

# 中油燃氣集團有限公司 CHINA OIL AND GAS GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with Limited Liability) Stock Code: 603

# Interim Report 2008



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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

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# **INTERIM RESULTS**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of China Oil And Gas Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (the "Period").

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the Period have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee (the "Audit Committee").

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2008

|  | Notes | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2008 -<br>30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2007 -<br>30.6.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|-------|--|--|
| Turnover   |       | 656,127  | 144,529  |
| Cost of sales  |       | (500,243)  | (92,724)   |
| Gross profit   | 4     | 155,884  | 51,805   |
| Other income and gains, net  |       | 9,707  | 7,869  |
| Selling and distribution costs   |       | (7,666)  | (2,957)  |
| Administrative expenses  |       | (49,790)   | (14,205)   |
| Operating profit<br>Finance costs<br>Share of profit of associates<br>of jointly controlled entities | 5     | 108,135<br>(6,104)<br>8,514                                    | 42,512<br>(883)<br>1,970                                       |
| Profit before taxation   | 6     | 110,545  | 43,599   |
| Taxation   | 7     | (16,588)   | (4,361)  |
| Profit for the period  |       | 93,957   | 39,238   |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (continued)

|   |       | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2008 -<br>30.6.2008 | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2007 -<br>30.6.2007 |
|---|-------|--|--|
|   | Notes | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   |
| Attributable to:<br>Equity holders of the Company<br>Minority interests |       | 49,450<br>44,507<br>93,957                         | 31,645<br>7,593<br>39,238                          |
| Earnings per share  | 8     |  |  |
| – Basic   |       | 1.25 cents   | 1.0 cents  |
| – Diluted   |       | 1.18 cents   | 0.8 cents  |



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30 June 2008

| At 50 0010 2000  |       | Unaudited                | Audited                   |
|--|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Notes | At 30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | At 31.12.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
| ASSETS   |       |                          |                           |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS   |       |                          |                           |
| Property, plant and equipment  |       | 664,648                  | 513,578                   |
| Leasehold land and land use rights   |       | 28,026                   | 24,932                    |
| Goodwill   |       | 558,305                  | 558,305                   |
| Other intangible assets  |       | 1,911                    | 1,803                     |
| Interests in associates  |       | 15,705                   | -                         |
| Available-for-sale financial assets  |       | 1,542                    | 1,542                     |
|  |       | 1,270,137                | 1,100,160                 |
|  |       |                          |                           |
| CURRENT ASSETS<br>Leasehold land and land use rights                           |       | 665                      | 594                       |
| Inventories  |       | 25,760                   | 27,292                    |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                          |       | 17,959                   | 16,219                    |
| Deposits, trade and other receivables  | 10    | 398,552                  | 202,285                   |
| Tax recoverable  |       | 332                      | 695                       |
| Cash and bank balances   |       | 743,979                  | 839,166                   |
|  |       | 1,187,247                | 1,086,251                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS   |       | 2,457,384                | 2,186,411                 |
| EQUITY<br>Capital and reserves attributable to<br>the Company's equity holders |       |                          |                           |
| Share capital  | 13    | 41,908                   | 38,172                    |
| Reserves   |       | 1,343,968                | 1,217,000                 |
|  |       | 1,385,876                | 1,255,172                 |
| Minority interests   |       | 313,118                  | 287,013                   |
| TOTAL EQUITY   |       | 1,698,994                | 1,542,185                 |
|  |       |                          |                           |

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

|                                       | Notes | Unaudited<br>At 30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | Audited<br>At 31.12.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LIABILITIES                           |       |                                       |                                      |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                   |       |                                       |                                      |
| Trade and other payables              | 11    | 310,430                               | 316,162                              |
| Bank and other borrowings             |       | 294,706                               | 80,147                               |
| Convertible notes                     |       | 328                                   | 604                                  |
| Tax payable                           |       | 18,376                                | 17,451                               |
|                                       |       | 623,840                               | 414,364                              |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES               |       |                                       |                                      |
| Bank and other borrowings             |       | 66,624                                | 79,110                               |
| Deferred tax liabilities              |       | 5,764                                 | 5,420                                |
| Convertible notes                     | 12    | 62,162                                | 145,332                              |
|                                       |       | 134,550                               | 229,862                              |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                     |       | 758,390                               | 644,226                              |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES          |       | 2,457,384                             | 2,186,411                            |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                    |       | 563,407                               | 671,887                              |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES |       | 1,833,544                             | 1,772,047                            |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2008

