The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Guangnan (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2006 together with comparative figures. The results have been reviewed by the Company's auditors, KPMG, and the Company's audit committee.

INTERIM RESULTS

Consolidated profit and loss account for the six months ended 30 June 2006 — unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June		
		2006	2005
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover	2	622,781	399,791
Cost of sales		(541,695)	(343,515)
Gross profit		81,086	56,276
Other revenue		6,532	7,248
Other net income	3	8,585	215
Distribution costs		(10,913)	(5,870)
Administrative expenses		(23,538)	(15,945)
Other operating expenses		(6,500)	(40)
Profit from operations		55,252	41,884
Non-operating income		_	44,509
Net valuation gains on investment properties		5,867	22,149
Finance costs	4(a)	(1,436)	_
Share of profits less losses of associates		11,762	11,954
Profit before taxation	4	71,445	120,496
Income tax	5	(10,409)	(885)
Profit for the period		61,036	119,611
Front for the period		01,030	113,011

Consolidated profit and loss account for the six months ended 30 June 2006 — unaudited (continued)

		Six months ended 30 June		
		2006	2005	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Attributable to:				
Equity shareholders of the Company		58,624	117,355	
Minority interests		2,412	2,256	
Profit for the period		61,036	119,611	
Transfer to other reserves		1,734	876	
Earnings per share				
Basic	7(a)	6.5 cents	13.0 cents	
Diluted	7(b)	6.5 cents	13.0 cents	

Consolidated balance sheet at 30 June 2006 — unaudited

		At	At
		30 June	31 December
	Note	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
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Non-current assets			
Fixed assets			
 Investment properties 		214,533	207,496
 Other property, plant and equipment 	8(a)	315,860	167,580
 Interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating 			
leases		58,533	59,330
		588,926	434,406
Interest in associates		170,612	
Other non-current financial assets		170,612	176,003
Other non-current illiancial assets		40	46
		759,584	610,455
Current assets			
Trading securities		3,059	3,059
Inventories	9	157,280	236,259
Trade and other receivables	10	301,645	291,986
Cash and cash equivalents	11	186,139	96,871
		648,123	628,175
Current liabilities			
Bank loans secured by bill receivables		116,954	26,991
Trade and other payables	12	223,727	200,604
Current taxation		17,832	19,602
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		358,513	247,197
Net current assets		289,610	380,978
Total assets less current liabilities		1,049,194	991,433

Consolidated balance sheet at 30 June 2006 — unaudited (continued)

	Note	At 30 June 2006 \$'000	At 31 December 2005 \$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		14,908	12,217
Net assets		1,034,286	979,216
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	13	450,792	450,792
Reserves		555,707	499,090
Total a maite attained to a maite about a laboration of the Occurrence	40	4 000 400	0.40,000
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	13	1,006,499	949,882
Minority interests	13	27,787	29,334
Total equity	13	1,034,286	979,216

Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2006 unaudited

		S	ix months en	ded 30 June	•		
	2006			200	2005		
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Total equity at 1 January: Attributable to:							
 Equity shareholders of the Company 	13	949,882		760,915			
Minority interests	13	29,334		24,786			
At 1 January	13		979,216		785,701		
Net income for the period recognised directly in equity: Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside							
Hong Kong	13	5,232		(270)			
Share of associates' reserves	13	1,659		(26)			
			6,891		(296)		
Net profit for the period:							
Net profit for the period	13		61,036		119,611		
Total recognised income and expense for							
the period carried forward			67,927		119,315		

Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2006 unaudited (continued)

		S	Six months en	ded 30 June	•		
		200	06	20	2005		
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Total recognised income and expense for the period brought forward			67,927		119,315		
Attributable to: — Equity shareholders of the Company — Minority interests	-	65,275 2,652		117,074 2,241			
		67,927		119,315			
Dividends declared to: — minority shareholders — equity shareholders of the Company	13		(4,199) (13,524)		(2,212)		
			(17,723)		(2,212)		
Capital contribution by minority shareholders	13				2,207		
Movements in equity arising from capital transactions:							
Equity settled share-based transactions	13		4,866				
Total equity at 30 June	13		1,034,286		905,011		

Condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six months ended 30 June 2006 unaudited

		Six months ended 30 June		
		2006	2005	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		111,035	(22,770)	
Tax paid		(9,617)	(5,840)	
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		101,418	(28,610)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(88,917)	(23,189)	
Net cash from financing activities		76,439	<u> </u>	
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		88,940	(51,799)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	11	96,871	288,749	
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		328		
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	11	186,139	236,950	

Basis of preparation

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, Interim financial reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). It was authorised for issuance on 15 September 2006.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2005 annual financial statements.

