



SINOCOP RESOURCES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

中銅資源(控股)有限公司

(Formerly known as "China Elegance (Holdings) Limited 瑞源國際有限公司")

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(*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
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I am pleased to present the annual report of Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2008.

### RESULTS

During the year ended 31 March 2008, the Group had recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$251.3 million from its continuing operation (2007: HK\$48.8 million). The increase in turnover was mainly due to the increase in both metals and minerals prices and sales volume during the year. The rise in metals and minerals prices enables a favorable gross profit margin by partially setting off the rising transportation and freight costs. As a result, the turnover had surged and gross profit had increased to approximately HK\$19.6 million for the year under review (2007: HK\$1.4 million).

Notwithstanding the increase in gross profit as discussed above, the Group had recorded a loss of approximately HK\$44.7 million for the year (2007: HK\$13.9 million). The loss was mainly resulted from the recognition of (i) the share-based payment of approximately HK\$35.5 million (2007: Nil) in respect of share options granted during the year (please refer to note 26 to the financial statements for details), and (ii) the non-cash interest of approximately HK\$11.1 million (2007: Nil) charged on zero coupon convertible notes issued during the year (please refer to note 24 to the financial statements for details). By eliminating the unfavourable effect of these non-cash expenses, the Group should have recorded a net profit of approximately HK\$1.9 million for the year (2007: net loss of approximately HK\$13.9 million).

The loss attributable to the equity holders of the Company was HK\$44.0 million (2007: HK\$14.4 million). Basic loss per share for the year was HK\$0.0382 per share (2007: HK\$0.0147 per share).

### DIVIDENDS

The directors of the Company do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 March 2008.

### BUSINESS REVIEW

#### Metals and minerals trading

During the year, both the turnover and gross profit margin increased due to the increase in the demand for natural resources in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") as well as the metals and minerals price.

# Chairman's Statement

## Ores processing and trading

With a view to expanding vertically within the metals and minerals sector and diversifying into the mining and ores processing business, the Group has entered into a sale and purchase agreement and a joint venture agreement during the year as detailed below.

The Company had, through its wholly-owned subsidiary China Elegance Resources Limited, entered into a sale and purchase agreement on 7 August 2007 in respect of the acquisition of 60% interest in Bellavista Holding Group Limited, which indirectly owns certain mining concessions in Chile (please refer to the Company's announcement dated 29 August 2007 and note 30(e) to the financial statements for details). The completion of this acquisition is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions which are yet to be fulfilled at the balance sheet date.

The Company had, through another wholly-owned subsidiary Zhong Xing Heng He Holdings Limited, entered into a joint venture agreement with Tong Guan Resources Holdings Ltd. and Catania Copper (Chile) Limited on 16 October 2007 (the "JV Agreement") in relation to the formation of a new joint venture which is principally engaged in the operation of processing copper ores through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Minera Catania Verde S.A. ("Verde") in Chile. Pursuant to the JV agreement, Tong Guan La Plata Company Limited ("TGLP") was established and the injection of Verde into TGLP was completed in March 2008 (please refer to the Company's circular dated 3 December 2007 and note 28 to the financial statements for details). During the year, this newly acquired business did not generate any revenue as the processing plant of Verde is in the course of construction.

## LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the year, the Company had issued two tranches of zero coupon convertible notes with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$70.0 million ("First Convertible Notes") and HK\$160.0 million ("Second Convertible Notes") (please refer to note 24 to the financial statements for details). The issuance of First Convertible Notes and Second Convertible Notes has resulted in net proceeds of approximately HK\$67.8 million and HK\$155.1 million respectively.

During the year, the First Convertible Notes had been fully converted and HK\$50.0 million of the Second Convertible Notes had also been converted into shares of the Company (please refer to notes 24 and 25 to the financial statements for details).

Apart from the convertible notes issued and converted as mentioned above, the Group generally finances its operations with internally generated cash flows and finance leases during the year under review. However, the Group sometimes finances its trading business by short term bank loans and negotiation with banks for discount of bills receivable.

The Group's gearing ratio as at 31 March 2008 was 60.9% (2007: 47.0%), based on the total borrowings under finance leases, convertible notes and advance from a director and minority shareholder totaling HK\$102.6 million (2007: HK\$10.1 million) and the equity attributable to the equity holders of the Company of HK\$168.5 million (2007: HK\$21.5 million).

Of the Group's total borrowings, HK\$7.7 million (2007: HK\$10.1 million) is due within one year, HK\$94.1 million (2007: Nil) is due in more than one year but not exceeding two years, and HK\$0.8 million (2007: Nil) is due in more than two years but not exceeding five years.

As at 31 March 2008, the Group had bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$257.6 million (2007: HK\$6.7 million). The Group had also obtained banking facilities with total amount of US\$12.0 million (2007: US\$12.0 million), equivalent to approximately HK\$93.6 million (2007: approximately HK\$93.6 million), which has not been utilised as at 31 March 2008. Bank deposits of HK\$6.2 million as at 31 March 2008 (2007: HK\$0.7 million) were pledged to obtain these banking facilities.

The operating cash flows of the Group are mainly denominated in HK dollars, US dollars, Australian dollars and Chilean pesos. Certain bank deposits, receivables and payables are denominated in US dollars, Australian dollars and Chilean pesos. Foreign exchange exposure in respect of US dollars is considered to be minimal as HK dollars is pegged to US dollars. For other currencies, the Group will closely monitor the currency exposure and, when considers appropriate, will take the necessary actions to ensure that such exposure is properly hedged.

### **PROSPECTS**

In view of the increase in demand for natural resources in the world and the increase in the prices of metals and minerals over the past years, the Directors are optimistic about the future prospects of the Group's metals and minerals trading business. The Directors also believe that the proposed acquisition of Bellavista Holding Group Limited and the formation of the new joint venture, TGLP, will contribute to the Group's success in the ores processing and mining business and will enhance the Group's investment return in the future.

In the meantime, the Group will continue its effort to identify and pursue other resources type trading business.

# Chairman's Statement

## CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2008, the Company had provided a corporate guarantee of US\$12 million (2007: US\$12.0 million) to a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to the Group. The banking facilities were not utilised by the Group at the balance sheet date.

## EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 31 March 2008, the Group employed approximately 52 full time managerial and skilled staff, principally in Hong Kong, the PRC and Chile.

The Group remunerates and provides benefits for its employees based on current industry practice. Discretionary bonus and other individual performance bonus are awarded to staff based on the financial performance of the Group and performance of individual staff. In Chile and the PRC, the Group provides staff welfare for its employees in accordance with prevailing labour legislation. In Hong Kong, it provides staff benefits including mandatory provident fund scheme and medical scheme. In addition, share options may be granted to eligible employees in accordance with the terms of the Company's share option scheme.

## CONCLUSION

On behalf of the board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), I would like to thank shareholders for their continued support and I would also wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my colleagues in the Board and all employees of the Group for their dedication and efforts in the past year.

By order of the Board

**Cheung Ngan**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong

23 July 2008

The directors herein present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 March 2008.

## **CHANGE OF COMPANY'S NAME**

Pursuant to a special resolution passed at the special general meeting of the Company held on 27 December 2007, the name of the Company was changed from "China Elegance (Holdings) Limited" to "Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited 中銅資源(控股)有限公司" with effect from 2 January 2008.

## **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries consist of investment holding, metals and minerals trading, and processing of raw ores.

## **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

An analysis of the Group's performance for the year by business and geographical segments is set out in note 5 to the financial statements.

## **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Group's loss for the year ended 31 March 2008 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 26 to 92.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year.

## **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The following is a summary of the results of the Group for the last five financial reporting years and of its assets and liabilities at the respective financial reporting year end dates, as extracted from the published audited financial statements of the Group.

# Report of the Directors

## RESULTS

	Year ended 31 March				
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	<u>251,287</u>	<u>56,469</u>	<u>105,273</u>	<u>182,169</u>	<u>163,077</u>
LOSS BEFORE TAX	<u>(44,736)</u>	<u>(13,936)</u>	<u>(15,547)</u>	<u>(5,831)</u>	<u>(66,661)</u>
Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>-</u>
LOSS FOR THE YEAR	<u>(44,736)</u>	<u>(13,936)</u>	<u>(15,547)</u>	<u>(5,381)</u>	<u>(66,661)</u>
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:					
Equity holders of the Company	<u>(44,000)</u>	<u>(14,440)</u>	<u>(11,043)</u>	<u>(823)</u>	<u>(67,510)</u>
Minority interests	<u>(736)</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>(4,504)</u>	<u>(4,558)</u>	<u>849</u>
	<u>(44,736)</u>	<u>(13,936)</u>	<u>(15,547)</u>	<u>(5,381)</u>	<u>(66,661)</u>

## ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND MINORITY INTERESTS

	As at 31 March				
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>380,655</u>	<u>35,479</u>	<u>29,389</u>	<u>47,353</u>	<u>73,107</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>(106,055)</u>	<u>(13,935)</u>	<u>(3,591)</u>	<u>(4,765)</u>	<u>(21,656)</u>
MINORITY INTERESTS	<u>(106,135)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(370)</u>	<u>(4,874)</u>	<u>(12,914)</u>
	<u>168,465</u>	<u>21,544</u>	<u>25,428</u>	<u>37,714</u>	<u>38,537</u>

## **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Company and of the Group are set out in note 14 to the financial statements.

## **SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES**

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries and associates are set out in notes 16 and 17 to the financial statements, respectively.

## **CONVERTIBLE NOTES**

The Company issued two tranches of zero coupon convertible notes with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$70,000,000 and HK\$160,000,000 on 18 July 2007 and 31 August 2007, respectively. Details of movements in the convertible notes of the Company are set out in note 24 to the financial statements.

## **SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS**

Details of movements in the Company's share capital and share options during the year, together with the reasons therefor, are set out in notes 25 and 26 to the financial statements, respectively.

## **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the bye-laws of the Company or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

## **RESERVES**

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company during the year are set out in note 27 to the financial statements. Detail of movements in the reserves of the Group during the year are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 29.

## DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At the balance sheet date, the Company had no accumulated profits available for distribution. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from time to time), the contributed surplus of the Company in the amount of HK\$87,109,000 as at 31 March 2008 (2007: HK\$87,109,000) is distributable to shareholders in certain circumstances, prescribed by Section 54 thereof, which the Company is currently unable to satisfy.

