cash	11 9 10	616,701 336,144 59,667 7,922 194,085 13,841 777,061 2,005,421	561,840 243,555 57,330 75,611 67,000 14,589 503,997 1,523,922
<b>Current liabilities</b> Trade payables Other payables Income tax liabilities Deferred revenue	12	157,224 159,784 59,156 4,016 380,180	133,947 114,446 56,616 12,672 317,681
Net current assets		1,625,241	1,206,241
Total assets less current liabilities		1,880,680	1,413,346
Non-current liability Deferred tax liabilities Convertible bonds Derivative financial instruments	13 13	9,820 132,622 32,631	9,836
		175,073	9,836
Net assets		1,705,607	1,403,510
<b>Capital and reserves</b> Share capital Reserves	14	202,087 1,450,205	202,087 1,201,423
<b>Total equity attributable to owners of the Company</b> Non-controlling interests		1,652,292 53,315	1,403,510
		1,705,607	1,403,510

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda under the Companies Act as an exempted company with limited liability on 26 April 2002. The Company issued a prospectus (the "Prospectus") dated 12 September 2011 in relation to its global offering ("Global Offering") of the Company's shares. The Company's shares were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") on 23 September 2011 (the "Listing").

Pursuant to a special general meeting dated 1 February 2012, the Company changed its name from Hongguo International Holdings Limited, 鴻國國際控股有限公司 to C.banner International Holdings Limited,千百度國際控股有限公司.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries established in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of branded fashion footwear.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), which is the functional currency of the Company.

# 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("IFRSs")

In the current year, the Group has applied the following new and revised IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB").

Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax Recovery of Underlying Asset; and
Amendments to IFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets

#### New and revised Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised International Accounting Standards ("IASs"), IFRSs, amendments and interpretations ("Int") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "new and revised IFRSs") that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009-2011 Cycle <sup>1</sup>
Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities <sup>1</sup>
Mandatory Effective Date of IFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures <sup>2</sup>
Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of
Interests in Other Entities: Transition Guidance <sup>1</sup>
Investment Entities <sup>4</sup>
Financial Instruments <sup>2</sup>
Consolidated Financial Statements <sup>1</sup>
Joint Arrangements <sup>1</sup>
Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities <sup>1</sup>
Fair Value Measurement <sup>1</sup>

Amendments to IAS 1	Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income <sup>3</sup>
IAS 19 (Revised 2011)	Employee Benefits <sup>1</sup>
IAS 27 (Revised 2011)	Separate Financial Statements <sup>1</sup>
IAS 28 (Revised 2011)	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to IAS 32	Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities <sup>4</sup>
IFRIC 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine <sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments and investment properties that are measured at fair value, as explained in the accounting policies set out below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs. In addition, the consolidated financial statements includes applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### 4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating segments are based on information prepared and reported to the chief operating decision makers ("CODM"), the board of directors of the Company, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. The Group is organised into two segments, retail and wholesale of branded fashion footwear ("Retail and wholesale") and contract manufacturing of footwear ("Contract manufacturing"). These segments are the basis on which the Group reports its segment information.

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating and reportable segments for the year:

	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Segment revenue	KMD 000	KMD 000
Retail and wholesale		
– external sales	2,224,718	1,807,873
Contract manufacturing		
– external sales	207,447	235,823
– inter-segment sales	44,104	14,256
Segment revenue	2,476,269	2,057,952
Eliminations	(44,104)	(14,256)
Group revenue	2,432,165	2,043,696
Segment results		
Retail and wholesale	420,977	414,303
Contract manufacturing	16,186	22,454
	437,163	436,757
Legal and professional fees (note)	_	(27,758)
Investment income from held-to-maturity investments	1,148	—
Gain from available-for-sale investments	605	_
Gain from changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	5,693	_
Finance costs	(7,349)	(1,568)
Share of losses of joint ventures	(1,984)	(2,054)
Profit before income tax	435,276	405,377
Income tax expense	(111,312)	(115,199)
Net profit for the year	323,964	290,178

*Note:* The amount mainly represented the unallocated legal, professional and related expenses incurred for the Global Offering.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 3. Segment results represent the profits earned by each segment and excluding certain legal and professional fees, investment income from held-to-maturity investments, gain from available-for-sale investments, gain from changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments, finance costs, share of losses of joint ventures and income tax expense. This is the measure reported to CODM for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment.

