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(appointed on 25 June 2007)

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Mr. Sze Chun Ning, Vincent (Deputy Managing Director)

Mr. Liu Bai Yue (Chief Operating Officer)

(appointed on 8 January 2007)

Mr. Shi De Mao

Ms. Chu Yin Yin, Georgiana

Mr. Wu Chi Lok (resigned on 16 January 2007)

#### **Non-Executive Directors**

Mr. Huang Yuan Wen

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Mr. Chang Kin Man

Mr. Wu Tak Lung

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Mr. Chang Kin Man (Chairman)

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# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of China Water Industry Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiary (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2007 (the "Interim Period"), together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2006. These interim financial statements have not been audited but have been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

|                                      |       | Six months e   | Six months ended 30 June |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                                      |       | 2007           | 2006                     |  |  |
|                                      | Notes | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000                 |  |  |
|                                      |       | (Unaudited)    | (Unaudited)              |  |  |
| Turnover                             | 3     | 36,285         | 33,477                   |  |  |
| Cost of sales                        |       | (33,591)       | (21,219)                 |  |  |
| Gross profit                         |       | 2,694          | 12,258                   |  |  |
| Other operating income               |       | 3,705          | 1,365                    |  |  |
| Selling and distribution costs       |       | (2,084)        | (6,119)                  |  |  |
| Administrative expenses              |       | (67,840)       | (28,628)                 |  |  |
| Allowance for bad and doubtful debts |       | (2,041)        | _                        |  |  |
| Share of result of an associate      |       | 749            | _                        |  |  |
| Finance costs                        |       | (165)          | (306)                    |  |  |
| Loss before tax                      | 4     | (64,982)       | (21,430)                 |  |  |
| Income tax expense                   | 5     | (70)           |                          |  |  |
| Loss for the period                  | S. De | (65,052)       | (21,430)                 |  |  |
| Attributable to:                     |       |                |                          |  |  |
| Equity holders of the parent         |       | (65,349)       | (21,185)                 |  |  |
| Minority interests                   |       | 297            | (245)                    |  |  |
|                                      |       | (65,052)       | (21,430)                 |  |  |
| Loss per share                       | 6     |                |                          |  |  |
| Basic                                |       | HK(4.02) cents | HK(2.35) cents           |  |  |
| Diluted                              |       | N/A            | N/A                      |  |  |



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2007

|                                       | Notes | At 30 June<br>2007<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | At 31 December<br>2006<br>HK\$'000<br>(Audited) |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--|---|
| Non-current assets                    |       |  |   |
| Property, plant and equipment         | 8     | 208,705  | 64,628  |
| Prepaid lease payment                 |       | 11,544   | _   |
| Goodwill                              | 9     | 44,390   | 1,361   |
| Interest in an associate              | 10    | 1,496  | 36,477  |
|                                       |       | 266,135  | 102,466   |
| Current assets                        |       |  |   |
| Inventories                           |       | 14,194   | 18,783  |
| Trade and other receivables           | 11    | 29,149   | 33,781  |
| Amount due from an associate          |       | 13,293   | _   |
| Amount due from a related party       |       | 247  | _   |
| Amount due from a director            |       | 1,530  | _   |
| Pledged bank deposits                 |       | _  | 2,061   |
| Bank balances and cash                |       | 389,670  | 5,045   |
|                                       | /_    | 448,083  | 59,670  |
| Current liabilities                   |       |  |   |
| Trade and other payables              | 12    | 50,839   | 78,340  |
| Tax payables                          |       | 10,283   | 10,213  |
| Obligations under finance leases      |       | 140  | 140   |
| Short-term borrowings                 | 13    | 11,427   | 6,442   |
| Amounts due to related parties        |       | 8,028  | 5,274   |
| Amounts due to directors              |       | -  | 2,834   |
| Amount due to a minority shareholder  |       |  |   |
| of a subsidiary                       | 3     | 15,953   |   |
|                                       |       | 96,670   | 103,243   |
| Net current assets (liabilities)      |       | 351,413  | (43,573)  |
| Total assets less current liabilities |       | 617,548  | 58,893  |



# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET** (Continued)

As at 30 June 2007

|   |       | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|---|-------|-------------|----------------|
|   |       | 2007        | 2006           |
|   | Notes | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|   |       | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
| Capital and reserves                                |       |             |                |
| Share capital                                       | 14    | 188,070     | 116,450        |
| Reserves  |       | 286,785     | (64,722)       |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent |       | 474,855     | 51,728         |
| Minority interests                                  |       | 56,883      | 6,063          |
| Total equity  |       | 531,738     | 57,791         |
| Non-current liabilities                             |       |             |                |
| Obligations under finance leases                    |       | 198         | 245            |
| Long-term borrowings and other liabilities          | 15    | 85,612      | 857            |
|   |       | 85,810      | 1,102          |
|   |       | 617,548     | 58,893         |



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

# Attributable to equity holders of the parent

|                               |          |          | Share    |             | Α        | ccumulated |          |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                               | Share    | Share    | options  | Translation | Reserve  | profits    |          | Minority  |          |
|                               | capital  | premium  | reserve  | reserve     | funds    | (losses)   | Total    | interests | Total    |
|                               | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 |
| At 1 January 2006             | 73,450   | 8,182    | _        | 1,054       | 228      | (6,315)    | 76,599   | 1,960     | 78,559   |
| Issue of shares               | 25,000   | 1,790    | _        | _           | _        | _          | 26,790   | _         | 26,790   |
| Loss for the period           | _        | _        | _        | -           | _        | (21,185)   | (21,185) | (245)     | (21,430) |
| Exchange differences          |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| arising on translation        |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| of foreign operations         | _        | _        | -        | 452         | -        | -          | 452      |           | 452      |
| At 30 June 2006 (Unaudited)   | 98,450   | 9,972    | -        | 1,506       | 228      | (27,500)   | 82,656   | 1,715     | 84,371   |
|                               |          |          |          |             |          | (          |          |           |          |
| At 1 January 2007             | 116,450  | 27,905   | 7,635    | 1,277       | 228      | (101,767)  | 51,728   | 6,063     | 57,791   |
| Issue of shares               | 53,000   | 377,700  | -        | -           | _        | -          | 430,700  | -         | 430,700  |
| Share issue expenses          | -        | (28,482) | -        | -           | -        | -          | (28,482) | -         | (28,482) |
| Recognition of equity-settled |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| share based payment           | -        | _        | 40,432   | -           | _        | -          | 40,432   | -         | 40,432   |
| Exercise of share options     | 18,620   | 38,248   | (10,432) | -           | -        | -          | 46,436   | _         | 46,436   |
| Capital contribution from     |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| a minority shareholder        |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| of a subsidiary               | -        | -        | -        | -           | -        | -          | _        | 12,310    | 12,310   |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries   |          | -        | 100      | -           | _        | _          | -        | 38,213    | 38,213   |
| (Loss) profit for the period  | -        | -        | -        | -           | _        | (65,349)   | (65,349) | 297       | (65,052) |
| Exchange differences arising  |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| on translation of             |          |          |          |             |          |            |          |           |          |
| foreign operations            | -        | -        | - 1      | (610)       | -        | -          | (610)    | -         | (610)    |
| Market I                      |          |          |          | 4-1         |          |            |          |           |          |
| At 30 June 2007 (Unaudited)   | 188,070  | 415,371  | 37,635   | 667         | 228      | (167,116)  | 474,855  | 56,883    | 531,738  |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2007

|  | Six months ended 30 June |             |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2007                     | 2006        |
|  | HK\$'000                 | HK\$'000    |
|  | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |
| NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES        | (30,619)                 | (23,199)    |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES        | (56,338)                 | (8,916)     |
| NET CASH GENERATED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 472,192                  | 32,596      |
| INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS        | 385,235                  | 481         |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JANUARY       | 5,045                    | 4,491       |
| EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES      | (610)                    | <u> </u>    |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE,        |                          |             |
| represented by bank balances and cash        | 389,670                  | 4,972       |