The preparation of the interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial 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 2005 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and by the auditors, KPMG, in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700, Engagements to review interim financial reports, issued by the HKICPA. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 23.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2005 that is included in the interim financial report as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 are available from the Company's registered office. The auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 19 April 2006.

2. Turnover and segment reporting

The Group's primary format for reporting segment information is business segments. Revenue from external customers (turnover) represents the sales value of goods supplied to customers and rental income.

Business segments

The Group comprises the following main business segments:

: Production and sales of tinplate and related products which are used **Tinplating**

as packaging materials for food processing manufacturers

Foodstuffs distribution and

trading : Distribution, purchase and sale of foodstuffs

Property leasing : Leasing of properties to generate rental income

Turnover and segment reporting (continued) 2.

		Foodstuffs		Inter-		
		distribution	Property	segment		
	Tinplating	and trading	leasing	elimination	Unallocated	Consolidated
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
		Note (i)				
Period ended 30 June 2006						
Revenue from external customers	569,047	42,149	11,585	_	_	622,781
Inter-segment revenue	1,038	115	71	(1,224)	_	_
Other revenue from external customers					13,460	13,460
Total	570,085	42,264	11,656	(1,224)	13,460	636,241
Segment result	35,661	8,381	8,159	_	_	52,201
Unallocated operating income and						
expenses						3,051
Profit from operations						55,252
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Notes:

- During the period, foodstuffs trading and live and fresh foodstuffs distribution have been combined into one business segment (i) consistent with the Group's system of internal financial reporting. The comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with current period's presentation.
- The directors consider that change in fair value on investment properties does not constitute part of the Group's operating performance. As a result, net valuation gains or losses on investment properties are included after profit from operations. The comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with the current period's presentation.

	Tinplating \$'000	Foodstuffs distribution and trading \$'000 Note (i)	Property leasing \$'000	Inter-segment elimination \$'000	Unallocated \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Period ended 30 June 2005						
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue Other revenue from external customers	332,477 977 —	54,407 — —	12,907 56	(1,033) —	5,160	399,791 — 5,160
Total	333,454	54,407	12,963	(1,033)	5,160	404,951
Segment result Unallocated operating income and expenses	24,246	7,714	9,287	-	-	41,247 637
Profit from operations						41,884

		Six months ended 30 June		
		2006	2005	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Write-back of long-outstanding payables	(i)	3,444	_	
Recovery of bad debts	(ii)	1,034	_	
Exchange gain		4,109	182	
Others		(2)	33	
		8,585	215	

Notes:

- (i) The amount mainly represents the write-back of liabilities which have been outstanding for a long period of time with no demand for settlement. The directors are of the opinion that the creditors will not lodge claims against the Group.
- (ii) The amount mainly represents the recovery of bad debts previously provided for or written off to the consolidated profit and loss account as the recoverability was in doubt. During the period, certain of these bad debts were recovered and the related provisions were written back to the consolidated profit and loss account accordingly.

4. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

			Six months ended 30 June		
			2006	2005	
		Note	\$'000	\$'000	
(a)	Finance costs:				
	Interest on bank borrowings wholly repayable within 5 years (discounted bills)		1,436		
(b)	Staff costs:				
	Net contributions paid to defined contribution plans		1,123	497	
	Salaries, wages and other benefits		12,874	12,127	
	Equity settled share-based payment expenses		4,866		
			18,863	12,624	

4. Profit before taxation (continued)

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting): (continued)

			Six months ended 30 June		
			2006	2005	
		Note	\$'000	\$'000	
(c)	Other items:				
	Amortisation of land lease premium		888	123	
	Depreciation		5,450	2,464	
	Dividend income from trading securities		(118)	(118)	
	Operating lease charges in respect of properties		473	297	
	Share of associates' taxation	(i)	3,414	3,679	
	Rentals receivable from investment properties less direct				
	outgoings of \$748,000 (30 June 2005: \$801,000)		(10,837)	(12,106)	

Note:

Income tax in the consolidated profit and loss account 5.

Taxation in the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

		Six months ended 30 June			
		2006	2005		
	Note	\$'000	\$'000		
Current tax — Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax					
Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax at 17.5% on the estimated					
assessable profits for the period		1,038	1,522		
Current tax — the PRC					
Tax for the period		6,827	9,196		
Under-provision in respect of prior years		_	612		
Tax refund for re-investment	(i)		(12,030)		
		6,827	(2,222)		
Deferred tax					
Origination and reversal of temporary differences		2,544	1,585		
	(ii)	10,409	885		

Income tax for associates established and operating in the PRC is calculated based on the applicable rates of income tax ruling in the relevant provinces or economic zones in the PRC.