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market prices.

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by operating segment:

	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Segment assets		
Retail and wholesale	2,385,476	1,621,026
Contract manufacturing	304,827	213,072
Total segment assets	2,690,303	1,834,098
Eliminations	(498,925)	(127,321)
Unallocated	69,482	24,250
Total consolidated assets	2,260,860	1,731,027
Segment liabilities		
Retail and wholesale	437,125	290,401
Contract manufacturing	215,668	27,552
Total segment liabilities	652,793	317,953
Eliminations	(272,613)	(272)
Unallocated	175,073	9,836
Total consolidated liabilities	555,253	327,517

For the purposes of monitory segment performance and allocating resources between segments, segment assets are allocated to operating segments other than goodwill, interest in joint ventures, held-to-maturity investments and deferred tax assets, while all liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than deferred tax liabilities, convertible bonds and derivative financial instruments.

#### Other segment information

	<b>Retail and</b> <b>wholesale</b> <i>RMB</i> '000	Contract manufacturing <i>RMB</i> '000	<b>Total</b> <i>RMB</i> '000
For the year ended 31 December 2012			
Depreciation expense	18,606	2,516	21,122
Amortisation of intangible assets	587	76	663
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	384	_	384
Allowance for inventory obsolescence	6,205	16	6,221
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	28,443	1,166	29,609
Purchase of intangible assets	947	756	1,703
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,574	189	1,763
Interest income on bank deposits	(9,903)	(20)	(9,923)
Interest income on other financial assets	(8,975)	_	(8,975)

	Retail and wholesale RMB'000	Contract manufacturing RMB'000	<b>Total</b> <i>RMB</i> '000
For the year ended 31 December 2011			
Depreciation expense	12,782	2,503	15,285
Amortisation of intangible assets	435	_	435
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	384	_	384
Allowance (reversal) for inventory obsolescence	1,788	(77)	1,711
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	38,227	1,132	39,359
Purchase of intangible assets	811	_	811
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	399	53	452
Interest income	(2,503)	(178)	(2,681)

#### **Geographical information**

The Group's operations are mainly located in the PRC.

The Group's revenue from external customers, based on location of customers and information about its non-current assets by geographical location of the assets are detailed below:

	<b>Revenue from external customers</b>	
	2012	2011
	RMB '000	RMB '000
PRC	2,224,718	1,807,873
United States of America	207,447	235,823
Total	2,432,165	2,043,696
	Non-current assets	
	2012	2011
	<i>RMB'000</i>	RMB '000
PRC	204,817	189,849

*Note:* Non-current assets exclude deferred tax assets and held-to-maturity investments.

There is no single customer contributing over 10% of the total sales of the Group during both years.

#### 5. OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES AND OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Other income		
Government grants (note 1)	23,909	25,209
Interest income on bank deposits	9,923	2,681
Interest income on other financial assets	8,975	_
Rental income	297	849
Other gains and losses		
Investment income from held-to-maturity investments	1,148	_
Gain reclassified from equity to profit or loss on disposal		
of available-for-sale investments	605	_
Gain/(loss) from changes in fair value of investment properties	1,000	(69)
Gain from changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	5,693	_
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gains	(496)	167
Other expenses		
Legal and professional fees (note 2)	_	(27,758)
Others	5,546	1,812
	56,600	2,891

*Note 1:* The amount mainly represented the subsidies received from the local governments where the Group entities were located.

Note 2: The amount mainly represented the legal, professional and related expenses incurred for the Global Offering.

#### 6. **PROFIT BEFORE TAX**

Profit before tax for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	21,122	15,285
Amortisation of lease premium for land use rights	384	384
Amortisation of intangible assets	663	435
Total depreciation and amortization	22,169	16,104
Auditor's remuneration	1,500	1,800
Employee benefits expense	437,840	333,126
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense		
(including allowance for inventories obsolescence)	892,685	745,435

#### 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	106,443	118,933
Hong Kong Profits Tax	2,086	_
Withholding tax	3,041	494
Under provision of EIT in prior years	17	51
Deferred tax credit:		
Current year	(275)	(4,279)
	111,312	115,199

The tax charge for the year ended 31 December 2011 can be reconciled to the profit before tax as follows:

	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Profit before tax	435,276	405,377
Tax at the PRC EIT rate of 25% (2011: 25%)	108,819	101,344
Tax effect of share of losses of joint ventures	445	314
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	5,350	11,419
Tax effect of income not taxable in other jurisdiction	(2,443)	(1,217)
Under provision in respect of prior year	17	51
Utilization of tax loss previously not recognized	(2,576)	_
Effect of different tax rates of group entities operating in		
jurisdictions other than PRC	(1,075)	_
Withholding tax	2,775	3,288
Income tax expense for the year	111,312	115,199

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

9.