For the six months ended 30 June 2007

#### 1. COMPANY INFORMATION

China Water Industry Group Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The Company's head office and principal place of business is located at Room 1207, 12th Floor, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information ("Interim Financial Information") are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the same as the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group").

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Interim Financial Information have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. The Interim Financial Information do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the Interim Financial Information are consistent with those used in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 except for the following new/revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("INTs") which are effective and mandatory for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2007:

HKAS 1 (Amendment) Capital Disclosures

HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures

HK (IFRIC)-INT 7 Applying the restatement approach under HKAS 29

Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies

HK (IFRIC)-INT 8 Scope of HKFRS 2

HK (IFRIC)-INT 9 Reassessment of embedded derivatives
HK (IFRIC)-INT 10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment

The adoption of the above new/revised standards, amendments and INTs has no material effect on the Group's Interim Financial Information, but will have certain presentational implications on the coming annual financial statements.

At the date of this Interim Financial Information, the HKICPA has issued the following standards, amendments and INTs that are not yet effective or mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007, for which the Group has not early adopted:

HKAS 23 (Revised)

Borrowing Costs¹

HKFRS 8

Operating Segments¹

HK(IFRIC)-INT 11 HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions<sup>2</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-INT 12 Service Concession Arrangements<sup>3</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2007.
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008.

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these standards, amendments or INTs will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.



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#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

#### **Business segments:**

For management purposes, during the six months ended 30 June 2007, the Group is organised into three operating divisions – production and sales of computer peripherals, trading of watches and accessories and provision of water supply and sewage treatment. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Principal activities are as follows:

- (a) Production and sales of computer peripherals;
- (b) Trading of watches and accessories; and
- (c) Provision of water supply and sewage treatment in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The unaudited segment information about these businesses is presented below:

For the six months ended 30 June (Unaudited)

|                                 | Producti   | on and   |            |          | Provi    | sion of   |          |          |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
|                                 | sales of c | omputer  | Trading of | watches  | water su | apply and |          |          |
|                                 | periph     | erals    | and acce   | essories | sewage   | treatment | To       | tal      |
|                                 | 2007       | 2006     | 2007       | 2006     | 2007     | 2006      | 2007     | 2006     |
|                                 | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Sales to external customers     | 9,759      | 16,210   | 14,601     | 17,267   | 11,925   | -         | 36,285   | 33,477   |
| Segment results                 | (5,950)    | (16,642) | (14,069)   | 714      | 724      | _         | (19,295) | (15,928) |
| Unallocated corporate income    |            |          |            |          |          |           | 2,285    | 1,365    |
| Share-based payment expense     |            |          |            |          |          |           | (40,432) | _        |
| Unallocated corporate expenses  |            |          |            |          |          |           | (8,124)  | (6,561)  |
| Finance costs                   |            |          |            |          |          |           | (165)    | (306)    |
| Share of result of an associate |            |          |            |          |          | _         | 749      |          |
| Loss before tax                 |            |          |            |          |          |           | (64,982) | (21,430) |
| Income tax expense              |            |          |            |          |          | _         | (70)     |          |
| Loss for the period             |            |          |            |          |          |           | (65,052) | (21,430) |

The Group's operations are located in the PRC and Hong Kong. The Group's trading of watches and accessories division is located in Hong Kong. Production and sales of computer peripherals, provision of water supply and sewage treatment are carried out in the PRC.



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# 3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's sales by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods/ services:

|               | Six months  | Six months ended 30 June |  |  |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|               | 2007        | 2006                     |  |  |
|               | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000                 |  |  |
|               | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited)              |  |  |
| Europe        | 2,465       | 1,649                    |  |  |
| Asia Pacific  | 33,464      | 20,198                   |  |  |
| North America | 356         | 11,630                   |  |  |
|               | 36,285      | 33,477                   |  |  |

#### 4. LOSS BEFORE TAX

|   | Six months ended 30 June |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2007                     | 2006        |
|   | HK\$'000                 | HK\$'000    |
| Loss before tax has been arrived at after charging (crediting): | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |
| Staff costs including directors' emoluments:                    |                          |             |
| – wages, salaries and other benefits                            | 7,922                    | 3,580       |
| – share-based payment expense                                   | 1,052                    | -           |
| <ul> <li>defined benefit scheme contributions</li> </ul>        | 143                      | 94          |
|   |                          |             |
| Total staff costs   | 9,117                    | 3,674       |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payment for land use rights       | 25                       |             |
| Allowance for inventories included in cost of sales             | 4,715                    | 15,382      |
| Allowance for bad and doubtful debts                            | 2,041                    | -           |
| Share-based payment expense                                     | 39,380                   | _           |
| Cost of inventories recognised and included in cost of sales    | 11,074                   | 17,782      |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                   | 3,208                    | 2,357       |
| Loss on disposal of investments held for trading                | _                        | 1,200       |
| Minimum lease payments under operating leases:                  |                          |             |
| Factory premises, plant and staff quarters                      | 1,751                    | 2,192       |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment        | 288                      | (1,013)     |
| Interest income   | (3,028)                  | (42)        |
| Net foreign exchange gain                                       | (17)                     | (486)       |



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# 5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

| Six months e | nded 30 June |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2007         | 2006         |
| HK\$'000     | HK\$'000     |
| (Unaudited)  | (Unaudited)  |
|              |              |
| 70           | -            |

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided as the Group did not have estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong for the six months ended 30 June 2007 (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil). Taxes arising in other jurisdictions are calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the respective jurisdictions in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

#### 6. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent is based on the following data:

|   | Six months ended 30 June |             |  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|--|
|   | 2007                     | 2006        |  |
|   | HK\$'000                 | HK\$'000    |  |
|   | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |  |
| Loss attributable to equity holders of the parent | (65,349)                 | (21,185)    |  |
| Number of shares                                  | '000 shares              | '000 shares |  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares        |                          |             |  |
| for the purpose of basic loss per share           | 1,623,809                | 902,556     |  |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:     |                          |             |  |
| Share options issued by the Company               | 58,968                   |             |  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares        |                          |             |  |
| for the purpose of diluted loss per share         | 1,682,777                | 902,556     |  |

No diluted loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2007 has been presented as the effect of the conversion of the Company's outstanding share options since their exercise was anti-dilutive.