|   |  | At  | tributable to ec                             | quity holders                           | of the Compar                           | ıy   |                                   | Minority<br>interests                   | Total   |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| -   | ssued share<br>capital<br>HK\$'000     | Share<br>premium<br>account<br>HK\$'000     | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Other<br>capital<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | notes<br>reserve                        | s fluctuation<br>e reserve                     | Accumulated losses                | HK\$'000                                | HK\$'000  |
| Balance as at 1 January 2008<br>Repurchase of own shares<br>Currency realignment<br>Conversion of convertible notes<br>Dividend paid to minority interests<br>Profit for the period | 38,172<br>(14)<br>-<br>3,750<br>-<br>- | 1,809,511<br>(560)<br>-<br>86,250<br>-<br>- | 800<br>14<br>-<br>-<br>-                     | 23,626<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-         | 17,907<br>-<br>-<br>(11,022<br>-<br>-   | - (1,342<br>2) -                               | · (14)<br>) –                     | 287,013<br>-<br>-<br>(18,402)<br>44,507 | 1,542,185<br>(574)<br>(1,342)<br>83,170<br>(18,402)<br>93,957 |
| At 30 June 2008   | 41,908                                 | 1,895,201                                   | 814  | 23,626                                  | 6,885                                   | 5 23,564                                       | (606,122)                         | 313,118                                 | 1,698,994   |
|   |  |   | Attributable to                              | equity holders                          | of the Company                          | 1  |                                   | Minority<br>interests                   | Total   |
|   | lssued share<br>capital<br>HK\$'000    |   | nium reden<br>punt re                        | Capital<br>nption<br>eserve<br>\$'000   | Other<br>capital<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Exchange<br>fluctuation<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Accumulated<br>losses<br>HK\$'000 | HK\$'000                                | HK\$'000  |
| Balance as at 1 January 2007<br>Shares issued upon placement of shares<br>Exchange adjustment arising from<br>translation of financial statements of                                | 25,197<br>9,100                        | 989,<br>828,                                | 988  | 675                                     | 11,813                                  | 4,115<br>–                                     | (720,434)                         | 21,213                                  | 332,567<br>837,306  |
| jointly controlled entities not recognized<br>in the consolidated income statement<br>Currency realignment<br>Issue of shares in consideration for                                  | -                                      |   | -  | -                                       | -                                       | (463)<br>_                                     | -                                 | -<br>513                                | (463)<br>513  |
| acquisition of an interest in a subsidiary<br>Profit for the period   | 4,000<br>-                             |   | -  | -                                       | -                                       | -  | -<br>31,645                       | -<br>7,593                              | 4,000<br>39,238   |
| At 30 June 2007   | 38,297                                 | 1,818,                                      | .194   | 675                                     | 11,813                                  | 3,652  | (688,789)                         | 29,319                                  | 1,213,161   |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2008

|  | Unaudited  | Unaudited  |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | (6 months) | (6 months) |
|  | 1.1.2008 - | 1.1.2007 - |
|  | 30.6.2008  | 30.6.2007  |
|  | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   |
| Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities | (103,508)  | 107,989    |
| Net cash used in investing activities                  | (179,106)  | (89,218)   |
| Net cash generated from financing activities           | 180,809    | 673,517    |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents   | (101,805)  | 692,288    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period       | 839,166    | 165,417    |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes                | 6,618      | 3,571      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period             | 743,979    | 861,276    |

### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability. Its shares have been listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 28 May 1993. The registered office of the Company is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. The principal place of business of the Company is Suite 2805, 28th Floor, Sino Plaza, 255-257 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"), which also include Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") and Interpretations ("Int") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which are carried at fair value.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as at 31 December 2007.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (Continued)