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The information in respect of the Group's sales and purchases attributable to the major customers and suppliers respectively during the financial year is as follows:

	<b>Percentage of the Group's total</b>
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<b>Sales</b>	
– the largest customer	43%
– five largest customers combined	100%
<b>Purchases</b>	
– the largest supplier	95%
– five largest suppliers combined	100%

None of the directors, their associates or any shareholder (which to the knowledge of the directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had an interest in the major customers or suppliers noted above.

## DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year were:

### Executive directors

Mr. Cheung Ngan (Chairman)  
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold (Deputy Chairman)

### Non-executive director

Mr. Li Shaofeng (Appointed on 10 October 2007)

### Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen  
Mr. Hu Guang  
Mr. Chan Chak Paul

Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold, Mr. Chan Chak Paul and Mr. Li Shaofeng shall retire from the Board in accordance with the Company's bye-laws, and being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election as directors of the Company at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Details of the directors' remuneration and that of the five highest paid individuals in the Group are set out in notes 7 and 8 to the financial statements, respectively.

## DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

None of the directors has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation other than statutory compensation.

# Report of the Directors

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company's share option scheme (the "Scheme"), which was adopted by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company on 5 January 2004, constitutes a share option scheme governed by Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

Pursuant to the Scheme, the Board is empowered, at its discretion, to invite any full-time employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates, including any executive directors and non-executive directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates, to take up options to subscribe for shares in the Company. Details of the Scheme are set out in note 26 to the financial statements.

During the year, 59,700,000 share options were granted to eligible employees of the Group.

## DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

There were no new share options granted to directors under the Scheme during the year and there were no outstanding share options granted to the directors at the balance sheet date.

At no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Company's directors, their respective spouse, or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

## CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Details of the connected transactions undertaken by the Group during the year are set out in notes 28 and 30(e) to the financial statements.

## CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

On 16 October 2007, Minera Catania Verde S.A., which became a subsidiary of the Company in March 2008, entered into a master agreement (the "Master Agreement") with CAH Reserve S.A., a company in which the chairman and the substantial shareholder of the Company, Mr. Cheung Ngan, and the deputy chairman of the Company, Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold, jointly and indirectly own 55% interests. The transactions contemplated under the Master Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. Details of the Master Agreement are set out in note 30(d) to the financial statements.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company noted that no transaction was entered into under the Master Agreement during the year.

The auditor of the Company has confirmed that (i) no transaction was entered into under the Master Agreement during the year; and (ii) the annual cap for the year ended 31 March 2008 had not been exceeded.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 March 2008, the interests and short positions of the directors in the shares and underlying shares of the Company or 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 of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 & 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or 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 referred to therein, or which were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

Name of Director	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of shares or underlying shares		Approximate percentage of shareholding in the Company
		Long position	Short position	
Mr. Cheung Ngan	Beneficial owner & interest of controlled corporation	1,611,232,469*	–	128.05%
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold	Interest of controlled corporation	1,300,000,000*	–	103.31%

\* Included interests in 1,300,000,000 underlying shares representing the consideration shares which were agreed to be issued to Ceasers Development Limited, which was beneficially owned as to 51% by Mr. Cheung Ngan and as to 49% by Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold, upon completion of acquisition of 60 shares of Bellavista Holding Group Limited (please refer to note 30(e) to the financial statements for details).

Save as disclosed above, as at the balance sheet date, none of the directors of the Company have interest or short positions in the shares and underlying shares or other securities of the Company or 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 & 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or 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 referred to therein, or which were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

# Report of the Directors

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in the sections above with heading "Connected Transactions" and "Continuing Connected Transactions" set out on page 12 of this report, no director, whether directly or indirectly, had a material beneficial interest in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 March 2008, the following shareholders had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of substantial shareholder	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of shares or underlying shares		Approximate percentage of shareholding in the Company
		Long position	Short position	
Mr. Cheung Ngan	Beneficial owner & interest of controlled corporation	1,611,232,469 (Note 1)	–	128.05%
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold	Interest of controlled corporation	1,300,000,000 (Note 1)	–	103.31%
Ceasers Development Limited	Beneficial owner	1,300,000,000 (Note 2)	–	103.31%
Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited	Beneficial owner	138,633,000 (Note 3)	–	11.02%
Credit Suisse Group	Interest of controlled corporation	138,633,000 (Note 3)	–	11.02%

Name of substantial shareholder	Capacity/ Nature of interest	Number of shares or underlying shares		Approximate percentage of shareholding in the Company
		Long position	Short position	
Plus All Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	125,000,000 (Note 4)	–	9.93%
Shougang Holding (Hong Kong) Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	125,000,000 (Note 4)	–	9.93%
Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft	Beneficial owner	80,000,000 (Note 5)	–	6.36%

Notes:

- 1) Included interests in 1,300,000,000 underlying shares representing the consideration shares which were agreed to be issued to Ceasers Development Limited, which was beneficially owned as to 51% by Mr. Cheung Ngan and as to 49% by Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold upon completion of acquisition of 60 shares of Bellavista Holding Group Limited (please refer to note 30(e) to the financial statement for details).
- 2) Interests in 1,300,000,000 underlying shares represent the consideration shares which were agreed to be issued to Ceasers Development Limited upon completion of acquisition of 60 shares of Bellavista Holding Group Limited (please refer to note 30(e) to the financial statement for details).
- 3) Included 80,000,000 underlying shares representing the number of shares that are convertible by the Second Convertible Notes (please refer to note 24 to the financial statements for details). None of the convertible notes were converted as at 31 March 2008. The other 58,633,000 shares represent beneficial interest. Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited is beneficially owned by Credit Suisse Group. Accordingly, Credit Suisse Group is deemed to be interested in the shares and underlying shares in which Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited is interested by virtue of the SFO.
- 4) The 125,000,000 shares represent beneficial interest of Plus All Holdings Limited. Plus All Holdings Limited is owned by Shougang Holding (Hong Kong) Limited. Accordingly, Shougang Holding (Hong Kong) Limited is deemed to be interested in the shares in which Plus All Holdings Limited is interested by virtue of the SFO.
- 5) Included 30,000,000 underlying shares representing the number of shares that are convertible by the Second Convertible Notes (please refer to note 24 to the financial statements for details). The other 50,000,000 shares represent beneficial interest.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS IN RESPECT OF DIRECTORS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position held</b>	<b>Number of years of service</b>	<b>Business experience</b>
Mr. Cheung Ngan	51	Chairman, Executive Director	10	Joined the Group in March 1998 and is responsible for the development of corporate strategies, corporate planning, marketing and management functions of the Group. He has over 24 years working experience in corporate management and knowledge of PRC investments.
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold	48	Deputy Chairman, Executive Director	13	Joined the Group in April 1995 and is responsible for general corporate investment and the financial advisory functions of the Group. He has extensive working experience in accountancy and commercial fields, particularly in the manufacturing, marketing and retailing of consumer products in Hong Kong and the PRC.
Mr. Li Shaofeng	41	Non-Executive Director	Less than 1	Appointed as non-executive director of the Company in October 2007. Mr. Li holds a bachelor's degree in automation from the University of Science and Technology Beijing. He joined Shougang Corporation in 1989. Mr. Li joined the Shougang Concord Century Holdings Limited ("Shougang Century") in March 2000 and was appointed as Deputy Managing Director of the company. He was subsequently appointed as the Managing Director of Shougang

Name	Age	Position held	Number of years of service	Business experience
Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen	49	Independent Non-Executive Director	3	<p>Century and Deputy Managing Director of Shougang Holding (Hong Kong) Limited in September 2003 and September 2007 respectively. He had acted as Managing Director of Shougang Concord Grand (Group) Limited in 2002. In all, Mr. Li has extensive experience in management and investment of listed companies, sino-foreign joint ventures and steel industry.</p> <p>Appointed as independent non-executive director of the Company in September 2004. Mr. Chan holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Sydney in Australia. He is a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and also a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Chan has over 23 years of experience in auditing, accounting and financial management and previously worked for an international accounting firm and a number of listed companies in Hong Kong and the United States. Mr. Chan is currently the directors of several companies listed on the main board and the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange.</p>

## Report of the Directors

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position held</b>	<b>Number of years of service</b>	<b>Business experience</b>
Mr. Hu Guang	41	Independent Non-Executive Director	3	Appointed as independent non-executive director of the Company in September 2004. Mr. Hu holds a master's degree of business administration from Tianjin University in the PRC. Mr. Hu is currently the General Manager of 天津大眾投資發展有限公司 in Tianjin, the PRC and has over 17 years experience in investment, finance and property development in the PRC.
Mr. Chan Chak Paul	47	Independent Non-Executive Director	3	Appointed as independent non-executive director of the Company in February 2005. Mr. Chan has extensive experience in trading industries and PRC investment. Mr. Chan used to hold several senior management positions in both foreign and local companies.

### **PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES**

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

### **PUBLIC FLOAT**

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors as at the date of this report, the Company has maintained sufficient public float as required under the Listing Rules during the year.

## AUDITOR

On 7 October 2007, Horwath Hong Kong CPA Limited changed its name to Shu Lun Pan Horwath Hong Kong CPA Limited. Shu Lun Pan Horwath Hong Kong CPA Limited which retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. A resolution for their reappointment as auditor of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**Cheung Ngan**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong  
23 July 2008

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Company has adopted the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. The Company has applied the principles in the Code and complied with the code provisions set out in the Code for the year ended 31 March 2008 except that: (i) the roles of chairman and chief executive officer are not separate and are performed by the same individual as the Board considered that non-segregation would not result in considerable concentration of power and (ii) the non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election.

## **THE BOARD**

The Board is responsible for the leadership and control of the Company and overseeing the Group's business, strategic decisions and financial performances. The Board delegates to the management team the day-to-day management of the Company's business including the preparation of annual and interim reports, and for implementation of internal control, business strategies and plans developed by the Board.

The Board comprises two executive directors, one non-executive director and three independent non-executive directors. More than one-third of the Board are independent non-executive directors and one of them has appropriate accounting or related financial management expertise as required under Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules.

Each of the independent non-executive directors has made an annual confirmation of independence, and the Company considers that all of the independent non-executive directors are independent in accordance with the guidelines as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Board meetings were scheduled to be held at about quarterly interval. The attendance of the directors at the Board meetings for the year ended 31 March 2008 is as follows:

<b>Name of Directors</b>	<b>Number of attendance</b>
Mr. Cheung Ngan	14/18
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold	18/18
Mr. Li Shaofeng	4/18
Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen	13/18
Mr. Hu Guang	6/18
Mr. Chan Chak Paul	11/18

The current independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as required by code provision A.4.1. The relevant bye-law of the Company provides that all directors, including those appointed for a specific term, shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the Company's annual general meeting. As such, 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 Code.