No diluted loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2006 has been presented as there was no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during that period.



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# 7. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed during the six months ended 30 June 2007, nor has any dividend been proposed since the balance sheet date (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil).

#### 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, the Group's purchased property, plant and equipment amounted to approximately HK\$58,745,000 (six months ended 30 June 2006: approximately HK\$1,476,000).

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, property, plant and equipment with an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$12,310,000 was injected by a minority shareholder of a subsidiary as contribution to the registered capital of that subsidiary (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil).

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, property, plant and equipment with an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$76,563,000 was acquired by the Group through acquisition of subsidiaries (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil).

# 9. GOODWILL

|     |   | HK\$'000  |
|-----|---|-----------|
|     | At 31 December 2006 and 1 January 2007  | 1,361     |
|     | Adjustments to measurement of consideration for acquisition of subsidiaries in the year of 2006         | 1,578     |
|     |   | 2,939     |
|     | Transfer from interest in an associate on acquisition of additional equity interests (Note 10)          | 25,238    |
|     | Goodwill arising from acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 19(a))  | 16,213    |
|     | At 30 June 2007   | 44,390    |
| 10. | INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE  |           |
| 10. | INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE  | Luctus 20 |
|     |   | HK\$'000  |
|     | At 31 December 2006 and 1 January 2007  | 36,477    |
|     | Share of results for the period   | 749       |
|     | Adjustments to measurement of consideration for acquisition of an associate in the year 2006            | 1,592     |
|     | Transfer of goodwill on acquisition of additional equity interests (Note 9)                             | (25,238)  |
|     | Interest in an associate before acquisition of additional 60% equity interests in the associate         | 13,580    |
|     | Elimination as a result of acquisition of additional 60% equity interests in the associate (Note 19(a)) | (13,580)  |
|     |   | _         |
|     | Acquisition of an associate through acquisition of a subsidiary   | 1,496     |
|     | At 30 June 2007   | 1,496     |

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# 11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|                              | 29,149      | 33,781         |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Deposit paid                 | 1,861       | 2,248          |
| Other receivables            | 11,500      | 2,752          |
|                              | 15,788      | 28,781         |
| Less: Accumulated impairment | (23,176)    | (21,135)       |
| Trade receivables            | 38,964      | 49,916         |
|                              | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
|                              | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|                              | 2007        | 2006           |
|                              | At 30 June  | At 31 December |

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to 180 days given to the customers.

An aged analysis of trade receivables at the balance sheet dates, based on invoice date, and net of impairment losses is as follows:

|                 | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                 | 2007        | 2006           |
|                 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|                 | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
| Current 90 days | 10,238      | 14,729         |
| 91 – 180 days   | 1,086       | 8,742          |
| Over 180 days   | 4,464       | 5,310          |
|                 | 15,788      | 28,781         |

The fair values of the Group's trade and other receivables at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006 approximate to their corresponding carrying amounts due to their short-term maturities.



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# 12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|   | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|---|-------------|----------------|
|   | 2007        | 2006           |
|   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|   | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
|   |             |                |
| Trade payables, aged analysis based on payment due date |             |                |
| Current 30 days   | 1,788       | 6,615          |
| 31 – 90 days  | 6,619       | 5,283          |
| 91 – 180 days   | 716         | 1,849          |
| 181 – 365 days  | 1,877       | 1,024          |
| Over 1 year   | 2,383       | 2,474          |
|   | 13,383      | 17,245         |
| Other payables  | 37,456      | 61,095         |
|   | 50,839      | 78,340         |

The fair values of the Group's trade and other payables at 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2006 approximate to their corresponding carrying amounts due to their short-term maturities.

## 13. SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

| At 30 June   | At 31 December |
|--|----------------|
| 2007   | 2006           |
| HK\$'000   | HK\$'000       |
| (Unaudited)  | (Audited)      |
|  |                |
| Secured bank borrowings repayable within one year 11,427 | 6,442          |

Included in short-term borrowings as at 31 December 2006 and 30 June 2007 was an amount of approximately HK\$6,442,000 (equivalent to New Taiwan dollar 27,000,000) which bears interest at 4% per annum and was secured by a charge over land and buildings of the Group and personal guarantee of a director of the Company.

The remaining balance of the short-term borrowings as at 30 June 2007 represented a bank loan of approximately HK\$4,985,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB5,000,000) bearing interest at 7.344% per annum and was secured by a charge over the Group's certain prepaid lease payment for land use rights and buildings.



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#### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

|   | At 30 Jur     | e 2007   | At 31 Dece    | mber 2006 |
|---|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
|   | (Unaud        | lited)   | (Audited)     |           |
|   | Number of     |          | Number of     |           |
|   | shares        | Amount   | shares        | Amount    |
|   |               | HK\$'000 |               | HK\$'000  |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each             |               |          |               |           |
| Authorised capital:                         |               |          |               |           |
| At beginning and end of period/year         | 4,000,000,000 | 400,000  | 4,000,000,000 | 400,000   |
| Issued and fully paid capital:              |               |          |               |           |
| At 1 January                                | 1,164,500,000 | 116,450  | 734,500,000   | 73,450    |
| Issue of shares by way of private placement | 530,000,000   | 53,000   | 430,000,000   | 43,000    |
| Exercise of share options                   | 186,200,000   | 18,620   | -             |           |
| At end of period/year                       | 1,880,700,000 | 188,070  | 1,164,500,000 | 116,450   |

#### Notes:

- (a) On 31 January 2007, the Company, Boost Skill Investments Limited ("Boost Skill"), a substantial shareholder of the Company, Favor Jumbo Investments Limited ("Favor Jumbo"), a company beneficially wholly owned by Mr Wang Xiao Bo, an executive director of the Company at that time, and Sure Ability Limited ("Sure Ability"), a company beneficially wholly owned by Mr Sze Chun Ning, Vincent, an executive director of the Company, entered into a placing and subscription agreement pursuant to which the First Shanghai Securities Group agreed to place up to 230,000,000 existing shares of the Company at the price of HK\$0.49 per share. Under the placing and subscription agreement, Boost Skill, Favor Jumbo and Sure Ability have agreed to subscribe for up to 230,000,000 subscription shares which are equal to the number of placing shares under the placing and subscription agreement. On 2 February 2007, a total of 230,000,000 existing shares have been placed.
- (b) On 23 March 2007, the Company, Boost Skill and Favor Jumbo entered into a placing agreement to place up to 300,000,000 existing shares of the Company at the price of HK\$1.06 per share. On 29 March 2007, 300,000,000 shares of the Company have been placed.
- (c) During the six months ended 30 June 2007, 186,200,000 options were exercised. Details of which has been set out in note 18 below.

All new shares issued rank pari passu in all respects with other shares in issue.