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company for the year is based on the following data:

	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Earnings		
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share		
(profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company)	313,521	290,178
Effects of dilutive potential ordinary shares:	,	,
Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(5,693)	_
Effective interest expense on convertible bonds	7,349	
Earnings for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	315,177	_
Number of shares ('000)		
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	2,000,000	1,782,192
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares attributable to convertible bonds	52,474	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of		
diluted earnings per share	2,052,474	1,782,192
Earnings per share (RMB cents)		
– Basic	15.68	16.28
– Diluted	15.36	N/A
HELD-TO-MATURITY INVESTMENTS		
Held-to-maturity investments comprise:		
	2012	2011
	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
	KMB <sup>*</sup> 000	KMB 000
Debt securities		
Current portion	7,922	_
Non-current portion	33,107	
	41,029	

As at 31 December 2012, held-to-maturity investments represent debt securities that are issued by listed equities trading in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and other stock exchanges, and large banks, carrying fixed interest rates at 1.85%-5.75% per annum, and will mature from 26 October 2013 to 14 August 2015. None of these assets has been past due or impaired at the end of the reporting period.

#### **10. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS**

2012	2011
<i>RMB</i> '000	<i>RMB</i> '000
Unlisted investment funds, at fair value	75,611

As at 31 December 2011, the investment amounts represented units in investment funds managed by an investment fund manager which invested solely in listed equities trading in stock exchanges in Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan. The investment manager was obliged to purchase from the Group such investment units at the quoted price provided by the investment fund manager which was determined based on the net asset and total units of the investment funds upon request. The fair value of the investment funds was based on unit price quoted by investment fund manager with reference to certain market value statements showing the net asset value of the investment funds at 31 December 2011.

On 28 June 2012, the Company disposed of the investment fund in its entirety and a gain of RMB605,000 was recognised in other income and expenses, other gains and losses during the current year.

#### **11. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

	2012 <i>RMB</i> '000	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Amounts receivable from sales of goods	336,144	243,555

The group allows an credit period of 60 days for collection of the trade receivables.

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, presented based on the revenue recognition dates at the end of the reporting period.

	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
0 to 60 days	271,523	237,283
61 to 180 days	52,185	5,664
181 days to 1 year	12,128	565
Over 1 year	308	43
Amounts receivable from sales of goods	336,144	243,555

#### **12. TRADE PAYABLES**

Trade payables comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases. Payment terms with suppliers are mainly on credit within 90 days from the invoice date. The aging of trade payables presented based on the invoice dates at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2012	2011
	<i>RMB'000</i>	RMB '000
Age		
0 to 90 days	153,708	122,840
91 to 180 days	3,486	11,107
181 to 1 year	8	_
Over 1 year	22	_
	157,224	133,947

#### **13. CONVERTIBLE BONDS**

On 15 June 2012, the Company issued zero coupon convertible bonds at par with a par value of RMB5 each for an aggregate principal amount of RMB189,024,000 (the "Bonds") to three independent third parties who were neither connected nor related to the Group (the "Bondholders"). The principal terms of the Bonds are as follows:

- (1) Denomination of the Bonds the Bonds are denominated in RMB
- (2) Maturity date four years from the date of issuance, which is 14 June 2016 (the "Maturity Date")
- (3) Interest the Bonds do not bear any interest
- (4) Conversion
  - a. Conversion Price the conversion price is Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$")2.40 per each new share to be issued upon conversion of the Bonds ("Conversion Shares"), subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the Bonds, including consolidation, subdivision or reclassification; making dividend other than in cash or in shares; repurchase of shares; rights issues of shares or options over shares; rights issues of other securities; modification of rights of conversion etc (the "Conversion Price"). The number of Conversion Shares to be issued on conversion shall be calculated on the basis of a fixed conversion rate of HK\$1.00 to RMB0.8130.
  - b. Conversion period the Bondholders have the right to convert the Bonds into shares of the Company at any time on or after the issue date of the Bonds up to the close of business on the date that is two business days prior to the Maturity Date, or if such Bonds have been called or put for redemption at any time on or after the issue date, then up to the close of business on a date no later than five business days prior to the date fixed for redemption.
  - c. Rights the Conversion Shares will rank pari passu in all respects with the shares of the Company then in issue on the relevant conversion date.