## **CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company have been performed by Mr. Cheung Ngan. The Board considers that the non-segregation does not result in considerable concentration of power in one person and has the advantage of a strong and consistent leadership which is conducive to making and implementing decisions quickly and consistently. The Board will review the effectiveness of this arrangement from time to time and will consider appointing an individual as chief executive officer when it thinks appropriate.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE**

The Board has established two committees with clearly-defined written terms of reference. The independent views and recommendations of the two committees ensure proper control of the Group and the continual achievement of the high standard of corporate governance practices.

### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee (the "Committee") is composed of two independent non-executive directors and one executive director, being Mr. Chan Chak Paul, Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen and Mr. Cheung Ngan respectively. Two meetings were held during the year ended 31 March 2008 and all members of the Committee had attended the meeting.

# Corporate Governance Report

The brief duties of the Committee as per the terms of reference are as follows:

- i) to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of the directors;
- ii) to have the delegated responsibilities to determine the specific remunerations package of all executive directors; and
- iii) to review and approve compensation payable to directors in connection with loss of their office or compensation arrangement relating to dismissal or removal of director.

The Committee has every right to access to professional advice relating to remuneration proposal if considered necessary.

## Audit Committee

The Company has an Audit Committee comprising three independent non-executive directors, Mr. Hu Guang, Mr. Chan Chak Paul, and Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen who serves as the chairman of the Audit Committee. Two meetings were held during the year ended 31 March 2008 and the attendance of the member of the Audit Committee is as follows:

<b>Name of Directors</b>	<b>Number of attendance</b>
Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen	2/2
Mr. Hu Guang	2/2
Mr. Chan Chak Paul	2/2

During the year ended 31 March 2008, the Audit Committee had reviewed the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2007, the interim report for the six months ended 30 September 2007 and the principal duties of the Audit Committee include:

- i) monitoring integrity of the Company's financial statements and reports;
- ii) reviewing of financial controls, internal controls, and risk management system; and
- iii) reviewing of the Company's financial and accounting policies and practices.

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board to investigate any activity and seek any information it requires within its terms of reference. It is also authorized to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if considered this necessary.

## **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

The directors are responsible for identifying suitable qualified individual and making recommendation to the Board for consideration. The Board will apply certain criteria on selection such as the consideration of what business or financial experience that the nominated individual can bring into the Board, his or her capabilities to maintain and improve the competitiveness of the Company, and his or her ability to contribute to the Board in formulating Company's policies and strategies, as well as to the effective ways of discharging the Board's responsibilities.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT ON DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the Code of Conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

Specific enquiry has been made of all the directors of the Company who have confirmed in writing their compliance with the required standards set out in the Code of Conduct during the year under review.

## **AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

For the year ended 31 March 2008, the auditor of the Company received approximately HK\$500,000 for audit service and no fee was payable for other non-audit services.

## **INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Board reviews the internal control system of the Company annually and will take any necessary and appropriate action to maintain an adequate internal control system to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Company's assets. The effectiveness of the internal control system was discussed on an annual basis with the Audit Committee.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparation of financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group and of the results and cash flows for that period. The directors ensure that the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008 were prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards, and have been prepared on the going concern basis.

# Independent Auditor's Report



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### **To the members of**

### **Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited**

(Formerly known as "China Elegance (Holdings) Limited")

*(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 26 to 92, which comprise the consolidated and company balance sheets as at 31 March 2008, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

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

The directors 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.

## **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

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

# Independent Auditor's 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 auditor's judgment, 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 auditor considers 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 consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 31 March 2008 and of the loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended 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.

### **SHU LUN PAN HORWATH HONG KONG CPA LIMITED**

*Certified Public Accountants*

23 July 2008

### **Shiu Hong Ng**

Practising Certificate number P03752

# Consolidated Income Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>CONTINUING OPERATION</b>			
<b>Turnover</b>	5	<b>251,287</b>	48,833
Cost of sales		<b>(231,725)</b>	(47,456)
Gross profit		<b>19,562</b>	1,377
Other revenue	5	<b>5,462</b>	734
Selling and distribution costs		<b>(1,522)</b>	(196)
Administrative expenses		<b>(58,326)</b>	(17,660)
Other operating expenses		–	(198)
Finance costs	6	<b>(12,514)</b>	(232)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries		–	368
Share of profits of associates		<b>2,602</b>	1,810
<b>Loss before tax</b>		<b>(44,736)</b>	(13,997)
Tax	9(a)	–	–
<b>Loss for the year from continuing operation</b>		<b>(44,736)</b>	(13,997)
<b>DISCONTINUED OPERATION</b>			
<b>Profit for the year from discontinued operation</b>	10	–	61
<b>Loss for the year</b>	11	<b>(44,736)</b>	(13,936)
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the Company		<b>(44,000)</b>	(14,440)
Minority interests		<b>(736)</b>	504
		<b>(44,736)</b>	(13,936)
<b>Loss per share</b>			
<b>From continuing and discontinued operations</b>	13		
– Basic (HK\$)		<b>(0.0382)</b>	(0.0147)
<b>From continuing operation</b>			
– Basic (HK\$)		<b>(0.0382)</b>	(0.0146)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Consolidated Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	14	20,557	1,470
Construction in progress	15	20,762	–
Interests in associates	17	1,700	3,781
Goodwill	18	52,161	–
Other intangible assets	19	8,631	–
Available-for-sale investments	20	–	5,700
		<b>103,811</b>	10,951
<b>Current assets</b>			
Accounts receivable	21	–	1,034
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		14,152	16,835
Value-added-tax recoverable		5,130	–
Pledged bank deposits	34	6,201	676
Cash and bank balances		251,361	5,983
		<b>276,844</b>	24,528
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	22	–	2,338
Other payables and accruals		2,362	893
Receipts in advance		566	–
Obligations under finance leases	23	6,602	–
Amount due to a director	30(b)	–	10,140
Amount due to a minority shareholder	30(c)	1,075	–
Tax payable		564	564
		<b>11,169</b>	13,935
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>265,675</b>	10,593
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>369,486</b>	21,544

# Consolidated Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Obligations under finance leases	23	6,422	–
Convertible notes	24	88,464	–
		<b>94,886</b>	–
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>274,600</b>	21,544
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	25	12,583	10,333
Reserves		155,882	11,211
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>		<b>168,465</b>	21,544
Minority interests		106,135	–
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>274,600</b>	21,544

**Cheung Ngan**  
Director

**Chan Chung Chun, Arnold**  
Director

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company										
	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Convertible notes equity reserve	Share options reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total	Minority interests	Total equity
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2006	8,833	-	20,566	-	-	1	(1,243)	(2,729)	25,428	370	25,798
Change in fair value of available-for-sale investments and total income recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,517	-	2,517	-	2,517
Transfer to profit or loss on disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,440)	(14,440)	504	(13,936)
Total recognised income and expenses for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	2,517	(14,440)	(11,924)	504	(11,420)
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(874)	(874)
Issue of shares in placing arrangement	1,500	6,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,250	-	8,250
Share issue expenses	-	(210)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(210)	-	(210)
At 31 March 2007	10,333	6,540	20,566	-	-	-	1,274	(17,169)	21,544	-	21,544
Change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,509	-	1,509	-	1,509
Exchange differences arising on translation of overseas operations	-	-	-	-	-	11,190	-	-	11,190	(194)	10,996
Total income and expenses recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	11,190	1,509	-	12,699	(194)	12,505
Transfer to profit or loss on disposal of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,783)	-	(2,783)	-	(2,783)
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(44,000)	(44,000)	(736)	(44,736)
Total recognised income and expenses for the year	-	-	-	-	-	11,190	(1,274)	(44,000)	(34,084)	(930)	(35,014)
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,065	107,065
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	35,494	-	-	-	35,494	-	35,494
Equity component of First Convertible Notes	-	-	-	17,377	-	-	-	-	17,377	-	17,377
Equity component of Second Convertible Notes	-	-	-	39,308	-	-	-	-	39,308	-	39,308
Issue of shares upon conversion of First Convertible Notes	1,750	67,171	-	(17,377)	-	-	-	-	51,544	-	51,544
Issue of shares upon conversion of Second Convertible Notes	500	49,066	-	(12,284)	-	-	-	-	37,282	-	37,282
<b>At 31 March 2008</b>	<b>12,583</b>	<b>122,777</b>	<b>20,566</b>	<b>27,024</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>11,190</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(61,169)</b>	<b>168,465</b>	<b>106,135</b>	<b>274,600</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loss for the year	<b>(44,736)</b>	(13,936)
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	<b>(3,205)</b>	(244)
Interest expenses	<b>12,514</b>	232
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>859</b>	602
Goodwill written off	–	12
Impairment loss of debts, net	–	425
Property, plant and equipment written off	–	34
Gain on disposal of discontinued operation	–	(74)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	–	(368)
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments	<b>(2,105)</b>	–
Share-based payments	<b>35,494</b>	–
Share of profits of associates	<b>(2,602)</b>	(1,810)
<b>Operating cash flows before movements in working capital</b>	<b>(3,781)</b>	(15,127)
Increase in inventories	–	(2,456)
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable	<b>1,034</b>	(1,592)
Decrease/(increase) in other receivables, deposits and prepayments	<b>3,537</b>	(15,953)
Increase in value-added-tax recoverable	<b>(936)</b>	–
(Decrease)/increase in accounts payable	<b>(2,338)</b>	2,822
Increase in other payables and accruals	<b>606</b>	4,357
Increase in receipts in advance	<b>250</b>	–
<b>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(1,628)</b>	(27,949)
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# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
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		<b>(1,628)</b>	(27,949)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Disposal of subsidiaries		-	2,216
Acquisition of a subsidiary	28	<b>62,892</b>	209
Increase in pledged bank deposits		<b>(5,525)</b>	(676)
Dividend received from associates		<b>4,683</b>	2,067
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		<b>(3,905)</b>	(2,121)
Expenditure for construction in progress		<b>(945)</b>	-
Proceeds on disposal of available-for-sale investments		<b>6,531</b>	-
Interest received		<b>3,205</b>	244
		<b>66,936</b>	1,939
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest paid		<b>(1,380)</b>	(232)
Finance lease interest paid		<b>(144)</b>	-
Net proceeds from issue of shares		-	8,040
Net proceeds from issue of convertible notes		<b>222,885</b>	-
Repayment of obligations under finance leases		<b>(1,103)</b>	-
Repayment to a minority shareholder, net (Repayment to)/advance from a director		<b>(31,410)</b>	-
		<b>(10,140)</b>	10,140
		<b>178,708</b>	17,948
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND BANK BALANCES</b>			
		<b>244,016</b>	(8,062)
<b>EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES</b>			
		<b>1,362</b>	-
<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>			
		<b>5,983</b>	14,045
<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</b>			
		<b>251,361</b>	5,983

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	14	–	–
Interests in subsidiaries	16	<b>247,295</b>	18,787
		<b>247,295</b>	18,787
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		<b>757</b>	436
Cash and bank balances		<b>9,369</b>	2,775
		<b>10,126</b>	3,211
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other payables and accruals		<b>480</b>	442
Tax payable		<b>12</b>	12
		<b>492</b>	454
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>9,634</b>	2,757
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>256,929</b>	21,544
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Convertible notes	24	<b>88,464</b>	–
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>168,465</b>	21,544
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	25	<b>12,583</b>	10,333
Reserves	27	<b>155,882</b>	11,211
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>168,465</b>	21,544

**Cheung Ngan**  
Director

**Chan Chung Chun, Arnold**  
Director

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## 1. CORPORATION INFORMATION

Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited (the “Company”) is incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability. Its shares are listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The Company’s registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. Its head office and principal place of business is 37th Floor, China Online Centre, 333 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) are principally engaged in investment holding, trading of metals and minerals and processing of raw ores.