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#### 15. LONG-TERM BORROWINGS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

|                                       |            | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                       |            | 2007        | 2006           |
|                                       | Notes      | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|                                       |            | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
| Unsecured borrowing at amortised cost | <i>(i)</i> | 865         | 857            |
| Interest-free government loans        | (ii)       | 7,722       | _              |
| Secured bank loan                     | (iii)      | 29,911      | _              |
| Other liabilities                     | (iv)       | 47,114      | _              |
|                                       |            | 85,612      | 857            |

#### Notes:

- (i) Pursuant to an agreement entered into between Anhui Dang Shan Water Industry Company Limited\*安徽省碭山水業有限公司 ("DS Water"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Anhui Dang Shan County Finance Bureau ("DS Finance Bureau") on 1 March 2006, a loan of RMB1,200,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,196,000) (31 December 2006: RMB1,200,000, equivalent to approximately HK\$1,196,000) was granted by DS Finance Bureau to DS Water, and guaranteed by Dang Shan County Water Supply Bureau. The loan is unsecured, interest-bearing at the fixed deposit rate as stipulated by the People's Bank of China plus 0.3% per annum and repayable on 28 February 2021.
- (ii) Interest-free government loans of approximately HK\$7,722,000 (31 December 2006: Nil) are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.
- (iii) Amount represents a bank loan of RMB30,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$29,911,000 (31 December 2006: Nil) granted by a bank to a subsidiary of the Company, Yichun Fangke Waste Water Investment Limited. Such bank loan is interest-bearing at fixed interest rate of 7.821% per annum, repayable by 10 equal annual installments of RMB3,000,000 each and secured by a pledge over the subsidiary's revenue from the provision of sewage treatment. As at 30 June 2007, such subsidiary has not yet commenced business.
- (iv) Yichun Water Industry Co. Limited ("Yichun"), a subsidiary of the Company, has been granted by the local government of the PRC an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$47,114,000 (31 December 2006: Nil) for the expansion and construction of water plants and pipelines of Yichun. As at 30 June 2007, the construction of water plants and pipelines was in progress.



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#### 16. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

|  | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|--|-------------|----------------|
|  | 2007        | 2006           |
|  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|  | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
|  |             |                |
| Capital commitments contracted but not provided for: |             |                |
| – acquisition of property, plant and equipment       | 6,939       | 1,265          |

#### 17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date, the Group had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

|   | At 30 June  | At 31 December |
|---|-------------|----------------|
|   | 2007        | 2006           |
|   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000       |
|   | (Unaudited) | (Audited)      |
| Within one year                         | 3,808       | 4,872          |
| In the second to fifth years, inclusive | 11,895      | 12,544         |
| More than five years                    | 4,275       | 3,174          |
|   | 19,978      | 20,590         |

#### 18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

## **Equity-settled share option scheme:**

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme"), became effective on 17 January 2002 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees or persons and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date. Under the Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company. Additionally, the Company may, from time to time, grant share options to outside third parties for settlement in respect of goods or services provided to the Company.

At 30 June 2007, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the Scheme was 368,200,000 (30 June 2006: Nil), representing 19.6% (30 June 2006: Nil) of the shares of the Company in issue at that date.

The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme is not permitted to exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. The number of shares issued and to be issued in respect of which options granted and may be granted to any individual in any one year is not permitted to exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. Options granted to substantial shareholders or independent non-executive directors in excess of 0.1% of the Company's share capital or with a value in excess of HK\$5 million, within one year, must be approved in advance by the Company's shareholders.



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#### **18. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS** (Continued)

Options granted must be taken up within twelve months of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per option. Options may be exercised at any time from the date of grant of the share option to the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant; (ii) the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's share.

The following table discloses movements of the Company's share options held by directors and others eligible persons during the six months ended 30 June 2007:

|                            | Outstanding at<br>1 January 2007 | Granted during<br>the period | Exercised during the period | Outstanding at 30 June 2007 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Directors Eligible persons | 98,400,000                       | 28,200,000<br>427,800,000    | (186,200,000)               | 28,200,000<br>340,000,000   |
|                            | 98,400,000                       | 456,000,000                  | (186,200,000)               | 368,200,000                 |

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, options were granted on 11 January 2007, 17 January 2007, 4 April 2007 and 28 June 2007 respectively. The estimated fair value of the options granted is approximately HK\$40,432,000. No option has been granted or outstanding during the six months ended 30 June 2006.

The fair value was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model. The inputs into the model were as follows:

|                         | Share options granted on |            |           |          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
|                         | 11 January               | 17 January | 4 April   | 28 June  |
|                         | 2007                     | 2007       | 2007      | 2007     |
|                         |                          |            |           |          |
| Grant date share price  | HK\$0.31                 | HK\$0.42   | HK\$1.03  | HK\$1.14 |
| Exercise price          | HK\$0.34                 | HK\$0.42   | HK\$1.078 | HK\$1.14 |
| Expected volatility     | 50.27%                   | 50.42%     | 44.41%    | 40.29%   |
| Option life             | 0.5 year                 | 0.5 year   | 0.5 year  | 0.5 year |
| Risk-free rate          | 3.63%                    | 3.69%      | 3.40% to  | 3.84% to |
|                         |                          |            | 3.52%     | 3.96%    |
| Expected dividend yield | 0%                       | 0%         | 0%        | 0%       |

Expected volatility was determined by using the historical volatility of the share price of comparable listed companies in Hong Kong which engaged in the same business of the Group in the PRC over the previous one year. The expected life used in the model has been adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioral considerations.

The Group recognised the total expense of approximately HK\$40,432,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2007 in relation to share options granted by the Company (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil).

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#### 19. ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES

# (a) Acquisition of additional interests in Onfar International Limited for the six months ended 30 June 2007

On 12 March 2007, Billion City Investments Limited ("Billion"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Boost Skill entered into an agreement pursuant to which Billion agreed to acquire from Boost Skill a 60% of the entire issued share capital and shareholder's loan of Onfar International Limited at a consideration of approximately HK\$32,605,000. Such transaction constituted a major and connected transaction. The acquisition was completed on 14 May 2007.

On completion, the Group's shareholding in Onfar International Limited increased from 40% to 100% and Onfar International Limited became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group thereafter. Onfar International Limited and its subsidiaries ("Onfar Group") contributed revenue of approximately HK\$10,252,000 and profit of approximately HK\$946,000 to the Group from the completion date of acquisition to 30 June 2007.

The fair values of identifiable assets and liabilities acquired from Onfar Group are based on the best estimation of the Board of directors. Professional valuation of the acquired subsidiaries is in progress. The directors consider that the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired during the period ended 30 June 2007 have no significant differences from their respective carrying amounts.

