

# Independent Review Report

To the Board of Directors  
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited  
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim financial report of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six-month period ended 30 June 2005 set out on pages 11 to 28.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of interim financial report to be in compliance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

## Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 "Engagements to review interim financial reports" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of Group's management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial report and based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial report.

## Review conclusion

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial report for the six-month period ended 30 June 2005.

## **Ernst & Young**

*Certified Public Accountants*

Hong Kong  
23 August 2005