With effect from 2 January 2008, the name of the Company was changed from “China Elegance (Holdings) Limited” to “Sinocop Resources (Holdings) Limited 中銅資源(控股)有限公司”.

## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which collectively include all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company.

The impact of the adoption of HKFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and HKAS 1 (Amendment), *Capital Disclosures* has been to expand the disclosures provided in these financial statements regarding the Group’s financial instruments and management of capital.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (Continued)

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following standards and interpretations were in issue but not yet effective:

		<b>Effective for annual periods beginning on or after</b>
HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of financial statements	1 January 2009
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing costs	1 January 2009
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and separate financial statements	1 July 2009
HKAS 32 & 1, Amendments	Puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidation	1 January 2009
HKFRS 2 Amendment	Share-based payment – Vesting conditions and cancellation	1 January 2009
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business combinations	1 July 2009
HKFRS 8	Operating segments	1 January 2009
HK(IFRIC) – Int 12	Service concession arrangements	1 January 2008
HK(IFRIC) – Int 13	Customer loyalty programmes	1 July 2008
HK(IFRIC) – Int 14	HKAS 19 – The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction	1 January 2008

The adoption of HKFRS 3 (Revised) may affect the accounting of business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009. HKAS 27 (Revised) will affect the accounting treatment for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control, which will be accounted for as equity transactions. The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new and revised HKFRSs will have no material impact on the results and financial position of the Group.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Basis of preparation of financial statements and statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale investments.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable HKFRSs issued by HKICPA, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (the "Companies Ordinance"). The consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

### (b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment on the asset transferred.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the Group.

Minority interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein. Minority interests in the net assets consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the minority in excess of the minority's interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the interests of the Group except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation and is able to make an additional investment to cover the losses. If the subsidiary subsequently reports profits, all such profits are allocated to the Group's interest until the minority's share of losses previously absorbed by the Group has been recovered.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (c) Business combination

The acquisition of subsidiaries and businesses is accounted for using the purchase method. The cost of the acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values, at the date of exchange, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised as an asset and initially measured at cost, being the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the Group's interests in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised. If, after reassessment, the Group's interests in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities exceeds the cost of the acquisition, the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The interests of minority shareholders in the acquiree is initially measured at the minority's proportion of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised.

### (d) Goodwill

Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is presented separately. Goodwill on acquisition of associates, if any, is included in interests in associates.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (d) Goodwill (Continued)

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill arising from an acquisition is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit, and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised directly in the profit or loss. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On subsequent disposal of the relevant cash generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill capitalised is included in the determination of the amount of profit or loss on disposal.

### (e) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities in which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, so as to obtain benefits from their activities. In assessing control, potential voting rights that are presently exercisable are taken into account.

In the Company's balance sheet, the interests in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses, if any. The results of the subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

### (f) Associates

An associate is an entity, not being a subsidiary nor an interest in a jointly controlled entity, over which the Group is in a position to exercise significant influence, through participation in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee.

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## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (f) Associates (Continued)

The results and assets and liabilities of associates are incorporated in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, interests in associates are carried in the consolidated balance sheet at cost as adjusted for post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of the net assets of the associate, less impairment in the value of individual investments. Losses of an associate in excess of the Group's interest in that associate which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Where a group entity transacts with an associate of the Group, unrealised gains and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interests in the relevant associate, except to the extent that unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the assets transferred, in which case, the full amount of losses is recognised.

### (g) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditure incurred after the property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the income statement in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of the property, plant and equipment, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost thereof.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The expected useful lives of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	20 years
Leasehold improvements	3 to 10 years
Plant and machinery	5 to 15 years
Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles	3 to 5 years

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (g) Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the term of the relevant leases or, where it is likely the Group will obtain ownership of the assets, the expected useful life of the assets on the same basis as owned assets.

Properties in the course of construction for production, rental or administrative purposes, or for purposes not yet determined, are carried at cost less any recognised impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

The gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment is the difference between the net sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset, and is recognised in profit or loss.

### (h) Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets mainly represent water use rights in Chile which have indefinite useful lives.

Other intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are measured initially at purchase cost and are tested for impairment annually either individually or at the cash generating unit level. Such intangible assets are not amortised.

### (i) Impairment of tangible and intangible assets excluding goodwill

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

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## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (i) Impairment of tangible and intangible assets excluding goodwill (Continued)

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a decrease in the revaluation reserve.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for that asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as an increase in the revaluation reserve.

### (j) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) Financial instruments (Continued)

#### i) Financial assets

The Group's financial assets are classified into two categories: loans and receivables, and available-for-sale financial assets. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

##### *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

##### *Available-for-sale financial assets*

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated or not classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments.

At each balance sheet date subsequent to initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised directly in equity in the investment revaluation reserve with the exception of impairment losses, interest calculated using the effective interest method and foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets, which are recognised directly in profit or loss. Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the investment revaluation reserve is included in profit or loss for the period.

Dividends on available-for-sale financial assets are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive the dividends is established.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) **Financial instruments** (Continued)

#### i) **Financial assets** (Continued)

##### *Available-for-sale financial assets* (Continued)

The fair value of available-for-sale financial assets denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the balance sheet date. The change in fair value attributable to translation differences that result from a change in amortised cost of the asset is recognised in profit or loss, and other changes are recognised in equity.

##### *Impairment of financial assets*

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For equity securities, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered to be objective evidence of impairment.

For all other financial assets, objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation; or
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) Financial instruments (Continued)

#### i) Financial assets (Continued)

##### *Impairment of financial assets (Continued)*

If any such evidence exists, any impairment loss is determined and recognised as follows:

- For accounts and other receivables and other financial assets carried at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate, where the effect of discounting is material. This assessment is made collectively where financial assets carried at amortised cost share similar risk characteristics, such as similar past due status, and have not been individually assessed as impaired. Future cash flows for financial assets which are assessed for impairment collectively are based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to the collective group.

If in a subsequent period the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss. A reversal of an impairment loss shall not result in the asset's carrying amount exceeding that which have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years.

- For available-for-sale securities, the cumulative loss that has been recognised directly in equity is removed from equity and is recognised in profit or loss. The amount of the cumulative loss that is recognised in profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss in respect of available-for-sale equity securities are not reversed through profit or loss. Any subsequent increase in the fair value of such assets is recognised directly in equity.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) **Financial instruments** (Continued)

#### i) **Financial assets** (Continued)

##### *Impairment of financial assets* (Continued)

Impairment losses are written off against the corresponding assets directly, except for impairment losses recognised in respect of accounts receivable, whose recovery is considered doubtful but not remote. In this case, the impairment losses for doubtful debts are recorded using an allowance account. When the Group is satisfied that recovery is remote, the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against accounts receivable directly and any amounts held in the allowance account relating to that debt are reversed. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously charged to the allowance account are reversed against the allowance account. Other changes in the allowance account and subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off directly are recognised in profit or loss.

##### *Effective interest method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

Interest income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments.

##### *Derecognition of financial assets*

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) Financial instruments (Continued)

#### ii) Financial liabilities and equity

##### *Classification as debt or equity*

Debt and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

##### *Equity instruments*

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Group are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

##### *Financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

##### *Compound instruments*

Convertible notes issued by the Company that contain both the liability and conversion option components are classified separately into respective items on initial recognition. Conversion option that will be settled by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments is an equity instrument.

On initial recognition, the fair value of the liability component is determined using the prevailing market interest rate of similar non-convertible debts. The difference between the gross proceeds of the issue of the convertible notes and the fair value assigned to the liability component, representing the conversion option for the holder to convert the notes into equity, is included in equity (convertible notes equity reserve).

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) Financial instruments (Continued)

#### ii) Financial liabilities and equity (Continued)

##### *Compound instruments (Continued)*

In subsequent periods, the liability component of the convertible notes is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The equity component, representing the option to convert the liability component into ordinary shares of the Company, will remain in convertible notes equity reserve until the conversion option is exercised (in which case the balance stated in convertible notes equity reserve will be transferred to share capital and share premium). Where the option remains unexercised at the expiry date, the balance stated in convertible notes equity reserve will be released to retained profits/accumulated losses. No gains or loss is recognised in profit or loss upon conversion or expiration of the option.

Transaction costs that relate to the issue of the convertible notes are allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the gross proceeds. Transaction costs relating to the equity component are charged directly to equity. Transaction costs relating to the liability component are included in the carrying amount of the liability component and amortised over the period of the convertible notes using the effective interest method.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management are also included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the cash flow statement.

### (l) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Group at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged directly to profit or loss, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the Group's policy on borrowing costs. Contingent rentals are recognised as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed. Contingent rentals arising under operating leases are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

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## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (m) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditures expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

### (n) Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income and expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences, and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (n) Taxation (Continued)

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the balance sheet date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax are recognised as an expense or income in profit or loss, except when they relate to items credited or debited to equity, in which case the tax is also recognised directly in equity, or where they arise from the initial accounting for a business combination. In the case of a business combination, the tax effect is taken into account in calculating goodwill or in determining the excess of the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of the business combination.