#### (5) Redemption

- a. Redemption period unless previously redeemed, converted or purchased and cancelled, the Company will redeem each Bond on the Maturity Date. The Company and the Bondholder may not redeem the Bonds at its option prior to the Maturity Date.
- b. Redemption price the Bonds will be redeemed at an amount, on Maturity Date, equal to aggregate of the United States dollars ("USD") equivalent of (i) the principal amount of all outstanding Bonds; (ii) any unpaid accrued dividend on the Maturity Date; and (iii) redemption premium.
- c. Redemption premium on the Maturity Date, if the Conversion Price is greater than the average of the volume weighted average price ("VWAP") for the share of the Company for the 60 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day immediately preceding the Maturity Date, then the redemption premium shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the difference between the Conversion Price and the average of the VWAP for the share of the Company for the 60 consecutive trading day immediately preceding the Maturity Date.
- (6) Dividend interest whenever the Company pays or makes any dividend in cash to the shareholders of the Company, the Bondholders shall be entitled to be paid in respect of that dividend ("Dividend Interest"). Such Dividend Interest shall be calculated by multiplying (i) the amount of dividend per share by (ii) the number of Conversion Shares.
- (7) Transferrability subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Bond subscription agreement, the Bonds and compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, the Bonds and the Conversion Shares are freely transferrable.
- (8) Voting the Bondholders will not be entitled to receive notice of or attend or vote at general meetings of the Company by reason only of being the Bondholders.
- (9) Listing the Bonds will not be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange.
- (10) Covenants so long as there are outstanding Bonds, the Company will not create or permit to subsist, and the Company will procure that no subsidiary of the Company will create or permit to subsist, any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other form of encumbrance or security interest upon the whole or any part of its undertaking, assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any debt securities or to secure any guarantee of or indemnity in respect of, any debt securities, unless, at the same time or prior thereto, the Company's obligations under the Bonds:
  (i) are secured equally and rateably therewith or benefit from a guarantee or indemnity in substantially identical terms thereto; or (ii) have the benefit of such other security, guarantee, indemnity or other arrangement as shall be approved by a special resolution of the Bondholders. So long as there are outstanding Bonds, the Company will not, and will procure that its subsidiaries will not, consolidate with, merge or amalgamate into or transfer its assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or convey or transfer its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person.

The Bonds contain three components: liability component, redemption premium derivative component and conversion component. The liability component and redemption premium derivative components are presented as liabilities while the conversion component is presented in equity as convertible bonds equity reserve. The effective interest rate of the liability component is 10.83% per annum. The redemption premium derivative component is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

The discounted cash flow method was adopted in determining the fair value of the liability component. The discounted cash flow method and the Monte Carlo simulation were adopted in determining the fair value of the redemption premium derivative component. The variables and assumptions used in assessing the fair value of the redemption premium derivative component are based on the management's best estimate. The value of the convertible bonds varies with different variables of certain subjective assumptions. The inputs into the model were as follows:

		31 December
	15 June 2012	2012
Risk-free interest rate	0.359%	0.188%
Discount rate	10.83%	9.84%
Dividend yield	2.22%	1.83%
Volatility of the Company's share price (with references to historical		
volatility of the Company and comparable companies' share prices)	35.25%	40.72%
The Company's share price on valuation date	HK\$2.36	HK\$2.92

The movement of the liability component, derivative component and conversion component for the reporting period is set out as below:

	Liability component <i>RMB</i> '000	Redemption premium derivative component <i>RMB</i> '000	<b>Conversion</b> <b>component</b> <i>RMB</i> '000	<b>Total</b> <i>RMB</i> '000
Convertible bonds:				
At date of issuance	125,273	38,324	25,427	189,024
Effective interest expense charged				
during the year	7,349	_	_	7,349
Changes on fair value		(5,693)		(5,693)
As at 31 December 2012	132,622	32,631	25,427	190,680

#### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares of USD0.015 each	<b>Amount</b> USD'000
Authorised:		
At 1 January 2011	800,000,000	12,000
Shares increased (note 1)	19,200,000,000	288,000
At 31 December 2011 & 31 December 2012	20,000,000,000	300,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 January 2011	396,868,200	5,953
Shares issued under the Capitalisation Issue (note 1)	1,303,131,800	19,547
Shares issued under the Global Offering (note 2)	300,000,000	4,500
At 31 December 2011 & 31 December 2012	2,000,000,000	30,000
Shown in the consolidated statement of financial position		
At 31 December 2011 & 31 December 2012	_	202,087

Fully paid ordinary shares carry one vote per share and carry a right to dividends.

- *Note 1:* Pursuant to written resolution passed on 26 August 2011, the authorised share capital of the company was increased from USD12,000,000 to USD300,000,000 by the creation of an additional 19,200,000,000 shares of USD0.015 each; a sum of USD19,546,977 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company was capitalised and applied in paying up in full at par 1,303,131,800 shares of USD0.015 each allotted and issued upon completion of the Listing (the "Capitalisation Issue").
- *Note 2:* On 22 September 2011, the Company issued 300,000,000 new ordinary shares pursuant to the Company's Global Offering at a price of HK\$2.3 (equivalent to RMB1.88) per share, details of which are set out in the Company's Prospectus dated 12 September 2011.

#### **15. DIVIDENDS**

	2012 <i>RMB'000</i>	2011 <i>RMB</i> '000
Dividends recognised as distribution to ordinary shareholders during the year	86,000	64,441

In 2012, a dividend to ordinary shareholders of RMB0.043 per share amounting to RMB86,000,000 in aggregate was proposed and paid.

In 2011, a dividend of USD0.0247 per share amounting to USD9,801,000 (equivalent to RMB64,441,000) was proposed and paid to ordinary shareholders.

Also, during the year, dividend to convertible bondholders of RMB0.043 per share amounting to RMB4,166,000 in aggregate was paid.

The final dividend of RMB0.044 (2011: RMB0.043) per share has been proposed by the Company's Directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **Business Review**

The Group operates under a vertically integrated business model, which includes the design and development, outsourcing, manufacturing, marketing, wholesaling and retailing of shoes. It is the second largest retailer of middle-to-high-end women's formal and leisure footwear in the PRC, according to a Euromonitor report.

The Group also acts as an OEM or ODM manufacturer for international shoe companies operating in overseas markets.

The Group manages four self-developed brands – C.banner, EBLAN, sundance and MIO. The Group also sells women shoes through a licensed brand called naturalizer.

During the year under review, the Group has sought to maximize shareholder value through the following initiatives:

## Well-established and expanding presence across all major and regional markets

The Group's self-developed and licensed brands are mainly distributed through a network of proprietary retail outlets in department stores in PRC's first, second and third-tier cities. It also wholesales its self-developed brands through authorized distributors.

Despite the more challenging business environment in 2012, the Group added a net 245 proprietary retail outlets and 173 third-party outlets during the year under review. As of 31 December 2012, it oversaw a network of 1,556 proprietary retail outlets and 610 third-party outlets across PRC – maintaining a strong presence in over 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions.

Sales volume during the year was in line with expectations, with same-store sales growing by 6.27% during the year, as the Group continued to improve the operation efficiency and layout of its stores to retain and win customers.

The following table shows the geographic distribution of proprietary and third-party outlets:

	C.	C.banner EBLAN sundance		ıdance	MIO		naturalizer			
Distribution Regions	Proprietary outlets	Third-party outlets	Proprietary outlets	Third-party outlets	Proprietary outlets	Third-party outlets	Proprietary outlets	Third-party outlets	Proprietary outlets	Total
Northeast	100	35	78	15	45	_	_	16	7	296
Beijing	48	14	17	4	14	-	2	7	4	110
Tianjin	81	72	46	19	17	1	6	7	11	260
Northwest	62	79	46	34	10	2	-	44	4	281
Central PRC	45	27	17	9	8	1	-	7	1	115
Eastern PRC	147	55	112	23	44	2	9	-	28	420
Zhejiang	78	18	33	-	11	_	4	2	15	161
Shanghai	60	1	26	-	8	_	2	-	_	97
Southwest	101	23	28	5	13	1	-	16	3	190
Southern PRC	106	42	41	14	14	1		14	4	236
Total	828	366	444	123	184	8	23	113	77	2,166