5. Income tax in the consolidated profit and loss account (continued)

Taxation in the consolidated profit and loss account represents: (continued)

Notes:

- The Group successfully obtained tax refunds of PRC Enterprise Income Tax from the Tax Bureau of Zhongshan following the (i) capitalisation of retained earnings of Zhongshan Zhongyue Tinplate Industrial Co., Ltd ("Zhongyue Tinplate") during the year ended 31 December 2004.
- (ii) Income tax for subsidiaries established and operating in other places within the PRC is calculated based on the applicable rates of income tax ruling in the relevant provinces or economic zones in the PRC.
- Zhongyue Tinplate is entitled to a tax holiday of a tax-free period for the first and second years and a 50% reduction in the income tax rate for the third to fifth years on its third production line. According to the approval from Tax Bureau of Zhongshan, the proportion of income tax exempted arising from Zhongyue Tinplate's third production line is determined based on the 40% of the Zhongyue Tinplate's overall taxable income.

6. **Dividends**

(a) Dividend attributable to the period

	Six months en	Six months ended 30 June		
	2006	2005		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Interim dividend declared and paid after the period of 1.5 cents per				
ordinary share (30 June 2005: Nil)	13,524			

The interim dividend has not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

Dividend attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period

	Six months er	nded 30 June
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period of 1.5 cents per ordinary share (30		
June 2005: Nil) (Note 13)	13,524	

7. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share (a)

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of \$58,624,000 (30 June 2005: \$117,355,000) and the number of 901,583,285 (30 June 2005 (restated): 901,583,285) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Pursuant to the share consolidation of the Company whereby ten ordinary shares of nominal value of \$0.05 each were consolidated into one ordinary share of nominal value of \$0.5 each in December 2005, the basic earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2005 has been adjusted accordingly.

(b) Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2006 is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of \$58,624,000 and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 901,725,417 after adjusting for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares under the Company's share option schemes. The diluted earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2005 is the same as the basic earnings per share as the potential ordinary shares outstanding during the period ended 30 June 2005 were antidilutive.

8. **Fixed assets**

(a) Acquisitions and disposals

During the six months ended 30 June 2006, the Group acquired items of property, plant and equipment with a cost of \$155,672,000 (30 June 2005: \$37,016,000).

(b) Valuation of investment properties

Investment properties situated in Hong Kong carried at fair value were revalued on an open market value basis at 30 June 2006 by an independent firm of surveyors, RHL Appraisal Limited, who have among their staff Fellows of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. Investment properties situated in the Mainland China carried at fair value were revalued by an independent firm of valuers in the PRC, 廣州朗樺會計事務所有限公司 — 中國註冊房地產估價師, on an open market value basis. Based on the valuations, a net gain of \$5,867,000 (30 June 2005: \$22,149,000), and deferred tax thereon of \$1,738,000 (30 June 2005: \$1,585,000), have been included in the consolidated profit and loss account.

(c) Impairment losses

Based on management's assessment of the recoverable amount of certain fixed assets, an impairment loss of \$3,178,000 has been recognised and included in other operating expenses in the consolidated profit and loss account. The estimate of the recoverable amount is based on a valuation by an independent firm of valuers in the PRC, Guangdong Yangcheng CPAs Co., Ltd, on an open market value basis. The carrying amount of the fixed assets after provision for the impairment loss amounted to \$10,400,000 as at 30 June 2006.

8. Fixed assets (continued)

(d) Leases

The Group leases out investment properties under operating leases. The leases run for an initial period of one to twenty eight years, with an option to renew the lease after that date at which time all terms are renegotiated. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

The gross carrying amount of investment properties of the Group held for use in operating leases was \$214,533,000 (31 December 2005: \$207,496,000).

9. Inventories

Inventories in the consolidated balance sheet comprise:

	At	At
	30 June	31 December
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Raw materials	93,158	142,343
Finished goods	61,781	88,183
Spare parts and consumables	2,341	5,733
	157,280	236,259

Based on management's assessment of the net realisable value of certain spare parts and consumables, the amount of write-down of inventories to estimated net realisable value during the period amounted to \$3,156,000 (30 June 2005: Nil), which is included in other operating expenses in the consolidated profit and loss account.