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## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (o) Foreign currencies

Individual financial statements of each group entity are prepared in the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). In preparing these financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (the "foreign currencies") are recorded in its functional currency at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement and translation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period except for differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised directly in equity, in which cases, the exchange differences are also recognised directly in equity.

For the purpose of presenting consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operation (including comparatives) are expressed in Hong Kong Dollars using exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Income and expenses items (including comparatives) are translated at the average exchange rates for the year, unless exchange rate fluctuate significantly during the period, in which case the exchange rate prevailing at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's foreign currency translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the foreign operation is disposed of.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (p) Employees' benefits

#### i) *Short term benefits*

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long service payment are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave and long service leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

#### ii) *Employee retirement scheme*

On 1 December 2000, the Group joined the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") scheme. Contributions to the MPF are made based on rates applicable to the respective employees' relevant income from the Group and are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with government regulations. The Group's mandatory contributions are fully and immediately vested in favour of the employees. The assets of MPF are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund.

### (q) **Equity-settled share-based payments**

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest. At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss over the remaining vesting period, with a corresponding adjustment to the share options reserve.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions with other parties are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where the fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the entity obtains the goods or the counterparty renders the service.

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## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (r) **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

### (s) **Related parties**

Two parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals (being members of key management personnel, significant shareholders and/or their close family members) or other entities and include entities which are under the significant influence of related parties of the Group where those parties are individuals, and post-employment benefit plans which are for the benefit of employees of the Group or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

### (t) **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts. Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- i) revenue from sale of goods are recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, provided that the Group maintains neither managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, nor effective control over the goods sold;
- ii) administration fee income is recognised on a straight line basis; and
- iii) interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

## 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (u) Segment reporting

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical as the secondary reporting format.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidated process, except to the extent that such intra-group balances and transactions are between group enterprises within a single segment. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to the external parties.

In respect of geographical segment reporting, revenue is based on the market segments in which the customers are located. Total assets and capital expenditure are where the assets are located.

## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (Continued)

The estimates and assumptions that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

### **Useful lives of property, plant and equipment**

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for its property, plant and equipment. This estimate is based on the historical experience of the actual useful lives of property, plant and equipment of similar nature and functions. It could change significantly as a result of technical innovations and competitor actions in response to severe industry cycles. Management will increase the depreciation charge where useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or it will write-off or write-down technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold.

### **Assessment of impairment of assets**

Management periodically reviews each asset for possible impairment or reversal of previously recognised impairment. Recoverability of assets is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to its fair value less costs to sell. If such assets are considered by management to be impaired or no longer be impaired, the impairment or reversal of impairment previously recognised is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the estimated fair value of the assets less costs to sell. In the analysis of fair value, the Group uses independent valuations which are based on various assumptions and estimates.

### **Impairment of goodwill**

Determining whether goodwill is impaired requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated. The value in use calculation requires the directors to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating unit and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value.

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### 5. TURNOVER, OTHER REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Turnover represents the sales value of goods supplied to customers. The amount of each significant category of revenue recognised during the year is as follows:

	Continuing operation		Discontinued operation		Consolidated	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
<b>Turnover</b>						
Sales of metals and minerals	251,287	48,833	-	-	251,287	48,833
Sales of consumer products	-	-	-	7,636	-	7,636
	<b>251,287</b>	48,833	-	7,636	<b>251,287</b>	56,469
<b>Other revenue</b>						
Sundry income	152	481	-	172	152	653
Administration fee income, net	-	-	-	348	-	348
Interest income	3,205	241	-	3	3,205	244
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments	2,105	-	-	-	2,105	-
Exchange gains, net	-	12	-	29	-	41
	<b>5,462</b>	734	-	552	<b>5,462</b>	1,286
	<b>256,749</b>	49,567	-	8,188	<b>256,749</b>	57,755

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### 5. TURNOVER, OTHER REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Primary reporting format – business segments

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	Metals and minerals trading HK\$'000	Ores processing and trading HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	251,287	–	–	251,287
Segment results	12,904	(2,037)	–	10,867
Unallocated operating income and expenses				(45,691)
Finance costs	(1,380)	–	(11,134)	(12,514)
Share of profits of associates	2,602	–	–	2,602
Loss for the year				(44,736)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	–	392	733	1,125
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>39,740</b>	<b>318,344</b>	–	<b>358,084</b>
Interests in associates	1,700	–	–	1,700
Unallocated assets				20,871
Total assets				380,655
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>14,806</b>	–	<b>15,227</b>
Unallocated liabilities				90,828
Total liabilities				106,055
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	–	4,825	1,655	6,480

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### 5. TURNOVER, OTHER REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

#### (a) Primary reporting format – business segments (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

	Continuing operation	Discontinued operation		
		Consumer products trading and manufacture		
	Metals and minerals trading	HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	48,833	7,636	–	56,469
Segment results	(3,144)	(13)	–	(3,157)
Unallocated operating income and expenses				(12,799)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	–	74	368	442
Finance costs	(232)	–	–	(232)
Share of profits of associates	1,810	–	–	1,810
Loss for the year				(13,936)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	–	107	495	602
Impairment loss of debts, net	–	200	225	425
<b>Segment assets</b>	19,484	–	–	19,484
Interests in associates	3,781	–	–	3,781
Unallocated assets				12,214
Total assets				35,479
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	12,569	–	–	12,569
Unallocated liabilities				1,366
Total liabilities				13,935
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	–	320	1,801	2,121

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## 5. TURNOVER, OTHER REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### (b) Secondary reporting format – geographical segments

As over 90% of the Group's business revenue was generated from the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), including Hong Kong, no geographical segments information regarding the Group's business revenue and results is presented.

The following is an analysis of carrying amount of segment assets and capital expenditure incurred, analysed by the geographical areas in which the assets are located:

	Carrying amount of segment assets		Capital expenditure incurred	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
PRC (including Hong Kong)	250,327	10,220	1,655	2,121
South America	113,603	–	4,825	–
Asia Pacific	7,946	9,659	–	–
Europe	–	15,600	–	–
Others	8,779	–	–	–
	<b>380,655</b>	<b>35,479</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>2,121</b>

## 6. FINANCE COSTS

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Interest on convertible notes	11,090	–
L/C charges and trust receipt loans interest	1,380	232
Finance charges on obligations under finance leases	144	–
Total interest expenses	12,614	232
Less: amount capitalised into construction in progress	(100)	–
	<b>12,514</b>	<b>232</b>

The borrowing costs have been capitalised at a rate of 11.51 per annum (2007: Nil).

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## 7. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules and Section 161 of the Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

	Fees		Basic salaries, housing benefits, other allowances and benefits in kind		Pension contributions		Total	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Executive directors								
Mr. Cheung Ngan	-	-	903	793	12	12	915	805
Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold	-	-	351	351	12	12	363	363
Sub-total	-	-	1,254	1,144	24	24	1,278	1,168
Non-executive director								
Mr. Li Shaofeng	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Independent non-executive directors								
Mr. Chan Francis Ping Kuen	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Mr. Hu Guang	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Mr. Chan Chak Paul	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Sub-total	30	30	-	-	-	-	30	30
Total	40	30	1,254	1,144	24	24	1,318	1,198

The remuneration of each of the directors for both current and prior years were below HK\$1,000,000.

There were no arrangements under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the current and prior years.

During the year, no share options were granted to the directors.

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## 8. FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

The five highest paid individuals during the year included two (2007: two) directors, details of whose remuneration are set out in note 7 above. The details of the remuneration of the remaining three (2007: three) non-director, highest paid individuals are as follows:

	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Basic salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	<b>1,129</b>	1,435
Pension contributions	<b>36</b>	34
	<b>1,165</b>	1,469

The remuneration of the non-director, highest paid individuals for both current and prior years was below HK\$1,000,000.

## 9. TAX

- (a) No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for the Company and its subsidiaries as the Group sustained a loss for the year (2007: Nil).

Overseas taxes on assessable profits of the Company or its subsidiaries, if any, are calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the respective jurisdictions in which they operate, based on the prevailing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

There were no significant unprovided deferred tax liabilities at the balance sheet date (2007: Nil). The unprovided deferred tax assets at the balance sheet date amounted to approximately HK\$6,029,000 (2007: HK\$3,160,000) related primarily to tax losses.

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### 9. TAX (Continued)

- (b) Reconciliation between the tax in the consolidated income statement and loss before tax at applicable tax rates is as follows:

	2008		2007	
	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%
(Loss)/profit before tax				
– from continuing operation	<b>(44,736)</b>		(13,997)	
– from discontinued operation	–		61	
	<b>(44,736)</b>		<b>(13,936)</b>	
Tax credit at the applicable rates	<b>(7,819)</b>	<b>17.48</b>	(2,450)	17.58
Non-taxable revenue	<b>(561)</b>	<b>1.25</b>	(427)	3.06
Non-deductible expenses	<b>5,640</b>	<b>(12.61)</b>	2,831	(20.31)
Share of profits of associates	<b>(455)</b>	<b>1.02</b>	(317)	2.27
Effect of tax losses not recognised	<b>3,204</b>	<b>(7.16)</b>	341	(2.44)
Others	<b>(9)</b>	<b>0.02</b>	22	(0.16)
Tax and effective tax rate for the year	–	–	–	–

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## 10. DISCONTINUED OPERATION

On 17 August 2006, the Company had, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a third party to dispose of its entire 60% interest in Unicon Spirit Development Ltd. ("Unicon Spirit"). Unicon Spirit and its subsidiaries ("Unicon Group") are engaged in the manufacture, trading and distribution of consumer products. The disposal represented the discontinuance of the Group's consumer products operation in prior year.