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised standards or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new standard or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and financial position of the Group.

| HKAS 1 (Revised)  | Presentation of Financial Statements 1                      |
|-------------------|---|
| HKAS 23 (Revised) | Borrowing Costs 1   |
| HKAS 27 (Revised) | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements <sup>2</sup> |
| HKFRS 2 (Revised) | Share-based Payment – Amendments Relating to Vesting        |
|                   | Conditions and Cancellations <sup>1</sup>                   |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised) | Business Combinations <sup>2</sup>                          |
| HKFRS 8           | Operating Segments 1  |

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009

### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in investments in the natural gas and other gas and energy related businesses.

### (a) Business segments

### Segment revenues and results

For the periods ended 2008 and 2007, no business segment information in respect of the Group's operation has been presented as all the Group's turnover was derived from natural gas business.

### (b) Geographical segments

In determining the Group's geographical segments, revenues and results attributed to the segments are based on the location of the customers, and assets attributed to the segments are based on the location of the assets. During the six months ended 2008 and 2007, turnover were all generated from the principal natural gas business in the People's Republic of China ("PRC").



# 4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS, NET

|   | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2008 -<br>30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2007 -<br>30.6.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Interest income<br>Gain on disposal of financial assets | 9,263  | 3,032  |
| at fair value through profit or loss                    | -  | 4,385  |
| Gain on exchange  | -  | 372  |
| Others  | 444  | 80   |
|   | 9,707  | 7,869  |

### 5. FINANCE COSTS

|                            | Unaudited  | Unaudited  |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
|                            | (6 months) | (6 months) |
|                            | 1.1.2008 - | 1.1.2007 - |
|                            | 30.6.2008  | 30.6.2007  |
|                            | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   |
|                            |            |            |
| Interest on:               |            |            |
| Bank loans                 | 4,802      | 593        |
| Securities trading account | 974        | 19         |
| Convertible notes          | 328        | 271        |
|                            |            |            |
|                            | 6,104      | 883        |
|                            |            |            |

# 6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

|   | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2008 -<br>30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2007 -<br>30.6.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:<br>Staff costs |  |  |
| Salaries and wages  | 9,734  | 1,272  |
| Directors' remuneration   | 3,746  | 1,980  |
| Retirement benefits scheme contributions                            | 206  | 15   |
|   | 13,686   | 3,267  |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                       | 6,428  | 4,228  |
| Loss on disposal of financial assets                                |  |  |
| at fair value through profit or loss                                | 3,636  | -  |
| Fair value losses on disposal of financial assets                   |  |  |
| at fair value through profit or loss                                | 5,210  | -  |
| Loss on exchange  | 128  | 6  |

# 7. TAXATION

| ths) | (6 months)   |
|------|--------------|
|      |              |
| - 80 | 1.1.2007 -   |
| 800  | 30.6.2007    |
| 000  | HK\$'000     |
|      |              |
| 588  | 4,361        |
| ,    | 2008<br>3000 |

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at a rate of 17.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the Period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the Period at the rate of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

No tax is attributable to associates and included in share of profit of associates on the face of the condensed consolidated income statement.

### 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

### Basic

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the Period is based on the net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$49,450,000 (30 June 2007: profit of HK\$31,645,000) and on the weighted average of 3,945,770,059 (30 June 2007: 3,186,453,991) ordinary shares in issue.

The calculation of the diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$49,778,000 (30 June 2007: profit of HK\$31,975,000) and the weighted average of 4,220,770,059 (30 June 2007: 3,836,453,991) ordinary shares in issue during the Period, calculated as follows:

# 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

|   | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2008 -<br>30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000 | Unaudited<br>(6 months)<br>1.1.2007 -<br>30.6.2007<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Earnings  |  |  |
| Net profit for the period   | 49,450   | 31,645   |
| Saving on deemed conversion of convertible notes  | 328  | 330  |
| Number of shares  | 49,778   | 31,975   |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares  |  |  |
| for the purpose of basic earnings per share<br>Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares | 3,945,770,059  | 3,186,453,991  |
| - convertible notes   | 275,000,000  | 650,000,000  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares  |  |  |
| for the purpose of diluted earnings per share   | 4,220,770,059  | 3,836,453,991  |

### 9. DIVIDEND

No interim dividend was paid to shareholders during the Period (2007: Nil).