10. Trade and other receivables

Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors and bill receivables (net of provision for bad and doubtful debts) with the following ageing analysis based on invoice date:

	At	At
	30 June	31 December
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 month	130,979	76,003
1 to 3 months	132,044	74,666
More than 3 months but less than 12 months	31,757	63,210
	294,780	213,879

The Group maintains a credit policy ranging from advance payment to not more than 180 days (31 December 2005: 180 days).

11. Cash and cash equivalents

Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents is set out below:

		At	At
		30 June	31 December
		2006	2005
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Deposits with banks		79,817	47,815
Cash at bank and in hand		106,322	49,056
	(i)	186,139	96,871

Note:

Trade and other payables

Included in trade and other payables are trade creditors with the following ageing analysis:

	At	At
	30 June	31 December
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Due within 1 month or on demand	98,782	95,447

Capital and reserves

		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company									
				Capital							
		Share	Share	redemption	Capital	Exchange	Other	Accumulated		Minority	Total
		capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserves	losses	Total	interests	equity
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January 2005		901,583	1,747,098	971	48,814	(948)	1,450	(1,938,053)	760,915	24,786	785,701
Exchange difference on translation											
of financial statements of											
subsidiaries outside Hong Kong		_	_	_	_	(255)	_	_	(255)	(15)	(270)
Transfer to statutory reserves		_	_	-	_	-	876	(876)	_	-	_
Share of associates' reserves		_	_	_	_	(26)	_	_	(26)	_	(26)
Dividend declared to minority											
shareholders		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(2,212)	(2,212)
Capital contribution by minority											
shareholders		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,207	2,207
Profit for the period								117,355	117,355	2,256	119,611
At 30 June 2005		901,583	1,747,098	971	48,814	(1,229)	2,326	(1,821,574)	877,989	27,022	905,011
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Included in cash and cash equivalents is a balance of RMB56,108,000 (31 December 2005: RMB29,049,000). Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency in the PRC and the remittance of funds out of the PRC is subject to the exchange restriction imposed by the PRC government.

13. Capital and reserves (continued)

Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company										
		Capital			Special		(Accumulated losses)/			
Share	Share	redemption	Capital	Exchange	capital	Other	retained		Minority	Total
capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserves	profits	Total	interests	equity
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
901,583	1,747,098	971	48,814	(1,229)	_	2,326	(1,821,574)	877,989	27,022	905,011
_	_	_	_	9,892	_	_	-	9,892	552	10,444
_	_	_	_	_	_	457	(457)	_	_	_
_	_	_	_	3,635	_	_	-	3,635	_	3,635
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(20)	(20)
_	_	_	_	(38)	_	_	_	(38)	_	(38)
(450,791)	(1,747,098)	(971)	(48,157)	_	107,440	_		_	_	_
							58,404	58,404	1,780	60,184
450,792			657	12,260	107,440	2,783	375,950	949,882	29,334	979,216
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		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company										
				Capital			Special					
		Share	Share	redemption	Capital	Exchange	capital	Other	Retained		Minority	Total
		capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserves	profits	Total	interests	equity
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January 2006		450,792	_	_	657	12,260	107,440	2,783	375,950	949,882	29,334	979,216
Exchange difference on												
translation of financial												
statements of subsidiaries												
outside Hong Kong		_	_	_	_	4,992	_	_	_	4,992	240	5,232
Equity settled share-based												
transactions	(i)	_	_	_	4,866	_	_	_	_	4,866	_	4,866
Share of associates' reserves		_	_	-	_	1,659	_	_	_	1,659	_	1,659
Transfer to statutory reserves		_	_	-	_	_	_	1,734	(1,734)	_	_	-
Dividends declared to minority												
shareholders		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(4,199)	(4,199)
Dividends paid to shareholders	6(b)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(13,524)	(13,524)	_	(13,524)
Profit for the period			_			_			58,624	58,624	2,412	61,036
At 30 June 2006		450,792			5,523	18,911	107,440	4,517	419,316	1,006,499	27,787	1,034,286

13. Capital and reserves (continued)

Equity settled share-based transactions (i)

On 9 March 2006, 11,770,000 share options were granted for nominal consideration to employees, directors and non-executive directors of the Company under the Company's share option scheme (no share option was granted during the six months ended 30 June 2005). Each option gives the holder the right to subscribe for one ordinary share of \$0.50 each of the Company. These share options will vest on 9 June 2006 and then be exercisable until 8 March 2016. The exercise price is \$1.66, being the average closing price of the Company's ordinary shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of the share options.

