

# **AUDITORS' REPORT**

## **REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AUDITORS**

To the Shareholders of

**Angang New Steel Company Limited**

*(Established in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*

We have audited the accounts on pages 34 to 68 which have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts which give a true and fair view. In preparing accounts which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently, that judgements and estimates are made which are prudent and reasonable and that the reasons for any significant departure from applicable accounting standards are stated.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

## **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **OPINION**

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st December 2000 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

**KPMG**

**Certified Public Accountants**

Hong Kong, China

20th March 2001