An analysis of the results of the discontinued operation is as follows:

	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Turnover	5	-	7,636
Cost of sales		-	(5,179)
Gross profit		-	2,457
Other revenue	5	-	552
Selling and distribution costs		-	(832)
Administrative expenses		-	(2,190)
Loss before tax		-	(13)
Tax	9(a)	-	-
Loss after tax of discontinued operation		-	(13)
Gain on disposal of discontinued operation		-	74
Profit for the year from discontinued operation		-	61
Attributable to			
Equity holders of the Company		-	(8)
Minority interests		-	69
		-	61

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## 10. DISCONTINUED OPERATION (Continued)

The cash flows attributable to the discontinued operation are as follows:

	<b>2008</b>	2007
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Cash inflow/(outflow) from:		
Operating activities	-	1,570
Investing activities	-	(317)
Net cash inflow	<u>-</u>	<u>1,253</u>

## 11. LOSS FOR THE YEAR

The Group's loss for the year is arrived at after charging:-

	<b>Continuing operation</b>		<b>Discontinued operation</b>		<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	2007	<b>2008</b>	2007	<b>2008</b>	2007
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Auditor's remuneration	<b>500</b>	350	-	-	<b>500</b>	350
Property, plant and equipment written off	-	9	-	25	-	34
Exchange losses	<b>533</b>	-	-	-	<b>533</b>	-
Goodwill written off	-	12	-	-	-	12
Impairment loss of debts, net	-	225	-	200	-	425
Operating lease rentals on leasehold land and buildings	<b>2,706</b>	2,050	-	144	<b>2,706</b>	2,194
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>1,125</b>	495	-	107	<b>1,125</b>	602
Less: amount capitalised into construction in progress	<b>(266)</b>	-	-	-	<b>(266)</b>	-
	<u><b>859</b></u>	<u>495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107</u>	<u><b>859</b></u>	<u>602</u>
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration – note 7)						
- Salaries and wages	<b>4,364</b>	4,359	-	678	<b>4,364</b>	5,037
- Other benefits	<b>103</b>	843	-	-	<b>103</b>	843
- Share-based payments	<b>35,494</b>	-	-	-	<b>35,494</b>	-
- Pension contributions	<b>141</b>	146	-	34	<b>141</b>	180
	<u><b>40,102</b></u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>712</u>	<u><b>40,102</b></u>	<u>6,060</u>

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## 12. LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company includes a loss of HK\$34,084,000 (2007: HK\$11,924,000) which has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company.

## 13. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share from continuing and discontinued operations attributable to the equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

### Loss

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Loss for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company for the purpose of basic loss per share	<b>(44,000)</b>	(14,440)
Less:		
Loss for the year from discontinued operation attributable to equity holders of the Company	-	8
Loss for the purpose of basic loss per share from continuing operation	<b>(44,000)</b>	(14,432)

### Number of shares

	2008	2007
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic loss per share	<b>1,151,906,300</b>	985,625,567

No diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 March 2008 has been presented as the share options granted and convertible notes issued during the year had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share for the year. No diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 March 2007 had been calculated as no diluting event existed in that year.

## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

## Group

	Freehold land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost:					
At 1 April 2006	–	1,056	309	4,797	6,162
Additions	–	1,572	–	549	2,121
Disposals	–	(750)	–	(801)	(1,551)
Disposal of subsidiaries	–	(266)	(309)	(1,700)	(2,275)
At 31 March 2007	–	1,612	–	2,845	4,457
Through acquisition of a subsidiary	2,325	–	16,884	875	20,084
Additions	–	–	3,471	1,698	5,169
Exchange realignment	100	–	1,212	44	1,356
At 31 March 2008	2,425	1,612	21,567	5,462	31,066
Accumulated depreciation:					
At 1 April 2006	–	1,011	295	4,137	5,443
Provided for the year	–	266	–	336	602
Written back on disposal	–	(725)	–	(792)	(1,517)
Disposal of subsidiaries	–	–	(295)	(1,246)	(1,541)
At 31 March 2007	–	552	–	2,435	2,987
Through acquisition of a subsidiary	–	–	5,813	267	6,080
Provided for the year	106	266	255	498	1,125
Exchange realignment	15	–	287	15	317
At 31 March 2008	121	818	6,355	3,215	10,509
Net book value:					
At 31 March 2008	2,304	794	15,212	2,247	20,557
At 31 March 2007	–	1,060	–	410	1,470

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## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

- (i) Since the cost of the freehold land and buildings cannot be allocated reliably between the land and building elements, the entire amount of freehold land is included in the cost of freehold land and buildings in property, plant and equipment. The freehold land and buildings of the Group are situated in Chile.
- (ii) During the year, additions to motor vehicles of HK\$1,580,000 (2007: Nil) of the Group were financed by new finance leases of HK\$1,264,000 (2007: Nil). At the balance sheet date, the net book value of motor vehicles held under finance leases of the Group was HK\$1,264,000 (2007: Nil). The related depreciation charge was HK\$316,000 (2007: Nil).

### Company

	<b>Equipment</b> HK\$'000
Cost:	
At 1 April 2006, 31 March 2007 and 31 March 2008	131
Accumulated depreciation:	
At 1 April 2006, 31 March 2007 and 31 March 2008	131
Net book value:	
At 31 March 2008	–
At 31 March 2007	–

**15. CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS**

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Arising on acquisition of a subsidiary	<b>18,471</b>	–
Expenditure recognised in the course of construction	<b>971</b>	–
Other additions	<b>340</b>	–
Exchange realignment	<b>980</b>	–
At end of year	<b>20,762</b>	–

**16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

	<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	<b>102,237</b>	66,743
Due from subsidiaries	<b>795,301</b>	580,445
Due to subsidiaries	<b>(18,952)</b>	(19,616)
Less: Provision for impairment	<b>878,586</b> <b>(631,291)</b>	627,572 (608,785)
	<b>247,295</b>	18,787

The balances with the subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment, and approximate to their fair value. The balances in substance represent the Company's interest in the subsidiaries in the form of quasi-equity loans.

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## 16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries as at 31 March 2008 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued ordinary share capital/paid-up registered capital	Proportion of ownership interest		Principal activities
			2008	2007	
<b>Directly held by the Company</b>					
China Elegance Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1,000	100%	100%	Investment holding
<b>Indirectly held by the Company</b>					
Apex Winner Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	100%	100%	Provision of management services
CE Investment Limited	Samoa	US\$1	100%	100%	Investment holding
Cheuk Yiu Investment Limited	Samoa	US\$397,436	100%	100%	Investment holding
China Elegance Mining Company Limited	British Virgin Islands/PRC	US\$1	100%	100%	Trading of metals and minerals
China Elegance Resources Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1	100%	100%	Investment holding

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### 16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued ordinary share capital/paid-up registered capital	Proportion of ownership interest		Principal activities
			2008	2007	
Grand Capital Enterprises Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1	100%	100%	Investment holding
Hero Gain Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	100%	100%	Provision of management services
Hong Kong Cable Services Co. Limited	Hong Kong/ PRC	HK\$100	100%	100%	Trading of computer hardware and software, provision of computer maintenance services and software development
Kind Success Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$100	100%	100%	Investment holding
Legend World Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$100	100%	100%	Investment holding
Shui Yuen (Manganese) Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1	100%	100%	Trading of metals and minerals

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## 16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued ordinary share capital/paid-up registered capital	Proportion of ownership interest		Principal activities
			2008	2007	
Zhong Xing Heng He Holdings Limited ("Zhong Xing")	British Virgin Islands	US\$1	100%	100%	Investment holding
Tong Guan La Plata Company Limited* ("TGLP")	British Virgin Islands	US\$42,000,000	57% <sup>#</sup>	–	Investment holding
Profit Way Group Limited*	British Virgin Islands	US\$100,000	57% <sup>#</sup>	–	Investment holding
Minera Catania Verde S. A.*	Chile	US\$100,000	57% <sup>#</sup>	–	Processing of copper ores

\* Acquired or incorporated during the year.

# Proportion of indirect equity interest held by the Company is stated according to the amount of capital paid by the Group as at 31 March 2008. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Group contributed the remaining capital of US\$6,000,000 to TGLP and the Group's equity interest was increased to 60% as stipulated in the joint venture agreement dated 16 October 2007.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company, which, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, principally affected the results of the year or constituted a substantial portion of the assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would result in particulars of excessive length.

## 17. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Share of net assets	<b>1,702</b>	3,783
Due to associates	<b>(2)</b>	(2)
	<b>1,700</b>	3,781

The balances with the associates are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

Particulars of the Group's associates as at 31 March 2008 are as follows:

<b>Name of associated</b>	<b>Business structure</b>	<b>Place of incorporation/ registration and operations</b>	<b>Percentage of equity attributable to the Group</b>		<b>Principal activities</b>
			<b>2008</b>	2007	
China Anshan Corporation Sdn. Bhd.	Corporate	Malaysia	<b>49%</b>	49%	Investment holding
Terengganu Anshan Iron & Steel Sdn. Bhd.	Corporate	Malaysia	<b>24%</b>	24%	Exploration and extraction of iron ores
TAM Mining Sdn. Bhd.	Corporate	Malaysia	<b>25%</b>	25%	Mining and refining of iron ores

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## 17. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

The summarised financial information of TAM Mining Sdn. Bhd., which is a significant associate, is as follows:

	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Total assets	<b>9,745</b>	13,966
Total liabilities	<b>(2,947)</b>	(1,975)
Turnover	<b>28,781</b>	24,414
Profit for the year	<b>10,404</b>	7,537

## 18. GOODWILL

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Arising on acquisition of a subsidiary	<b>50,003</b>	–
Exchange realignment	<b>2,158</b>	–
At end of year	<b>52,161</b>	–

Goodwill arising on acquisition of a subsidiary is attributable to the benefit from the synergies of the business combination set out in note 28 to the financial statement. Goodwill is allocated to the ores processing and trading business segment and is tested for impairment at least annually.

The recoverable amount of the ores processing and trading business is determined based on the value in use calculations. These calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a ten-year period. No long-term average growth rate is adopted.

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## 18. GOODWILL (Continued)

Key assumptions used for value-in-use calculations:

	Percentage
Gross profit margin	62.87
Discount rate	<u>25.37</u>

Management determined the budgeted gross profit margin based on relevant date pertaining to the various economies and the related industry. The discount rates used reflect specific risks relating to the relevant business.

The directors believe that any reasonable possible change in the key assumptions on which recoverable amount is based would not cause the aggregate carrying amount to exceed the aggregate recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit.

## 19. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Group		Total HK\$'000
	Water use rights HK\$'000	Other HK\$'000	
Through acquisition of a subsidiary	8,256	17	8,273
Exchange realignment	<u>357</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>358</u>
At 31 March 2008	<u>8,613</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8,631</u>

The water use rights represent the perpetual rights for the use of water supply in Chile. These rights have indefinite useful lives and are stated at cost.

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## 20. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS

	Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Listed equity securities outside Hong Kong, at fair value	-	5,700

The above listed equity securities represented the Group's investment in 10.18% of the ordinary shares of QMASTOR Limited, a company incorporated in Australia. The investment was denominated in Australian dollars, and disposed of during the year.

