



Pursuant to a resolution passed by the board of directors (the "Board") of Jiuzhou Development Company Limited (the "Company") on 24 August 2006, the financial year end date of the Company was changed from 30 April to 31 December. The purpose of such change is to synchronize the financial year end date with that of our subsidiaries mainly operating in Mainland China. Thus the current period's financial statements are prepared for the eight months from 1 May 2006 to 31 December 2006. The comparative amounts for the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes, which are prepared for the year ended 30 April 2006, are not entirely comparable.



Zhu Lifu Chairman

I am pleased to present the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the eight months

ended 31 December 2006 (the "Period"). The consolidated turnover of the Group for the Period was approximately HK\$189,691,000 and the net profit attributable to shareholders was approximately HK\$44,145,000, representing 82% and 127% of around HK\$230,707,000 and HK\$34,805,000 respectively as for the year ended 30 April 2006. Basic earnings per share for the Period were HK4.43 cents. The Board recommends a final dividend of HK1 cent per share, which is subject to the approval of the Company's Shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

During the Period, with continuous increase in the number of tourists, the tourism industry of Zhuhai witnessed rapid growth and has become one of the mainstay and emerging industries of Zhuhai. The development of the Group's hotel and tourist resort business remain steady, and our marine passenger transportation and the Jiuzhou Port businesses recorded strong growth. The substantial growth in our marine passenger transportation business was attributable to the development of the tourism, with the Zhuhai Jiuzhou Port-Hong Kong voyage trips operated by Zhuhai High-Speed Passenger Ferry Co., Ltd., a jointly-controlled entity of the Group, representing approximately 38% of travelers between Guangdong and Hong Kong through marine routes in 2006. During the Period, the Group will continue to strengthen its input and operation for marine passenger transportation, hotel and tourist attraction resorts with integrated internal resources and streamlined operation flows to enhance economic efficiency. The continued growth of national income coupled with the prosperity of gambling and tourism industries in neighboring Macau will bring ever greater development opportunities to the tourism and marine passenger transportation businesses of the Group.

In addition, the Board will also seek and explore suitable investment opportunities and potential projects in order to broaden and strengthen its profit base, maximizing the benefit of the shareholders. I, on behalf of the Board, would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the independent non-executive directors, Mr. Hui Chiu Chung, Stephen, Mr. Chu Yu Lin, David and Mr. Albert Ho for their contributions to the Group over the Period, and the efforts made by all of the staff.

On behalf of the Board

**Zhu Lifu** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong 23 April 2007