### 10. DEPOSITS, TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in deposits, trade and other receivables are trade receivables with the following ageing analysis:

|                    | Unaudited    | Audited       |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                    | At 30.6.2008 | At 31.12.2007 |
|                    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000      |
|                    |              |               |
| Ageing:            |              |               |
| Current to 90 days | 117,285      | 45,070        |
| 91 – 180 days      | 21,542       | 1,235         |
| Over 180 days      | 100,530      | 46,235        |
|                    |              |               |
| Total              | 239,357      | 92,540        |

### 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

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

| Unaudited    | Audited   |
|--------------|---|
| At 30.6.2008 | At 31.12.2007   |
| HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
|              |   |
|              |   |
| 59,759       | 39,809  |
| 3,515        | 5,991   |
| 24,607       | 15,429  |
|              |   |
| 87,881       | 61,229  |
|              | At 30.6.2008<br>HK\$'000<br>59,759<br>3,515<br>24,607 |

### 12. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

On 1 February 2007, the Company issued convertible notes of principal amount of HK\$66 million as part of the consideration for the Nanjing CNG Acquisition (the "Feb CN") to an independent third party. The Feb CN is matured on the second anniversary date from the issue date, entitling the holder to convert up to an aggregate of 275 million shares of the Company at the conversion price of HK\$0.24 per conversion share subject to adjustments. The Feb CN is bearing interest of 1% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 13 August 2008, the Feb CN is converted in whole at the option of the holder.

On 20 March 2007, the Company issued interest-free convertible notes of principal amount of HK\$90 million as part of the consideration for the Anhui CNG Acquisition (the "Mar CN") to Mr. Xu Tie-liang ("Mr. Xu"), the chairman and substantial shareholder of the Company. The Mar CN is matured on the second anniversary date from the issue date, entitling the holder to convert up to an aggregate of 375 million shares of the Company at the conversion price of HK\$0.24 per conversion share subject to adjustments. The Mar CN is converted in whole on 29 April 2008, at the option of the holder.

The fair value of the liability component and equity component of the convertible notes was determined at the issuance date. The fair value of the liability component was calculated using a market interest rate for an equivalent non-convertible note. Interest expenses on the convertible notes are calculated using the effective interest method by applying the effective interest rate in the region of 6.75% to the liability component. The residue amount, representing the value of the equity component, is included in reserves.

The net proceeds received from the issue of the convertible notes had been split between the liability and equity components.

### 13. SHARE CAPITAL

|   | Number of shares | <b>Amount</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| Authorised Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each |                  |                           |
| at 30 June 2007, 31 December                |                  |                           |
| 2007 and 30 June 2008                       | 125,000,000,000  | 1,250,000                 |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each            |                  |                           |
| at 30 June 2007                             | 3,829,676,213    | 38,297                    |
| Shares repurchased (note a)                 | (12,440,000)     | (125)                     |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01                 |                  |                           |
| each at 31 December 2007                    | 3,817,236,213    | 38,172                    |
| Shares repurchased (note a)                 | (1,440,000)      | (14)                      |
| Conversion of convertible notes (note b)    | 375,000,000      | 3,750                     |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01                 |                  |                           |
| each at 30 June 2008                        | 4,190,796,213    | 41,908                    |
|   |                  |                           |



### 13. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

The movements in share capital were as follows:

(a) The Company repurchased its own shares on the Stock Exchange as follows:

| Month/Year of<br>Repurchase | Number of<br>ordinary shares | Price per<br>Highest | ordinary share<br>Lowest | Aggregate consideration paid |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| October 2007                | 1,860,000                    | HK\$0.810            | HK\$0.800                | HK\$1,492,000                |
| November 2007               | 10,580,000                   | HK\$0.800            | HK\$0.780                | HK\$8,398,254                |
| January 2008                | 1,440,000                    | HK\$0.405            | HK\$0.395                | HK\$574,560                  |

The above ordinary shares were subsequently cancelled. The premium paid on the repurchase of the shares of HK\$560,160 (2007: HK\$9,766,000) was charged to share premium. The nominal value of the shares repurchased of HK\$14,400 (2007: HK\$125,000) was transferred to the capital redemption reserve.

