



## To the shareholders of Jiuzhou Development Company Limited

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

We have audited the financial statements of Jiuzhou Development Company Limited set out on pages 36 to 103, which comprise the consolidated and company balance sheets as at 31 December 2006, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the period from 1 May 2006 to 31 December 2006, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 December 2006 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the period from 1 May 2006 to 31 December 2006 in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 2.1 to the financial statements concerning the adoption of the going concern basis on which the financial statements have been prepared. As explained in that note, liquidators (the "Liquidators") were appointed for a shareholder of the Company (the "Major Shareholder"), holding indirectly 337 million shares of the Company, and provisional liquidators (the "Provisional Liquidators") were appointed for another shareholder of the Company (the "Registered Shareholder"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Major Shareholder and directly holds the aforesaid 337 million shares in the Company, pursuant to various winding-up orders.

The above 337 million shares (the "Pledged Shares") held by the Registered Shareholder were charged in previous years in favour of a wholly-owned subsidiary of a substantial shareholder of the Company (the "Chargee"), and a dispute has arisen between the Chargee and the Provisional Liquidators over the proposed transfer of such shares.

Any changes in the registered holders of the Pledged Shares may result in a change in the composition of the board of directors of the Company.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon the fulfilment of the conditions of the conditional settlement agreement concerning the Pledged Shares entered into among other parties, the Major Shareholder, the Registered Shareholder, the Chargee, the Liquidators and the Provisional Liquidators on 5 August 2006 (the "Settlement Agreement"). The fulfilment of the Settlement Agreement is in turn subject to the completion of the debt restructuring agreement entered into among other parties, the Major Shareholder, the Liquidators and the Provisional Liquidators on 5 August 2006 (the "Debt Restructuring Agreement"). The financial statements do not include any adjustments that may be necessary should the conditions of the Settlement Agreement and the Debt Restructuring Agreement not be fulfilled, and as a direct consequence of which should any decisions be subsequently taken by the bankers, creditors, the Liquidators and/or the Provisional Liquidators over the future direction of the business and financial operations of the Group, which may affect the Group's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

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