## 21. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The ageing analysis of the Group's accounts receivable is as follows:

	2008		2007	
	HK\$'000	Percentage	HK\$'000	Percentage
Current to three months	-	-	1,034	100

The normal credit period granted by the Group to customers ranges from 30 days to 90 days.

## 22. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The ageing analysis of the Group's accounts payable is as follows:

	2008		2007	
	HK\$'000	Percentage	HK\$'000	Percentage
Current to three months	-	-	2,338	100

### 23. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

At 31 March 2008, the Group had obligations under finance leases repayable as follows:

	Minimum lease payments		Present value of minimum lease payments	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Within one year	7,653	–	6,602	–
In the second to fifth year inclusive	6,804	–	6,422	–
	14,457	–	13,024	–
Less: Future finance charges	(1,433)	–		
Present value of lease obligations	13,024	–		

It is the Group's policy to lease certain of its machinery and motor vehicles under finance leases. The average lease term is two to three years. As at 31 March 2008, the weighted average effective borrowing rate was 11.51 per cent. Interest rates are fixed at the contract rate, and thus expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

The Group's obligations under finance leases are secured by the lessors' title to the leased assets.

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## 24. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

### First Convertible Notes

On 18 July 2007, the Company issued a series of zero coupon convertible notes due in year 2009 in an aggregate principal amount of HK\$70,000,000 to Plus All Holdings Limited and six other subscribers ("First Convertible Notes").

The holders of the First Convertible Notes have the rights to convert the outstanding principal amount of each First Convertible Note of denomination of HK\$1,000,000 each in whole into the ordinary shares of the Company at an initial conversion price of HK\$0.40 per share (subject to adjustment) at any time from the date of issue until a date falling 14 business days prior to the maturity date. On the maturity date, all of the remaining outstanding First Convertible Notes will be redeemed by the Company at the outstanding principal amount of the First Convertible Notes together with the redemption premium equals to 4% on the outstanding principal amount. The maturity date of the First Convertible Notes is the second anniversary of the date of issue.

During the year, the entire amount of the First Convertible Notes was converted into 175,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company at the conversion price of HK\$0.40 per share.

### Second Convertible Notes

On 31 August 2007, the Company issued a series of zero coupon convertible notes due in year 2009 in an aggregate principal amount of HK\$160,000,000 to Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited and Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch ("Second Convertible Notes").

The holders of the Second Convertible Notes have the rights to convert the outstanding principal amount of each Second Convertible Note of denomination of HK\$1,000,000 each in whole into the ordinary shares of the Company at an initial conversion price of HK\$1.00 per share (subject to adjustment) at any time from 1 November 2007 until a date falling 14 business days prior to the maturity date. On the maturity date, all of the remaining outstanding Second Convertible Notes will be redeemed by the Company at the outstanding principal amount of the Second Convertible Notes together with the redemption premium equals to 4% on the outstanding principal amount. The maturity date of the Second Convertible Notes is the second anniversary of the date of issue.

During the year, HK\$50,000,000 of the Second Convertible Notes was converted into 50,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company at the conversion price of HK\$1.00 per share.

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### 24. CONVERTIBLE NOTES (Continued)

The movements of the First Convertible Notes and the Second Convertible Notes issued during the year are as follows:

	<b>First Convertible Notes</b> HK\$'000	<b>Second Convertible Notes</b> HK\$'000
Principal amount of convertible notes issued	70,000	160,000
Transaction costs	(2,171)	(4,944)
Net proceeds	<u>67,829</u>	<u>155,056</u>
Split into:		
Equity component	17,377	39,308
Liability component	<u>50,452</u>	<u>115,748</u>
	<u>67,829</u>	<u>155,056</u>
Movement of the liability component during the year:		
Liability component at the issuance date	50,452	115,748
Imputed interest expenses	1,092	9,998
Converted into shares of the Company	<u>(51,544)</u>	<u>(37,282)</u>
At 31 March 2008	<u>–</u>	<u>88,464</u>

Interest expenses on the First Convertible Notes and the Second Convertible Notes are calculated by applying the effective interest rate of approximately 20.12% per annum and approximately 19.90% per annum to the liability components respectively.

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## 25. SHARE CAPITAL

	2008		2007	
	Number of shares	HK\$'000	Number of shares	HK\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	<b>50,000,000,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	50,000,000,000	500,000
Issued and fully paid:				
At beginning of year	<b>1,033,296,800</b>	<b>10,333</b>	883,296,800	8,833
Issue of shares in placing arrangement	-	-	150,000,000	1,500
Issue of shares upon conversion of First Convertible Notes (note 24)	<b>175,000,000</b>	<b>1,750</b>	-	-
Issue of shares upon conversion of Second Convertible Notes (note 24)	<b>50,000,000</b>	<b>500</b>	-	-
At end of year	<b>1,258,296,800</b>	<b>12,583</b>	1,033,296,800	10,333

## 26. SHARE BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operation.

The Scheme, which was adopted by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company on 5 January 2004 (the "Adoption Date"), constitutes a share option scheme governed by Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and will remain in force for 10 years from the Adoption Date.

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## 26. SHARE BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Pursuant to the Scheme, the board of directors is empowered, at its discretion, to invite any full-time employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates, including any executive directors and non-executive directors of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries or associates, to take up options to subscribe for shares in the Company. The period during which an option may be exercised will be determined by the directors at their discretion, save that no option may be exercised later than 10 years after it has been granted. Acceptance of the offer shall be within 21 days after the date of offer of the grant of options, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1. The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme may not exceed 10% of the aggregate of the shares of the Company in issue as at 27 December 2007, the date upon which the limit was refreshed by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders. Pursuant to the Scheme, the above limit can be further refreshed by the shareholders. However, the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Scheme shall not exceed 30% of the shares in issue from time to time. The subscription price of the share options shall not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange on the date of offer; (ii) the average closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer; and (iii) the nominal value of the shares.

During the year, a total of 59,700,000 share options were granted to the eligible participants of the Group with a weighted average exercise price of approximately HK\$1.04 per share. The movements in the number of share options under the Scheme during the year are as follows:

Date of offer of grant	At beginning of year	Granted during the year	At end of year	Exercise price	Closing price at date of offer of grant	Exercise period	Vesting period
11/07/2007	Nil	54,700,000	54,700,000	HK\$0.86	HK\$0.86	11/07/2007 to 10/07/2017	N/A
18/09/2007	Nil	5,000,000	5,000,000	HK\$2.95	HK\$2.90	01/04/2008 to 17/09/2017	01/04/2008 to 31/03/2013
	Nil	59,700,000	59,700,000				

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## 26. SHARE BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted is measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the share options granted is measured based on Black-Scholes model. The contractual life of the share options and expectations of early exercise are incorporated into the model.

Fair value of share options and assumptions:

	Offer of grant at	
	11 July 2007	18 September 2007
Fair value at measurement date	HK\$0.65	HK\$2.63
Share price at the date of offer of grant	HK\$0.86	HK\$2.90
Exercise price	HK\$0.86	HK\$2.95
Expected volatility	160.11%	163.08%
Expected life	2 years	2.53 to 6.53 years
Expected dividends	0%	0%
Risk-free interest rate	4.757%	4.272%

The fair value of the share options granted during the year was approximately HK\$48,660,000 (2007: Nil), of which the Group recognised an equity-settled share-based payment expense of approximately HK\$35,494,000 (2007: Nil) during the year.

## 27. RESERVES

### **Group**

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein for the current and prior years are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 29.

The nature and purposes of reserves are set out below.

### ***Share premium***

The application of share premium account is governed by section 40 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended from time to time) (the "Companies Act").

### ***Contributed surplus***

The contributed surplus represents the excess of the fair value of the shares of the subsidiary acquired over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange therefore, at the time of the Group reorganisation in preparation for the listing of the Company's shares.

Under the Companies Act, a company may make distributions to its members out of the contributed surplus under certain circumstances prescribed by Section 54 thereof, which the Company is currently unable to satisfy.

### ***Convertible notes equity reserve***

Convertible notes equity reserve represents the value of the equity component of outstanding convertible notes issued by the Company recognised in accordance with the accounting policy adopted for convertible notes in note 3(j)ii).

### ***Share options reserve***

Share options reserve comprises the fair value of the estimated number of unexercised share options granted to employees of the Group recognised in accordance with the accounting policy adopted for share-based payments in note 3(q).

### ***Foreign currency translation reserve***

Foreign currency translation reserve represents foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations. The reserve is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 3(o).

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## 27. RESERVES (Continued)

### *Investment revaluation reserve*

Investment revaluation reserve represents the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale investments held at the balance sheet date and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy in note 3(j)i).

### Company

	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Convertible notes equity reserve HK\$'000	Share options reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2006	–	87,109	–	–	(70,514)	16,595
Loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(11,924)	(11,924)
Issue of shares in placing arrangement	6,750	–	–	–	–	6,750
Share issue expenses	(210)	–	–	–	–	(210)
At 31 March 2007	6,540	87,109	–	–	(82,438)	11,211
Loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(34,084)	(34,084)
Share-based payments	–	–	–	35,494	–	35,494
Equity component of First Convertible Notes	–	–	17,377	–	–	17,377
Equity component of Second Convertible Notes	–	–	39,308	–	–	39,308
Issue of shares upon conversion of First Convertible Notes (Note 24)	67,171	–	(17,377)	–	–	49,794
Issue of shares upon conversion of Second Convertible Notes (Note 24)	49,066	–	(12,284)	–	–	36,782
<b>At 31 March 2008</b>	<b>122,777</b>	<b>87,109</b>	<b>27,024</b>	<b>35,494</b>	<b>(116,522)</b>	<b>155,882</b>

## 28. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY

In February 2008, Zhong Xing Heng He Holdings Limited (“Zhong Xing”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Tong Guan Resources Holdings Ltd. (“Tong Guan”) and Catania Copper (Chile) Limited (“CCCL”) established a company named Tong Guan La Plata Company Limited (“TGLP”).

Pursuant to the joint venture agreement dated 16 October 2007 and entered into between Zhong Xing, Tong Guan and CCCL (“JV Agreement”), Zhong Xing would contribute US\$30,000,000 (approximately HK\$234,000,000) as the registered capital of TGLP, representing 60% of the equity interests in TGLP. Tong Guan would contribute US\$10,000,000 (approximately HK\$78,000,000) as the registered capital of TGLP, representing 20% of the equity interests in TGLP. CCCL would inject the entire issued share capital of its wholly owned subsidiary, Minera Catania Verde S.A. (“Verde”) into TGLP, representing 20% of the equity interests in TGLP.