Note:

(1) Northeast region includes Jilin province, Liaoning province and Heilongjiang province;

- (2) Beijing region includes Beijing, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Zhangjiakou city and Qinhuangdao city in Hebei province;
- (3) Tianjin region includes Tianjin, Shandong province and Hebei province (except Zhangjiakou city and Qinhuangdao city);
- (4) Northwest region includes Shanxi province, Shaanxi province, Qinghai province, Gansu province, Henan province, Xinjiang Autonomous Region and Ningxia Autonomous Region;
- (5) Central PRC region includes Hunan province and Hubei province;
- (6) Eastern PRC region includes Jiangsu province (except Wuxi city and Suzhou city), Anhui province and Jiangxi province;
- (7) Zhejiang region includes Zhejiang province and Wuxi city and Suzhou city in Jiangsu province;
- (8) Shanghai region includes Shanghai;
- (9) Southwest region includes Sichuan province, Guizhou province, Yunnan province, Chongqing city and Tibet Autonomous Region; and
- (10) Southern PRC region includes Guangdong province, Hainan province, Guangxi Autonomous Region and Fujian province.

## Expansion of brand portfolio

The Group continued to add more retail brands during the year, in order to enter new product markets, diversify its footwear offerings and broaden its customer base. It launched a new self-developed brand, MIO, in the first half of the year. Targeting the premium end of the market, MIO offers a range of trendy and high-quality women's footwear, retailing at between RMB800 and RMB3,000 per pair. As of 31 December 2012, MIO was available at 23 of the Group's proprietary outlets and 113 third-party outlets.

The Group also prudently considered opportunities to acquire the trademarks of internationally recognized brands to further diversify its retail offerings, particularly in PRC's first-tier cities, as well as introduce new types of products such as leather goods.

## Focus on proprietary brands

The Group continued to invest in maintaining separate design teams for each of its self-developed brands throughout the year, ensuring that each brand's products remain fresh and in line with the latest fashion trends, as well as maintaining their own distinctive look and character. Based at the Group's research and development centre in Foshan, Guangdong province, each team comprises experienced brand directors, design managers and designers.

The Group continued to scale back its OEM business in order to allocate more manufacturing capability for its proprietary brands. It also acquired a 51% stake in Mega Brilliant International Limited ("Mega Brilliant"), a designer and outsourcing and sale of leather products and textiles, in the first half of 2012 in order to expand its women's footwear operations.

#### Addition of strategic investors

The Group attracted strategic investments from three leading private equity investors in the first half of 2012, in recognition of its impressive growth record. The three firms, China Consumer Capital Fund, L.P., China Champion Holdings Limited (an investment vehicle owned by funds advised by CVC Capital Partner) and MousseDragon, L.P. subscribed for a collective RMB189.0 million worth of convertible bonds issued by the Company. The proceeds from convertible bonds issue are used for general working capital and new initiatives for the Company and its subsidiaries.

The introduction of strategic investors is to improve the Group's retail operational capabilities expand brand portfolio and explore potential mergers and acquisitions or cooperation opportunities in the footwear industry.

## **Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 December 2012, the Group's total revenue from continuing operations rose 19.0% to RMB2,432.2 million, compared to the same period of last year. Operating profit rose 7.4% to RMB435.3 million during the year under review. Profit attributable to owners of the Company from continuing operations increased 8.0% to RMB313.5 million, compared to the same period of last year.

## Revenue

For the year ended 31 December 2012, the Group's total revenue from continuing operations rose 19.0% to RMB2,432.2 million, compared to RMB2,043.7 million in the same period of last year. The growth in revenue was attributable to the Group's retail outlet expansion strategy and higher same-store sales. The Group operated a total of 2,166 stores as of 31 December 2012.

The Group's revenue mix includes income from its retail and wholesale operations, as well as contract manufacturing. Revenue distribution is as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December					
	2012		2011			
	% on Total		% on Total			
	RMB('000)	Revenue	RMB('000)	Revenue	Change %	
Retail and Wholesaling	2,224,718	91.5	1,807,873	88.5	+ 23.1	
Contract Manufacturing	207,447	8.5	235,823	11.5	-12.0	
Total	2,432,165	100.0	2,043,696	100.0	+ 19.0	

## Profitability

The Group's gross profit from continuing operations rose 18.6% to RMB1,539.5 million, an increase of RMB241.2 million compared to RMB1,298.3 million last year. As of 31 December 2012, the gross profit margin from continuing operations was 63.3%, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from 63.5% in the corresponding period of last year.

