

## INTERIM DIVIDEND

Given the cash need for continual business expansion, the Directors resolved not to recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2005 (six months ended 30 September 2004: Nil).

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Group is principally engaged in investment in, and the operation and management of, gas pipeline infrastructure and the sale and distribution of piped natural gas and compressed natural gas in China.

During the period under review, we adjusted slightly our investment strategy by participating actively into and investment into natural gas projects with population over million of people and the results were promising. Furthermore, the Company raised funds through issue of convertible bonds, introduction of strategic investors to subscribe for the shares of the Company and by bank loans to fulfill the capital requirement of our natural gas projects.

We had accumulated a total of 47 cities and districts piped natural gas projects with exclusive operating rights over 9 provinces and two natural gas long distance pipeline projects by mid-December 2005.

## 中期股息

鑒於本集團仍需現金繼續拓展業務，董事建議不派發截至二零零五年九月三十日止六個月之中期股息（截至二零零四年九月三十日止六個月：無）。

## 管理層討論及分析

本集團主要於中國從事投資、經營及管理管道天然氣公共建設工程及買賣及分銷管道天然氣和壓縮天然氣。

於回顧期間，我們稍微調整了投資策略，將投資目標放在人口超過百萬的城市，並取得了滿意的效果。同時，本公司亦通過發行可換股債券、引入策略性投資者認購公司股份及通過銀行貸款以滿足本集團於天然氣項目的資金要求。

截至二零零五年十二月中旬，本集團合共取得 9 個省共 47 個城市及地區的城市管道燃氣專營權項目及 2 個天然氣長輸管道項目。