No option was exercised during the six months ended 30 June 2006 (30 June 2005: nil).

Total options outstanding at 30 June 2006 are 23,560,000 (31 December 2005: 11,790,000) and the weighted average exercise price is \$1.609 (31 December 2005: \$1.557).

Retirement benefits scheme

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for employees in Hong Kong under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group and administered by an independent trustee. Under the MPF Scheme, the Group and its employees are each required to make a contribution to the Scheme at 5% of the employees' relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of \$20,000 (the "Cap"). The amounts in excess of the Cap are contributed to the MPF Scheme by both employers and employees as voluntary contributions. Mandatory contributions to the MPF Scheme are vested to the employees immediately. Any unvested balance from voluntary contributions is refunded to the Group.

Employees engaged by the Group outside Hong Kong are covered by the appropriate local defined contribution schemes pursuant to the local labour rules and regulations.

The Group's pension cost charged to the profit and loss account for the six months ended 30 June 2006 was \$1,123,000 (30 June 2005: \$497,000).

15. Commitments

(a) Capital commitments outstanding at 30 June 2006 not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	At	At
	30 June	31 December
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Contracted for	162,399	131,433
Authorised but not contracted for	43,089	168,005
	205,488	299,438

(b) At 30 June 2006, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases of properties are payable as follows:

	At	At
	30 June	31 December
	2006	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
Within 1 year	815	697
After 1 year but within 5 years	142	385
	957	1,082

The Group leases a number of properties under operating leases. The leases run for an initial period of one to three years, with an option to renew the lease when all the terms are renegotiated. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

(c) At 30 June 2006, the Company is committed to provide finance of \$6,489,000 (31 December 2005: \$6,489,000) to an associate of the Group.

16. Material related party transactions

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the interim financial report, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions.

Material related party transactions during the period are summarised as follows:

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2006	2005
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Sales of goods to related companies	(i)		1,180
Purchases of goods from related companies	(i)	476	608
Provision of electricity/water and leasing services to fellow subsidiaries		2,092	1,665
Maintenance fee paid to the immediate holding company		189	204

Note:

(b) Transactions with other state-controlled entities in the PRC

The Group is a state-controlled entity and operates in an economic regime currently dominated by entities directly or indirectly controlled by the PRC government ("state-controlled entities") through its government authorities, agencies, affiliations and other organisations.

Other than those transactions disclosed above, the Group also conducts business activities with other state-controlled entities which include but are not limited to the following:

- Sales and purchase of goods and ancillary materials;
- Rendering and receiving services;
- Lease of assets:
- Purchase of property, plant and equipment; and
- Obtaining finance.

These transactions are conducted in the ordinary course of the Group's business on terms comparable to those with other entities that are not state controlled. The Group has established its buying, pricing strategy and approval process for purchases and sales of products and services. Such buying, pricing strategy and approval process do not depend on whether the counterparties are state-controlled entities or not.

Related companies to/from which goods were sold and purchased include associates.

16. Material related party transactions (continued)

(b) Transactions with other state-controlled entities in the PRC (continued)

Having considered the potential transactions impacted by related party relationships, the entity's pricing strategy, buying and approval process, and what information would be necessary for an understanding of the potential effects of the transactions on the financial statements, the directors are of the opinion that there are no other transactions that require disclosure as related party transactions.

(c) Key management personnel remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel, including amounts paid to the Company's directors is as follows:

	Six months en	Six months ended 30 June		
	2006	2005		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Short-term employee benefits	1,555	1,553		
Post-employment benefits	239	237		
Equity compensation benefits	1,778			
	3,572	1,790		

17. Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

On 13 September 2006, the Group entered the contracts to acquire from the minority shareholder the 5% equity interest and dividend payable respectively in Zhongyue Tinplate and Zhongshan Shan Hai Industrial Co., Ltd ("Shanhai") for a consideration of US\$499,000.

Zhongyue Tinplate and Shanhai will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company when the approval is obtained from the relevant PRC authorities.

 Possible impact of amendments, new standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the annual accounting period ending 31 December 2006

Up to the date of issue of this interim financial report, the HKICPA has issued the following amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the accounting period ending 31 December 2006:

Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after

HKFRS 7, Financial instruments: disclosures

1 January 2007

Amendments to HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements: capital disclosures

1 January 2007

The above amendments, new standards and interpretations were not applied in this interim financial report because the directors expect that the Group will not early apply them, where applicable when preparing the Group's annual financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2006.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these amendments, new standards and new interpretations in the period of initial application and has so far concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.