The net assets acquired in the transaction and the goodwill arising are as follows:

|   | Onfar Group |
|---|-------------|
|   | HK\$'000    |
|   |             |
| Net assets acquired:  |             |
| Property, plant and equipment, net  | 76,563      |
| Prepaid lease payment for land use rights   | 9,810       |
| Interest in an associate  | 1,496       |
| Inventories   | 6,248       |
| Trade and other receivables   | 33,496      |
| Bank balances and cash  | 49,694      |
| Trade and other payables  | (20,453)    |
| Short-term borrowings   | (4,985)     |
| Loan from the former shareholder of Onfar International Limited                                 | (22,670)    |
| Long-term borrowings and other liabilities  | (61,014)    |
| Minority interests of a subsidiary  | (38,213)    |
|   |             |
| Net assets  | 29,972      |
| Less: 40% equity interests acquired previously recognised as interest in an associate (Note 10) | (13,580)    |
|   |             |
| Net assets acquired   | 16,392      |
| Goodwill (Note 9)   | 16,213      |
|   | 32 605      |
|   | 32,605      |



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# **19. ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES** (Continued)

(a) Acquisition of additional interests in Onfar International Limited for the six months ended 30 June 2007
(Continued)

|  | Onfar Group  HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Satisfied by:                            |                       |
| Direct costs relating to the acquisition | 2,605                 |
| Cash consideration paid                  | 30,000                |
|  | 32,605                |

An analysis of the net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the acquisition of Onfar Group is as follows:

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|--|-----------|
| Cash consideration for acquisition of additional 60% equity interests                | (30,000)  |
| Direct costs relating to the acquisition   | (2,605)   |
| Cash and bank balances acquired  | 49,694    |
|  |           |
| Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the acquisition of Onfar Group | 17,089    |
|  |           |

HK\$'000

The goodwill is attributable to the high profitability of the acquired business and the significant synergies expected to arise after the Group's acquisition of Onfar Group.

If the acquisition had been completed on 1 January 2007, total Group's turnover for the six months ended 30 June 2007 would have been increased by approximately HK\$13,902,000 and profit for the six months ended 30 June 2007 would have been increased by approximately HK\$3,746,000. The proforma information is for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily an indication of revenue and results of operations of the Group that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed on 1 January 2007, nor is it intended to be a projection of future results.

(b) Linyi Fenghuang Water Industry Co. Ltd ("Linyi Fenghuang") was established in the PRC with limited liability on 1 June 2007 with an operating period of 30 years and is principally engaged in water supply business in Linyi City, Shandong Province, the PRC. The registered capital of Linyi Fenghuang was approximately HK\$30,520,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB30,000,000) which is owned as to 60% by the Group and 40% by Linyi City Hedong District Water Supply Company\* (臨沂市河東區自來水公司) ("Linyi Water"). Up to the balance sheet date, Linyi Water had paid up its share of capital by way of injecting plant and machinery of approximately HK\$12,310,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB12,000,000) while the Group had paid HK\$9,400,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB9,163,308). The Group is required to make capital contribution to the remaining unpaid registered capital of approximately HK\$8,810,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB8,836,692) on or before 28 February 2008.



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#### 20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- (a) On 3 July 2007, a Company's subsidiary, China Water Industry (HK) Limited ("China Water (HK)") entered into an agreement with Huge Summit Management Limited ("Huge Summit"), pursuant to which Huge Summit has conditionally agreed to sell and China Water (HK) has conditionally agreed to purchase the entire issued share capital of Longwide Investment Limited ("Longwide"), being one ordinary share of Longwide at a consideration of RMB67,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$69,400,000) which will be paid in cash. Longwide is an investment holding company holding 51% equity interests each in Shangqiu Zhengyuan Water Industry Co. Ltd\* (商丘市正源水務有限公司) and Linyi Ganghua Water Industry Co., Ltd\* (臨沂港華水務有限公司). Further details of the transaction had been set out in the Company's circular dated 20 July 2007.
- (b) On 9 July 2007, China Water (HK) entered into a letter of intent with the Construction Bureau of Yingtan City\* (鷹潭市建設局) to form a joint venture company named Yingtan Water Industry Group Company Limited\* (鷹潭水業集團有限公司) ("Yingtan Water") which will be principally engage in the water supply to urban areas in Yingtan City in Jiangxi Province of the PRC. Yingtan Water is also planning to acquire two domestic water supply companies in Gui Xi City\* (貴溪市) and Xu Jiang County\* (余江縣) in Jiangxi Province of the PRC. The proposed establishment of Yingtan Water is subject to the entering into of a joint venture agreement by both parties. Upon the establishment of Yingtan Water, it will be held as to 51% by China Water (HK) and 49% by the Construction Bureau of Yingtan City.
- (c) On 19 July 2007, a Company's subsidiary, China Ace Investment Limited ("China Ace") entered into an agreement with Jinan Hong Quan Water Company Limited\* (濟南泓泉制水有限公司) ("JHQ Water"), pursuant to which China Ace and JHQ Water have agreed to provide additional capital contributions to an existing subsidiary, Jining City Haiyuan Water Treatment Company Limited\* (濟寧市海源水務有限公司). Accordingly to the terms as set out in the agreement, China Ace and JHQ Water shall make additional capital contribution of RMB21,000,000 and RMB9,000,000 in form of cash respectively.
- (d) On 3 August 2007, the Company issued convertible bonds in aggregate principal amounts of HK\$385 million.

The convertible bonds bear interest from 3 August 2007 at the rate of 0.25%, per annum, payable semi-annually in arrear on 3 February and 3 August in each year. Unless previously redeemed, converted or purchased and cancelled, the Company may redeem each outstanding convertible bond at 159.3976% of its principal amount on 3 August 2012. The redemption premium is derived based on yield to maturity at 9.75% per annum. The directors (including the independent non-executive directors) are of the view that the yield to maturity at 9.75% per annum is fair and reasonable so far as the Company and its shareholders are concerned.

The net proceeds from the issue of the convertible bonds will be used wholly by way of capital expenditure and working capital in Hong Kong and for investment in water supply and/or water related projects in the PRC which have not yet been identified.

On the basis of the Company's 1,880,700,000 shares in issue as at 30 June 2007, upon full conversion of the entire principal amount of the convertible bonds into the shares at the initial conversion price of HK\$1.42, a total of 271,126,760 conversion shares will be issued, which represents approximately 14.42% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2007 and approximately 12.06% of the issued share capital of the Company as enlarged by such conversion, assuming no other issue of the Company's shares is made before full conversion of the convertible bonds.



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#### **20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS** (Continued)

- (e) On 13 August 2007, China Water (HK) entered into a letter of intent with the People's Government of Du Yun City in Guizhou Province, the PRC to form a joint venture company named Du Yun City Water Industry Company Limited\*(都 与市水業有限責任公司) which will be principally engaged in water supply to urban areas in Du Yun City\*(都与市) in Guizhou Province of the PRC. The proposed establishment of the joint venture company is subject to the entering into of the joint venture agreement by both parties. Upon the establishment of the joint venture company, it will be held as to 51% by China Water (HK) and 49% by the People's Government of Du Yun City.
- (f) On 27 August 2007, China Water (HK) entered into a letter of intent with the Management Committee of Suzhou Economic Development Zone\* (宿州經濟開發區管委會) in Anhui Province of the PRC to form either a joint venture company or a wholly-owned subsidiary to engage in investing, constructing and operating a water supply plant and sewage treatment plant in Suzhou City Economic Development Zone\* (宿州市經濟開發區) in Anhui Province of the PRC. The proposed investments are subject to the entering into of an agreement by both parties.