The chairman and the substantial shareholder of the Company Mr. Cheung Ngan (“Mr. Cheung”) and the deputy chairman of the Company Mr. Chan Chung Chun, Arnold (“Mr. Chan”) jointly control 90% interests of CCCL.

Details of the establishment of joint venture are set out in circular of the Company dated 3 December 2007.

Up to the balance sheet date, Zhong Xing and Tong Guan had contributed US\$24,000,000 (approximately HK\$187,200,000) and US\$8,000,000 (approximately HK\$62,400,000) to TGLP respectively. CCCL had injected the entire issued share capital of Verde (through the injection of Profit Way Group Limited (“Profit Way”) which owns the entire equity interests of Verde) into TGLP.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, Zhong Xing and Tong Guan contributed the remaining capital of US\$6,000,000 (approximately HK\$46,800,000) and US\$2,000,000 (approximately HK\$15,600,000) to TGLP respectively.

Pursuant to the JV Agreement, Zhong Xing is able to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the board of directors according to its shareholdings in TGLP and control of TGLP is by that board, TGLP therefore is accounted for as a subsidiary of Zhong Xing.

The establishment of TGLP (the “Transaction”) has been accounted for, in substance, as acquisition of Verde and by the acquisition method of accounting under HKFRS 3, *Business Combinations*.

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### 28. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

The fair values of assets and liabilities acquired in the Transaction, and the goodwill arising, are as follows:

	HK\$'000
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The fair values of assets and liabilities of Profit Way and Verde injected by CCCL:	
Property, plant and equipment	14,004
Construction in progress	18,471
Other intangible assets	8,273
Value-added-tax recoverable	3,895
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	749
Cash and bank balances	492
Receipts in advance	(270)
Other payables and accruals	(787)
Obligations under finance leases	(12,445)
Amount due to CCCL	(37,720)
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	(5,338)
Cash contribution from Zhong Xing and Tong Guan	249,600
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	244,262
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Net assets attributable to Zhong Xing after capital contribution	137,197
Goodwill	50,003
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Cash contribution from Zhong Xing	187,200
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Net cash inflow arising from the Transaction:	
Cash contribution from Tong Guan	62,400
Cash and bank balances of Verde through injection	492
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	62,892
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## 28. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

TGLP, Profit Way and Verde did not contribute any revenue and increased the loss of the Group for the year by HK\$2,037,000.

Had the Transaction been effected at the beginning of the year, the revenue of the Group would not change, and the loss for the year would have been HK\$48,373,000. The directors consider this pro forma information represents an appropriate measure of the performance of the combined group on an annualized basis and provide a reference point for comparison in future periods.

## 29. COMMITMENTS

### (a) Capital commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had the following capital commitments contracted but not provided for in the consolidated financial statements:

	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Capital expenditure in respect of the construction of ores processing plant	<b>2,926</b>	–

### (b) Operating lease commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group was committed to make the following future minimum lease payments in respect of land and buildings under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Within one year	<b>487</b>	1,604
Later than one year and not later than five years	–	378
	<b>487</b>	1,982

The Group is the lessee in respect of a number of properties held under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of 1 to 2 years. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

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## 30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation.
- (b) The amount due to a director represented advance from the Company's director which was unsecured and interest-free. The amount was repaid in full during the year.
- (c) The amount due to a minority shareholder is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed repayment terms.
- (d) Verde has entered into a master agreement dated 16 October 2007 ("Master Agreement") with CAH Reserve S. A. ("CAH"), a related company in which Mr. Cheung and Mr. Chan jointly and indirectly own 55% interests. Pursuant to the Master Agreement, Verde agrees to purchase and CAH agrees to exclusively supply and sell the copper ores extracted from CAH's mining concessions in La Plata area in Chile to Verde, free from all liens, charges and encumbrances.

The Master Agreement will subsist until terminated by Verde (at the discretion of Verde) by giving CAH not less than 6 months' written notice of termination any time after the 3rd anniversary of the Master Agreement.

There were no purchases from CAH during the year.

This related party transaction also constitutes continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

- (e) On 7 August 2007, China Elegance Resources Limited ("CE Resources"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as purchaser, entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Ceasers Development Limited ("Ceasers Development") as vendor and Bellavista Holding Group Limited ("Bellavista") in relation to the acquisition of 60% (subject to adjustment) of the issued share capital of Bellavista at a consideration of HK\$4,680,000,000 to be satisfied by the issue of 1,300,000,000 shares of the Company. Mr. Cheung and Mr. Chan beneficially owns 51% and 49% interests in Ceasers Development respectively.

At the date of approval of the financial statements, the acquisition has not yet been completed.

- (f) The remuneration of key management included directors' remuneration only which is disclosed in note 7 to the financial statements.

## 31. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's objective of managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders or issue new shares.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debts, which includes the obligations under finance leases, convertible notes and advance from a director and minority shareholder, and equity attributable to equity holders of the Company, comprising share capital and reserves as disclosed in notes 25 and 27 respectively.

The gearing ratio at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	<b>2008</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2007 HK\$'000
Debts	<b>102,563</b>	10,140
Equity	<b>168,465</b>	21,544
Gearing ratio	<b>60.9%</b>	47.0%

## 32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's major financial instruments include available-for-sale investments, bank balances, accounts receivable and accounts payable. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

### Credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in the event that the counterparties fail to perform their obligations as at the balance sheet date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as stated in the consolidated balance sheet.

The Group's bank deposits and balances are deposits with banks in Hong Kong and Chile. The credit risk on these liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with good credit-rating.

In order to minimise credit risk, management has delegated a team to be responsible for the determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures. In addition, management reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade debt and other receivable regularly to ensure that adequate impairment losses are recognised for irrecoverable debts. In this regard, management considers that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk.

### Liquidity risk

Individual operating entities within the Group are responsible for their own cash management, including the short term investment of cash surpluses and the raising of loans to cover expected cash demands, subject to approval by the parent company's board when the borrowings exceed certain predetermined levels of authority. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The following table details the remaining contractual maturities at the balance sheet date of the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows and the earliest date the Group can be required to pay.

**32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued)**Liquidity risk** (Continued)

	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000	More than 1 year but less than 2 years HK\$'000	More than 2 years but less than 5 years HK\$'000
<b>2008</b>					
Other payables and accruals	2,362	2,362	2,362	-	-
Amount due to a minority shareholder	1,075	1,075	1,075	-	-
Obligations under finance leases	13,024	14,457	7,653	5,981	823
Convertible notes	88,464	114,400	-	114,400	-
	<b>104,925</b>	<b>132,294</b>	<b>11,090</b>	<b>120,381</b>	<b>823</b>
<b>2007</b>					
Accounts payable	2,338	2,338	2,338	-	-
Other payables and accruals	893	893	893	-	-
Amount due to a director	10,140	10,140	10,140	-	-
	<b>13,371</b>	<b>13,371</b>	<b>13,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Interest rate risk**

The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates and at fixed rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk respectively.

The Group's fair value interest rate risk mainly arises from obligations under finance leases as disclosed in note 23. These financial liabilities were issued at fixed rates which expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk.

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk mainly arises from short term bank borrowings issued at variable rates for financing its purchase and freight and transportation costs in the ordinary course of business. The Group has not used any financial instruments to hedge potential fluctuations in interest rates. At the balance sheet date, the Group had no borrowings which bear floating interest rates.

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## 32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

### Foreign currency risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk primarily through transactions that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily United States dollars ("USD"), Chilean Pesos ("CHP") and Australian dollars ("AUD").

The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

The following table details the Group's exposure at the balance sheet date to currency risk arising from forecast transactions or recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity to which they relate.

	2008			2007	
	USD'000	AUD'000	CHP'000	USD'000	AUD'000
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	902
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	130	-
Cash and bank balances and pledged bank deposits	<b>30,087</b>	<b>967</b>	-	341	-
Accounts payable	-	-	-	(300)	-
Other payables and accruals	<b>(99)</b>	-	<b>(11,459)</b>	(7)	-
Obligations under finance leases	<b>(1,263)</b>	-	-	-	-
	<b>28,725</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>(11,459)</b>	164	902

The following table indicates the approximate change in the Group's loss after tax and other components of consolidated equity in response to reasonably possible changes in the foreign exchange rates to which the Group has significant exposure at the balance sheet date.

**32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT** (Continued)**Foreign currency risk** (Continued)

	2008			2007		
	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rate	(Increase)/ decrease in loss after tax HK\$'000	Effect on other components of equity HK\$'000	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rate	(Increase)/ decrease in loss after tax HK\$'000	Effect on other components of equity HK\$'000
AUD	5%	342	-	5%	-	285
	(5%)	(342)	-	(5%)	-	(285)
CHP	5%	(10)	-	-	-	-
	(5%)	10	-	-	-	-

The sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the change in foreign exchange rates had occurred at the balance sheet date and had been applied to each of the group entities; exposure to currency risk for both derivative and non-derivative financial instruments in existence at that date, and that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

The stated changes represent management's assessment of reasonably possible changes in foreign exchange rates over the period until the next annual balance sheet date. In this respect, it is assumed that the pegged rate between the Hong Kong dollar and the United States dollar would be materially unaffected by any changes in movement in value of the United States dollar against other currencies. Results of the analysis as presented in the above table represent an aggregation of the effects on each of the group entities' loss for the year and equity measured in the respective functional currencies, translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date for presentation purposes. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2007.

**Market price risk**

At the balance sheet date, the Group is not exposed to any equity securities risk or commodity price risk.

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## 32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

### Fair value risk

All financial instruments are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values as at 31 March 2008 except as follows:

	2008		2007	
	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Fair value HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Fair value HK\$'000
Convertible notes	<b>88,464</b>	<b>91,211</b>	–	–

## 33. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2008, the Company had provided a corporate guarantee of US\$12,000,000 (2007: US\$12,000,000), equivalent to approximately HK\$93,600,000 (2007: approximately HK\$93,600,000), to a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to the Group. The banking facilities were not utilised by the Group at the balance sheet date.

## 34. PLEDGED OF ASSETS

As at 31 March 2008, the Group pledged its bank deposits of approximately HK\$6,201,000 (2007: HK\$676,000) to secure banking facilities granted to the Group. The banking facilities were not utilised by the Group at the balance sheet date.

## 35. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 23 July 2008.