(b) On 29 April 2008, the convertible notes issued on 20 March 2007 have been fully converted into 375 million shares of the Company at the conversion price of HK\$0.24. (Note 12)

### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

|   | Unaudited<br>At 30.6.2008 | Audited<br>At 31.12.2007 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | HK\$'000                  | HK\$'000                 |
| Guarantees given to banks in connection with facilities granted to subsidiaries | 500,000                   | 44,000                   |

### 15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events occurring after the balance sheet date which may affect either the Group's operations or results of the Group.

### 16. APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 26 September 2008.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD**

### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (30 June 2007: Nil).

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Group is principally engaged in investments in the natural gas and energy related businesses. The Group, and through China City Natural Gas Co., Ltd. ("CCNG"), a major subsidiary formed with China Petroleum Pipeline Bureau ("CPP", a wholly owned subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corporation), which invests, develops and operates natural gas in the PRC.

Natural gas operations of the Group including piped city gas business, compressed natural gas ("CNG") stations business, liquefied natural gas ("LNG") business, pipeline design and construction, gas transportation and logistics services.

### **Financial Results**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group records rapid growth in its natural gas operations and achieved brilliant results during the period under review.

As the Group had increased its equity interest in CCNG from 50% to 51% in July 2007, CCNG had become a major subsidiary of the Group and the results of which were fully consolidated into the Group's results for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (the "Period").

For comparison purpose of the business review, turnover and cost of sales for the prior six months ended 30 June 2007 (the "Last Period"), have been rearranged and included CCNG's contribution to the Group for the Last Period. Rearranged figures are shown in the following table:

|  | Six months ended 30 June |             |  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--|
|  | <b>2008</b> 2            |             |  |
|  | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |  |
|  | HK\$'000                 | HK\$'000    |  |
|  |                          |             |  |
| Turnover                                     | 656,127                  | 274,269     |  |
| Gross Profit                                 | 155,884                  | 104,909     |  |
| Profit before taxation                       | 110,545                  | 43,599      |  |
| Profit after taxation and minority interests | 49,450                   | 31,645      |  |
|  |                          | 4           |  |



For the Period, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$656 million, representing an increase of approximately 139% as compared to the Last Period's HK\$274 million. The increase in turnover was mainly due to the increase in sales of piped gas with contributions from the new projects. The Group's profit attributable to the shareholders was approximately HK\$49 million for the Period, and approximately HK\$31.6 million for the Last Period, recorded an increase of 55%. Compared with Last Period, fully diluted earnings per share was HK0.8 cent, with a 45% increase to HK1.18 cents for the Period.



### **Business Review**

During the Period, the Group's total gas sales volume reached 477 million cubic meter (m<sup>3</sup>), increased by approximately 64% as compared to Last Period's 290 million m<sup>3</sup>. Among the gas consumption, 65% (2007: 52%) was commercial and industrial consumption; 6% (2007: 28%) was government and public utility consumption; 9% (2007: 9%) was household consumption and 20% (2007: 11%) was supplied to traffic. The Group's major subsidiary, CCNG, has contributed turnover amounted to HK\$585 million, approximately 89% of the total turnover, of the Group.



The Group has started the CNG stations business by acquiring CNG stations projects in Shandong, Anhui, and Jiangsu during 2007. As at 30 June 2007, the Group's CNG stations business began to expand, new stations being acquired and constructed. Gas operation in Anhui, Nanjing and Shandong began to supply gas to local and other gas operators during mid-end of 2007. During the Period, the CNG stations business contributed turnover of approximately HK\$28 million to the Group.