#### 21. PENDING LITIGATION

On 31 May 2007, a winding-up petition against a Company's subsidiary, Technostore Limited ("Technostore"), was filed by the minority shareholder of Technostore. The directors of the Company are seeking legal opinion on the said legal proceeding. In the opinion of directors, the legal proceeding is considered as not probable and no material future outflow of resources from the Group is expected.



# **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Group's turnover amounted to approximately HK\$36.29 million for the Interim Period, represented a moderate increase by 8.4% as compared to that of approximately HK\$33.48 million in the corresponding period last year. The increase in turnover signified the achievement of the Group's to diversify its business in the water supply and sewage treatment sector. During the Interim Period, this new business segment has contributed HK\$11.93 million in turnover. On the other hands, the operating environments of the Group's computer peripherals and watch retail businesses were getting tougher and rigorous. Revenue contribution by the computer peripherals and watch retail segments have dropped significantly by 39.8% and 15.4% respectively.

Net loss attributable to shareholders for the Interim Period amounted to HK\$65.35 million, which represented an increase of HK\$44.16 million as compared with the net loss of HK\$21.19 million in the corresponding period in 2006. The increase was mainly due to the share-based payment expenses recognized in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard 2 in relation to share options granted to eligible participants pursuant to the Company's share option scheme. During the Interim Period, fair value of share options granted amounted to HK\$40.43 million and included in administrative expenses with a corresponding credit to the share option reserve. The management is in the belief that the grant of share option is an effective way to expedite business development of the Group, especially in the PRC water supply and sewage treatment sector, without incurring any outflow of cash or financial resources. If excluding this share-based payment expenses, the net loss for the Interim Period would have been increased by HK\$3.19 million as comparing with last year. In addition, for prudent sake, the Group has made a provision for bad and doubtful debts of HK\$2.04 million against the account receivables of the computer peripherals business.

Share of profit from an associate, Onfar Group amounted to HK\$0.75 million. Onfar Group is a milestone of the Group's business development as it is the Group's first acquisition in the PRC water supply industry. During the Interim Period, the Group has acquired the remaining equity interest of Onfar Group, thus it is now a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. The financial results of Onfar Group have been consolidated in the Group's financial statement since 14 May 2007, being the date of completion of the further acquisition.

Other operating income increased by HK\$2.34 million to HK\$3.7 million. This was mainly due to the reversal of allowance for bad and doubtful debts in the water supply segment.

Selling and distribution costs reduced sharply by 65.9% to HK\$2.08 million. This was consistent to the decline in the businesses of computer peripherals and watch retail. Subsequent to the Interim Period, the Group has closed image shop of TechnoMarine in Hong Kong.



#### **BUSINESS SEGMENTS REVIEW**

# **Computer Peripherals business**

The turnover of computer peripherals business decreased by HK\$6.45 million to HK\$9.76 million (30 June 2006: HK\$16.21 million) and recorded at loss of HK\$5.95 million (30 June 2006: HK\$16.66 million). Owing to the low entry barriers, the competition, especially in price, in the Computer Peripherals business is very keen. Customers are very cautious and conservative in placing orders. The Group has lost some customers in North America region. This has adversely affected the operating scale in the segment. Moreover growing staff costs, rising commodities and raw materials price, as well as the gradual appreciation of Renminbi, all of these were adding cost pressure to us. With intense competition in the industry, customers were quite resistant and sensitive to price increase. We were hard to adjust our selling price upwards to offload a portion of the cost increment to our customers. As a result, gross profit margin in the Interim Period dropped to 12.5% (30 June 2006: 33%). In the Interim Period, the Group had not fully utilized the production facilities due to the decrease of sales orders. To minimize future business risk in the segment, the management is in the process of evaluating the merits of sub-contracting part or the entire production plant to an independent third party. Yet at the date of this report, neither any concrete plan nor preliminary negotiation has been formed or commenced.

## Trading of watches and accessories business

During the Interim Period, turnover of the segment has dropped by HK\$2.67 million to HK\$14.60 million and a gross loss of HK\$2.52 million was recorded. When we first introduced "TechnoMarine" brand to the market, it did attract stylish and trendy person to buy our product. However, in recent years, many watches of similar style as "TechnoMarine" have been pushed to the market. In the absence of a very solid customers' loyalty, the market development of "TechnoMarine" was hindered. Expansion in retail spots in the Asia Pacific region was slowed down, and the management was very cautious in introducing new models and product lines. To stimulate sales, the Group was forced to adopt an aggressive pricing strategy to offer a relative big discount even on new products. All of these have seriously affected the revenue contribution of the segment to the Group. Moreover, escalating rental for shops, rising staff costs and declining sales coerced the management to close the image shop located in the Festival Walk in August 2007. During the Interim Period, the segment suffered from a loss of HK\$14.07 million (30 June 2006: profit of HK\$0.71 million).

The management thought that the future development of the TechnoMarine watches business was relatively limited and has decided not to inject further resources to the segment.

#### Water Supply and Sewage Treatment business in China

In last year, the Group has decided to diversify its business to the PRC water supply and related industries. At present, the Group has already acquired 3 water supply plants and 2 sewage treatment facilities in the PRC. The planned aggregate water supply capacity of these water supply plants reach 260,000 tonnes per day, and the planned aggregate sewage treatment capacity of these sewage treatment plants are 70,000 tonnes per day.

During the period under review, the turnover of Onfar Group and Anhui Dang Shan Water Industry Company Limited (the "DS Water") amounted to HK\$11.93 million. They contributed HK\$0.72 million in operating profit to the Group. During the Interim Period, Jining City Haiyuan Water Treatment Company Limited and Linyi Fenghuang Water Industry Company Limited have not yet commenced commercial operation, and no turnover and operating profit were recorded in the interim financial statements. It was expected that their business operation will be started soon.



#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2007, the Group has a strong liquidity position with cash and cash equivalents amounted to HK\$389.67 million (31 December 2006: HK\$5.05 million). During the Interim Period, the Group has carried out 2 fund raising exercises through top-up placing and subscription of shares. These fund raising activities were successful, which evidenced market appreciation towards the Group's business diversification into the PRC water supply industry. Net proceeds from these fund raising activities amounted to HK\$417.70 million. With steady cash flows generated from the water supply segment and existing available financial resources, the Group is in a very strong position to expand further in the PRC water supply industry.

Total borrowings of the Group as at 30 June 2007 were HK\$97.38 million (31 December 2006: HK\$7.68 million) comprising secured bank loan of HK\$41.34 million and unsecured bank loan of HK\$0.87 million as well as interest free government loans of HK\$54.84 million (31 December 2006: HK\$7.30 million) and obligations under finance leases of HK\$0.34 million (31 December 2006: HK\$0.39 million). Bank loans were mainly denominated in New Taiwan dollar and Renminbi, the interest rates of which were fixed interest rate.