Contributions from retail and wholesaling operations year-on-year increased 23.1% to RMB2,224.7 million of overall revenue as of 31 December 2012. The contribution from retail and wholesale rose to 91.5% as a proportion of revenue compared to 88.5% last year, while the proportion of revenue attributable to contract manufacturing fell to 8.5%. The decline in contract manufacturing was mainly due to the Group scaling back its OEM manufacturing capacity in order to allocate more capacity for its proprietary-brand products.

For the year ended 31 December 2012, distribution and selling expenses for continuing operations reached RMB1,040.5 million, an increase of 27.2%, compared to expenses of RMB817.8 million last year. Distribution and selling expenses mainly consisted of concessionaire fees, rental expenses, salaries and commissions of salespersons, renovation expenses for self-owned retail stores, advertising and marketing expenses. Distribution and selling expenses were equivalent to around 42.8% of total revenue, compared to 40.0% in the corresponding period of last year. The increase was primarily due to a rise in concessionaire fees, rental expenses, salaries and commissions of salespersons.

Administrative and general expenses for continuing operations over the year reached RMB111.0 million, an increase of RMB36.6 million compared to the same period of last year. Administrative and general expenses mainly consisted of salaries and benefits for management and executives, rental payment for office premises, depreciation of office equipment and other related administrative expenses. Administrative and general expenses were equivalent to 4.6% of total revenue, compared to 3.6% in the same period of last year. The increase in administrative and general expenses was mainly due to growth of salaries for management and executives and the increased in the cost of intermediaries after the Listing.

Other income and other losses from continuing operations over the year was a net of RMB56.6 million, an increase of RMB53.7 million compared to the same period of last year. This was mainly attributed to legal, professional and related expenses incurred for the Global Offering in 2011.

Finance costs for continuing operations over the year were RMB7.3 million, which was made up of effective interest expenses on convertible bonds.

Income tax expense for continuing operations over the year fell by RMB3.9 million or 3.4% to RMB111.3 million, compared to an expense of RMB115.2 million last year. The Group's effective income tax rate of continuing operations in 2012 was 25.6%, a decrease of 2.8 percentage points compared to an effective tax rate of 28.4% last year.

Profit attributable to owners of the company from continuing operations rose 8.0% to RMB313.5 million, an increase of RMB23.3 million compared to a profit of RMB290.2 million last year.

# Liquid Assets, Financial Resources and Capital Expenditure

As of 31 December 2012, the Group had bank balances and cash of RMB777.1 million, compared to RMB504.0 million at the end of last year.

Net cash generated from operating activities was RMB251.4 million, an increase of RMB217.2 million compared to RMB34.2 million as of the end of last year. The increase is primarily attributed to the Group strengthening its management of trade and other receivables.

Inventory rose 9.77% from RMB561.8 million in 2011 to RMB616.7 million in 2012. This was mostly attributable to the net addition of 245 proprietary stores across the Group in 2012 and the launch of the Group's new brand MIO.

The Group recorded a net cash outflow of RMB77.1 million from investing activities for the full year, compared to a net outflow of RMB162.9 million in 2011. The outflow was primarily due to investments in other financial assets of RMB190.0 million and RMB29.6 million in purchases of premises, factories and equipment. The net outflow was partially offset by the proceeds from the disposal of available-for-sale investments of RMB76.2 million and the redemption of investments in other financial assets of RMB76.2 million and the redemption of investments in other financial assets of RMB76.2 million.

Net cash inflow from financing activities was RMB98.9 million, which consisted of proceeds from the issuing of RMB189 million convertible bonds, and dividend payments of RMB90.2 million.

As of 31 December 2012, the net current assets of the Group were RMB1,625.2 million, compared to RMB1,206.2 million at the end of last year, an increase of 34.7% or RMB419.0 million.

## Pledge of Asset

As of 31 December 2012, the Group's pledged bank deposit was RMB13.8 million, compared to RMB14.6 million at the end of the previous year. The decrease is attributable to a decline in the amount of notes payable.