The Group's competitiveness and market position is further enhanced by the commencement of its Qinghai LNG factory operation at the end of 2007, coupled with our own gas transportation and logistics team, the mobility and coverage of the Group's natural gas supply have been greatly increased which enabled the Group to expand its business to markets and areas currently without the reach of gas pipelines. The LNG Phase II project is currently under construction and is expected to come into full operation at the end of 2008.

### Prospects

Along with China's strong economy development, energies are perpetually under demand, where natural gas has gradually become a significant green energy source in China. According to the country planning, the application of natural gas is expected to boost up by 2010. Large amount of imported gas will be supplied to China and major gas pipelines including the 2nd Western-to-Eastern Pipeline and the Sichuan-to-East Pipeline projects are confirmed for this mission.

We expect the up-coming years would be the second evolution for China's natural gas development since the first western-to-eastern pipeline project. Our goal is clear, we will adhere to our business strategy on horizontally, continuously expand commercial and industrial users who have balanced gas consumption throughout the year, and on vertically, strategically plan to build more CNG stations to further improve the vehicular gas supply network. Nonetheless, the Group will enhance and glorify our predominance position on the secured natural gas sources, experience and expertise, connections and support from our business partners, CPP, to seize this opportunity to develop the Group as a leading gas and energy company, and play an important part in China's natural gas market.

### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group employed a total workforce of approximately 1,028 (2007: 380). Most of the employees are located in the PRC. The Group remunerates its employees based on their work performance, working experiences and professional qualifications and the prevailing market practice.



### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### **Capital Investments and Commitments**

During the Period, the Group did not incur or commit any material investment or capital expenditure.

### **Financial Position**

In January 2008, the Company repurchased a total of 1,440,000 shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company at prices ranging from HK\$0.395 to HK\$0.405 per share in the open market for an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$600,000.

The Group had convertible notes issued under the Nanjing CNG Acquisition ("Feb CN") and the Anhui CNG Acquisition ("Mar CN").

The Feb CN issued on 1 February 2007 in the principal amount of HK\$66 million bearing an interest of 1% per annum with 2 years maturity and convertible into 275,000,000 shares of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.24 each. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Feb CN was fully converted on 13 August 2008.

On 29 April 2008, the Mar CN has been fully converted into 375,000,000 shares of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.24 each. The Mar CN was originally issued on 20 March 2007 in the principal amount of HK\$90 million bearing no interest with 2 years maturity.

The Group was under a very strong financial position. As at 30 June 2008, the Group had Cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$744 million (2007: HK\$839 million), and the Group had total borrowings of approximately HK\$361 million (2007: HK\$159 million).

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had total assets of approximately HK\$2,457 million (2007: HK\$2,186 million), and current assets were approximately HK\$1,187 million (2007: HK\$1,086 million). Total liabilities of the Group was approximately HK\$758 million, including the Mar CN amounted to HK\$62 million (2007: HK\$644 million including the Feb & Mar CN amounted to HK\$145 million), and current liabilities were approximately HK\$624 million (2007: HK\$414 million). The Group's gearing ratio, measured on the basis of total liabilities as a percentage of total equity, was 45% (2007: 42%). The current ratio of the Group was 1.90 (2007: 2.62) and the quick ratio was 1.86 (2007: 2.56).

### **Pledge of Assets**

As at 30 June 2008, certain pipelines and the operation right of one of the gas operation in the PRC were pledged to secure bank loans of approximately HK\$81 million (2007: HK\$77 million).

### **Contingent Liabilities**

As at 30 June 2008, CCNG provided a financial guarantee to a bank in connection with facilities granted to its subsidiaries to the extent of approximately HK\$500 million (2007: HK\$44 million).

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not have other significant contingent liabilities.

### Foreign Exchange and Interest Rate Exposure

Since the Group's sales are denominated in Renminbi, and investments are mostly made in Hong Kong Dollar, the Group does not anticipate material foreign exchange exposure and risk, and no other foreign exchange and interest rate risk management or related hedges were made, proper policy will be in place when the Board considers appropriate.