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2007 was 25.5% (31 December 2006: 64.4%), which was calculated by dividing total liabilities of HK\$182.48 million over total assets of the Group of HK\$714.22 million. The gearing ratio dropped sharply as the Group has a very strong cash position as noted above.

As at 30 June 2007, the net current assets of the Group was HK\$351.41 million (31 December 2006: net current liabilities HK\$43.57 million) and the current ratio of the Group was approximately 4.6 times (31 December 2006: (0.6) times).

#### **CAPITAL RAISING AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

On 2 February 2007, 230,000,000 new Shares were allotted and issued under a Top-up placing (the "First Top-up Placing") at a placing price of HK\$0.49 per placing Share to third parties independent of the Group. The placing Shares represent approximately 19.76% of the then existing issued share capital of the Company. The net proceeds of the First Top-up Placing were estimated to be approximately HK\$109.3 million and were intended to be applied as to approximately HK\$95 million for further expansion of its business in water supply and water-related industries in Mainland China and the balance for general working capital of the Group.

On 29 March 2007, 300,000,000 new Shares were allotted and issued under a Top-up placing (the "Second Top-up Placing") at a placing price of HK\$1.06 per placing Share to third parties independent of the Group. The placing Shares represent approximately 19.35% of the then existing issued share capital of the Company. The net proceeds of the Second Top-up Placing were estimated to be approximately HK\$308.4 million and were intended to be applied as to approximately HK\$262 million for further expansion of its business in water supply and water-related industries in Mainland China and the balance for general working capital of the Group.

As of the balance sheet date, approximately HK\$104 million was used for investing in water supply and water related business projects in the PRC and the remaining balance of HK\$313.70 million being placed in bank. The unutilized amounts will continue to be invested in the projects committed.



#### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK**

Most of the Group's business transactions, assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars and Renminbi. The Group's exposure to United States dollars currency risk is minimal as Hong Kong dollars is pegged to United States dollars. Nevertheless, as Renminbi is becoming more volatile, the Group's operations and performances might thus be affected. Presently, the Group does not have any currency hedging policy but will closely monitor the fluctuation of Renminbi exchange rate and take appropriate measures to minimize any adverse impact that may be caused by such fluctuation.

#### **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

As at 30 June 2007, the Group has the capital commitments contracted but not provided for acquisition of property, plant and equipment approximately HK\$6.94 million (2006: HK\$1.27 million).

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICES**

As at 30 June 2007, the Group had approximately 703 full-time employees (2006: 435 full-time employees). Most of them station in the PRC while the remaining in Hong Kong. The remuneration package of the employees is determined by various factors including the employees' experience and performance, the market condition, industry practice and applicable employment law.

#### **MAJOR EVENTS**

#### **Acquisition of subsidiaries**

On 12 March 2007, the Company entered into the Sales and Purchase Agreement with Boost Skill Investments Limited to acquire the remaining 60% equity interest of Onfar International Limited which directly holds 51% of equity interest in Yichun Water Industry Company Limited (the "Yichun") at a total cash consideration of RMB30 million in cash in 2007. Yichun has been engaging in the supply of water and provision of sewage treatment service to the residents in Yichun City.

On 11 April 2007, the Company entered into Joint Venture Agreement with People's Government of Hedong District in Linyi City\* (臨沂市河東區人民政府) (the "JV Partner") and Linyi City Hedong District Water Supply Company\* (臨沂市河東區自來水公司) ("Linyi Water"). The Company and the JV Partner have established a joint venture company named Linyi Fenghuang Water Industry Company Limited in Linyi City, Shandong Province, the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (the "JV Company") which is principally engaged in water supply business in Linyi City, Hedong District, Shandong Province, PRC. The Company holds 60% equity shares in this JV Company at a total consideration of RMB18 million.

# **Letter of Intent**

On 15 March 2007, the China Water Industry (HK) Limited (the "China Water HK"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of the Company, entered into a non-legally binding heads of agreement with the Management Committee of Shu Yang District Economic Development Zone in Jiangsu Province of the PRC\* (江蘇省沭陽縣經濟開發區管理委員會). Pursuant to which China Water HK agreed to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary in Shu Yang District Economic Development Zone in Jiangsu Province of the PRC.



**MAJOR EVENTS** (Continued)

Letter of Intent (Continued)

On 23 April 2007, the China Water Industry (HK) Limited (the "China Water HK"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of the Company, entered into a non-legally binding Letter of Intent with Public Utility Management Bureau of Shang Qiu City in Henan Province\*(河南省商丘市公用事業管理局)of the People's Republic of China (the "JV Partner"), pursuant to which China Water HK has agreed to form a joint venture company named Shan Qiu Zheng Yuan Water Company Limited\*(商丘正源水務有限公司)(the "JV Company") with the JV Partner to principally engage in the construction and operation of water supply plants with aggregate water supply capacity of 1 million tonnes per day for 商丘市城區 (the urban area of Shang Qiu City\*), 永城市 (Yong Cheng City\*), 夏邑縣 (Xia Yi District\*), 虞城縣 (Yu Cheng District\*), 柘城縣 (Zhe Cheng District\*), 寧陵縣 (Ning Ling District\*), 睢縣 (Sui District\*) and 民權縣 (Min Quan District\*) of China, which the China Water will hold 51% of equity shares of the JV company.

# Pending litigation involving Technostore Limited, a subsidiary of the Company

A winding-up petition dated 30 May 2007 was filed by Mr. Mao Chi Fai ("Mr. Mao"), a minority shareholder and a sole director of Technostore Limited (the "Technostore"), against the Technostore in respect of the affairs of the Technostore were being conducted in a manner which is unfairly prejudicial to the interest of Mr. Mao. On 8 August 2007, the Court ordered the relevant parties to exchange evidence and to fix a date for hearing the petition. The legal case is still pending for hearing of the petition at the High Court. As advised by the Company's solicitor, the directors of the Company believed that Mr. Mao does not have a valid claim in obtaining a winding-up order against the Technostore and therefore it is unlikely to have material adverse financial impact on the Group. Save and except for this, the Company is not aware of any other significant proceedings instituted against the Company.

## **PROSPECT**

Since the core business of the Group has been completely redirected to water related investment, substantial provisions were made for assets related to production of computer peripheral equipment and sales of "TechnoMarine" watches in December 2006. During the first half of 2007, scale of operations of such businesses have been significantly downsized. It is expected that the accounting treatment for disinvestment of the relevant businesses and assets will be completed in the near future. The Group will become a dedicated water industry investor.

The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") is one of the largest countries in the world suffering severe water shortage and water pollution. To cope with the enormous demand for water as a result of urbanization and industrialization and curb the spread of water pollution, the PRC government has been actively introducing extensive measures, including raising water prices and encouraging foreign and private enterprises to invest in the water industry. The board of directors of the Group is convinced that the rapid social and economic development in the PRC and the measures adopted by the PRC government have brought a prosperous future for the water industry in the PRC. The Group will focus on expanding its investment business in this industry.