## **Contingent Liabilities**

The Group did not have any substantial or contingent liabilities as of 31 December 2012.

## Foreign Exchange Risk Management

The Group's sales were mainly denominated in RMB, while transactions related to its contract manufacturing business were denominated in USD.

As the contract manufacturing business accounted for only 8.5% of total sales as of 31 December 2012, the Board of Directors does not foresee exchange rate fluctuations as having a substantial impact on the Group's business. However, the Board will closely monitor the effects of exchange rates on the contract manufacturing business and mitigate the impact.

For the year ended 31 December 2012, the Group recorded a RMB0.5 million loss from currency exchange, compared to a RMB0.2 million gain in the corresponding period of last year. The Group did not hold any derivative instruments for hedging against foreign exchange risk.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures for the whole year of 2012 were RMB31.3 million which was primarily related to the Group's investment activities. Payments for the acquisition of property, plants and equipment accounted for RMB29.6 million and payments for intangible assets accounted for RMB1.7 million.

## **Human Resources**

As of 31 December 2012, the Group had 11,587 employees (31 December 2011: 10,624 employees). The Group provides its employees with competitive remuneration packages including mandatory pension funds, insurance and medical benefits. In addition, the Group pays discretionary bonuses to qualified employees according to the business performance and their individual work performance.

# Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Company has declared an annual dividend of RMB0.044 per share for the year ended 31 December 2012 (2011: RMB0.043).

# Outlook

Looking forward, 2013 will be another challenging year with slow global economic recovery likely to remain a dampener on Chinese consumer confidence. However, the Group is still reasonably confident about the outlook for the Company as China's growing economy and ongoing rural urbanization policy continues to create new markets for footwear products.

The Group will continue to implement multi-brand strategy, in order to expand its market share in PRC's middle-to-high-end footwear product market through increasing the sale of its proprietary brands and cooperating with other brands. The Group will continue to diversify its product offering to meet customers' needs.

As domestic consumer wealth increases, the Group intends to open at least 200 proprietary outlets and at least 100 third-party outlets in the coming year, primarily in PRC's third and fourth-tier cities, in order to grow market share. In addition, it will work with third-parties to create an online platform for the electronic sale of its products to further expand its customer base.

The Group will maintain the existing production capacity for its OEM business in 2013. At the same time, the Group will capture better returns by optimizing the product mix towards high-end brands.

It will also continue to seek opportunities to grow its business through selective acquisitions, such as its recent purchase of trademark rights, as well as providing high quality footwear to its customers and to generate greater values for its shareholders.

# **CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 25 June 2013 to 28 June 2013, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the shareholders who are entitled to attend the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on 28 June 2013. All transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong before 4:30 p.m. on 24 June 2013.

The register of members of the Company will also be closed from 5 July 2013 to 10 July 2013, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of the shareholders to the final dividend (if approved by the shareholders). All transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong before 4:30 p.m. on 4 July 2013.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Group is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability. The Company has complied with all applicable code provisions under the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012) and Corporate Governance Code (from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012) (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2012. The Company will continue to review and enhance its corporate governance practices to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee had reviewed together with the Board and external auditor the accounting standards and practices adopted by the Group and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012.

## CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

To further enhance the corporate governance level, the Board has made the following changes in composition of the board committees of the Company with effect from 25 March 2013:

- 1. Mr. Zhang Zhiyong, an independent non-executive Director, has been appointed as a member of each of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee; and
- 2. Mr. Wu Guangze, a non-executive Director, has been appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee.

## MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. Having make specific enquiries of all the Directors, each of the Directors has confirmed that he has complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2012.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the year ended 31 December 2012, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

# PUBLICATION OF THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL RESULTS AND 2012 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

This annual results announcement is published on the websites of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Company, and the 2012 annual report containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and published on the respective websites of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

By order of the Board C.banner International Holdings Limited Chen Yixi Chairman

PRC, 25 March 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. CHEN Yixi, Mr. LI Wei, Mr. HUO Li and Mr. XU Tingyu; the non-executive Directors are Mr. MIAO Bingwen, Mr. HO Chi Kit (with Mr. LI Xinhui as his alternate) and Mr. WU Guangze; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. KWONG Wai Sun Wilson, Mr. XU Chengming, Mr. LI Xindan and Mr. ZHANG Zhiyong.