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES**

At 30 June 2008, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") which were notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provision 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 Companies ("Model Code"), are set out below:

| Name of director | Capacity                             | Long position/<br>Short position | Notes | Number of<br>ordinary<br>shares held | Percentage of<br>the Company's<br>issued share<br>capital |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Xu Tie-liang     | Interest in a controlled corporation | Long position                    | 1     | 321,018,300                          | 7.66%   |
|                  | Interest in a controlled corporation | Long position                    | 2     | 775,000,000                          | 18.49%  |

### Interests in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company

Notes:

- These 321,018,300 ordinary shares of the Company are held through Sino Advance Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability which is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Xu Tie-liang.
- These 775,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company are held through Sino Vantage Management Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability which is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Xu Tie-liang.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company which were recorded on the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code as at 30 June 2008.

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

At 30 June 2008, the interests or short positions of every person in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, are set out below:

### Interests in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

| Name of shareholder                                 | Notes | Capacity                                | Number of<br>ordinary<br>shares held | Number of<br>underlying<br>shares held | Percentage of<br>the Company's<br>issued share<br>capital |
|---|-------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Sino Advance Holdings Limited<br>("Sino Advance")   | 1     | Beneficial owner                        | 321,018,300                          | -                                      | 7.66%   |
| Sino Vantage Management<br>Limited ("Sino Vantage") | 1     | Beneficial owner                        | 775,000,000                          | -                                      | 18.49%  |
| New Stamina Investments<br>Limited ("New Stamina")  | 2     | Beneficial owner                        | -                                    | 275,000,000                            | 6.56%   |
| Lo Chung  | 2     | Interest in controlled<br>a corporation |                                      | 275,000,000                            | 6.56%   |
|   | 3     | Family interest                         | 16,000,000                           | -                                      | 0.38%   |

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- Sino Advance and Sino Vantage, companies incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability are wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Xu Tie-liang. Hence, Mr. Xu is deemed to be interested in 321,018,300 and 775,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company owned by Sino Advance and Sino Vantage.
- 2. New Stamina was interested in the derivative of 275,000,000 shares of the Company derived from a convertible note in the principal amount of HK\$66,000,000 issued by the Company which is convertible into 275,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company. New Stamina is a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Lo Chung, and therefore, Mr. Lo Chung is deemed to be interested in the said derivatives.
- 3. These 16,000,000 ordinary shares are held by the spouse of Mr. Lo Chung, and therefore, Mr. Lo Chung is deemed to be interested in these shares.

Save as disclosed above, no other parties were recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO as having interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as at 30 June 2008.

### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Scheme") on 31 January 2002, pursuant to which the Board may, at its discretion offer options to any eligible participant who is an employee, executive or officer of the Company or its subsidiaries (including executive and non-executive Directors of the Company or its subsidiaries) and any suppliers, consultants or advisers who will provide or have provided services to the Company or its subsidiaries.

During the Period, no share option was granted and remain outstanding.

### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

During the Period, the Company repurchased 1,440,000 shares of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company at prices ranging from HK\$0.395 to HK\$0.405 per share on the Stock Exchange as follows:

|              | Number of shares | Purchase Price<br>per share |                | Aggregate<br>purchase |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Month/year   | repurchased      | Highest<br>HK\$             | Lowest<br>HK\$ | consideration         |
| January 2008 | 1,440,000        | 0.405                       | 0.395          | HK\$574,500           |

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any its subsidiary purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.



### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry to all Directors, the Company confirmed that all Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the Period.

### CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has adopted the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, which came into effect on 1 January 2005.

During the Period, the Company was in compliance with code provisions set out in the CG Code except that code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code provides that non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term. The non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to the provision for retirement by rotation under the Bye-laws of the Company.

Save as the aforesaid and in the opinion of the Directors, the Company has met the code provisions set out in the CG Code for the Period.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an Audit Committee which was established in accordance with the requirements of the Code for the purposes of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee which comprises three independent non-executive Directors of the Company, namely Mr. Li Yunlong (as chairman), Mr. Shi Xun-zhi and Mr. Peng Long.

By Order of the Board China Oil And Gas Group Limited Xu Tie-liang Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 September 2008