As for investment in water industry, the Group has shifted its investment focus from small cities to medium-sized cities since the first half of 2007. It is expected that the Group will continue to focus on acquiring water related projects in large and medium-sized cities in the second half of 2007, with a view to establishing a regional water supply group enterprise that serves large and medium-sized cities covering small cities. Meanwhile, the Group will also increase its investment in sewage treatment on an appropriate scale.



#### **PROSPECT** (Continued)

In respect of operation of water related business, the Group has set up an internal special task force to change its former State-owned enterprise operating mechanism to a private equity enterprise operating mechanism, and to implement stringent measures of cost control and business performance evaluation. It is expected that the level of water supply will be increased substantially with reduced operation costs, and revenue streams, such as installation of water meters and construction of pipe systems, will be expanded.

The board of directors of the Group believes that the water related business of the Group will attain larger scale of operation and better profitability by way of expanded investment in water industry and our efforts on optimising water related business operation in 2007, which will bring significant contribution to our profits and shareholders' return in the future.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2007 (six months ended 30 June 2006: Nil).

#### **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES**

As at 30 June 2007, the interests and short positions of the Directors and Chief Executive of the Company, or their associates in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the "SFO") which had been notified to the Company and the stock exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions in which they were deemed or taken to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code") contained in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), to be notified to Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

| Name of director           | Nature of interest                           | Number of issued ordinary shares held | th<br>Total interest | Percentage of<br>ne issued share<br>capital of<br>the Company |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Mr. Wang Chia Chin         | Beneficial owner Interest of spouse (Note 1) | 16,840,000                            | 16,840,000(L)        | 0.89%   |
| Mr. Liu Peng Cheng         | Interest in controlled corporation (Note 2)  | 310,150,000                           | 310,150,000(L)       | 16.49%  |
| Mr. Sze Chun Ning, Vincent | Interest in controlled corporation (Note 3)  | 55,000,000                            | 55,000,000(L)        | 2.92%   |

For the purpose of this section, the shareholding percentage in the Company is calculated on the basis of 1,880,700,000 Shares in issue as at 30 June 2007.



# **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES** (Continued)

The letter "L" denotes a long position in shares of the Company

#### Notes:

- 1. These Shares are held and beneficially owned by Ms. Ko Su Mei, the spouse of Mr. Wang Chia Chin. Under the SFO, Mr. Wang Chia Chin is deemed to be interested in these 16,840,000 Shares.
- 2. These Shares are held by Boost Skill Investments Limited (as to 180,000,000 Shares) and Favor Jumbo Investments Limited (as to 130,150,000 Shares), each of which is beneficially wholly-owned with sole directorship by Mr. Liu Peng Cheng.
- 3. These Shares are held by Sure Ability Limited, a company beneficially wholly-owned with sole directorship by Mr. Sze Chun Ning, Vincent.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2007, so far as was known to the Directors or chief executives of the Company, there is no person known to the Directors (other than the Directors or chief executives of the Company as disclosed in the above), who had interests or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, or who were, directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying the right to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any member of the Group.



#### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company had adopted a share option scheme on 17 January 2002 (the "Scheme"), the details of which have been set out in note 18 to the consolidated financial statements. During the Interim Period, 456,000,000 options have been granted to certain directors of the Company and other eligible participants pursuant to the terms of the Scheme. As at 30 June 2007, 368,200,000 options granted and exercisable at the discretion of the relevant option holders were outstanding. The outstanding options represented approximately 19.58% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2007.

Details of the movements in the share options during the period ended 30 June 2007 under the Scheme are as follows:

| Name or category                    |                 | Outstanding as at | Granted during | Exercised during | Lapsed during | Outstanding as at |                                       | Exercise Price per share of |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| of participant                      | Date of grant   | 1 January 2007    | the year       | the year         | the year      | 30 June 2007      | Exercisable period                    | the Company                 |
| Directors<br>Sze Chun Ning, Vincent | 11 January 2007 |                   | 11,600,000     | -                | -             | 11,600,000        | 11 January 2007 to<br>10 January 2017 | 0.335                       |
| Chu Yin Yin, Georgiana              | 11 January 2007 | -                 | 11,600,000     | -                |               | 11,600,000        | 11 January 2007 to<br>10 January 2017 | 0.335                       |
| Liu Bai Yue                         | 17 January 2007 |                   | 5,000,000      | -                | -             | 5,000,000         | 17 January 2007 to<br>16 January 2017 | 0.420                       |
| Sub-total                           |                 | -                 | 28,200,000     | -                | -             | 28,200,000        |                                       |                             |
| Other eligible participates         | 11 January 2007 |                   | 87,800,000     | 87,800,000       | -             | -                 | 11 January 2007 to<br>10 January 2017 | 0.335                       |
|                                     | 4 April 2007    |                   | 155,000,000    | 5                | -             | 155,000,000       | 4 April 2007 to<br>3 April 2017       | 1.078                       |
|                                     | 28 June 2007    | -                 | 185,000,000    |                  | -             | 185,000,000       | 28 June 2007 to<br>27 June 2017       | 1.144                       |
| Sub-total                           |                 |                   | 427,800,000    | 87,800,000       | -             | 340,000,000       |                                       |                             |
| Total as at 30 June 2007            |                 | 4-10              | 456,000,000    | 87,800,000       | W             | 368,200,000       |                                       |                             |

Save as disclosed in the directors and chief executives' interests in securities and Share Option Scheme above, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company and their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register maintained by the Company referred to therein, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries had not redeemed, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Group recognizes the importance of transparency and accountability to shareholders. The Board will continually review and enhance its corporate governance practices to ensure that they meet shareholders' expectation and comply with relevant standards.

During the six months ended 30 June 2007, the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code of Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules (the "CGP Code") except for the deviations from the following provisions of the CGP Code:

- 1. Code provision A4.1 stipulates that non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term. However, none of the existing non-executive Directors of the Company (including independent non-executive) is appointed for a specific term since all non-executive Directors of the Company (including independent non-executive) are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in line with the Company's Articles of Association. The Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance practices are no less exacting than those in the CGP Code.
- 2. Code provision E1.2 stipulates that the chairman of the board (the "Chairman") should attend the annual general meeting (the "AGM"). The Chairman was unable to attend the AGM on 31 May 2007 due to his personal reasons but he has designated the Managing Director of the Company to answer questions raised at the AGM.

#### **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own Code of Conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors of the Company. All Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2007.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors of the Company, has reviewed with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2007.

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Remuneration Committee comprises two independent non-executive directors of the Company and one executive director of the Company is responsibility for reviewing and evaluating the remuneration polices of executive directors and senior management and making recommendations to the Board from time to time.



#### PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS AND REPORT

This interim results announcement is published on the websites of the Company (www.chinawaterind.com) and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (http://www.hkex.com.hk). The interim report of the Company for 2007 containing all information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatch to Shareholders and made available on the above websites in due course.

#### **APPRECIATION**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my fellow directors, management and employees for their contributions and dedication to the development of the Group and deep thanks to our shareholders, customers, suppliers and business partners for their continued supports.

By order of the Board

China Water Industry Group Limited

Zhong Wen Sheng

Managing Director

Hong Kong, 24 September 2007

\* for identification purpose only