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In 2009, both global and China's economies will still be affected by the financial crisis, thereby bringing trials to the overall operations of the domestic toll road industry. Meanwhile, the successive completion and opening of neighbouring toll roads will continue to cause traffic diversions from the Company's toll road operations. Year 2009 will indeed be a challenging year for Zhejiang Expressway.

Faced with adversities, staff of all levels at Zhejiang Expressway will be united to discharge their duties and strive to overcome different challenges. Based on our solid foundation, we will try every possible means to leverage opportunities and pursue growth, bringing the Company to a new platform.

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# 2009 Interim Results

The directors (the "Directors") of Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd. (the "Company") announced the unaudited consolidated operating results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended June 30, 2009 (the "Period"), with the basis of preparation as stated in note 1 to the condensed consolidated financial statements set out below.

During the Period, revenue for the Group was Rmb2,768.86 million, representing a decrease of 18.8% over the same period in 2008. Profit for the Period attributable to equity holders of the Company was Rmb772.45 million, representing a decrease of 26.4% year-on-year. Earnings per share for the Period was Rmb17.79 cents, representing a decrease of 26.4% over the same period in 2008.

The Directors have recommended to pay an interim dividend of Rmb6 cents per share, subject to shareholders' approval at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company expected to be held on September 29, 2009.

The interim report has not been audited or reviewed by auditors, but has been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

# **Business Review**

As the PRC government implemented an array of economic stimulus plans, the PRC economy has shown signs of gradual stabilization in the second guarter of 2009, registering a GDP growth of 7.1% year-on-year in the first half of 2009. Although the Zhejiang Province's economy, an export trade-led economy, has stabilized and picked up momentum in general in the second quarter, its growth rate has not exhibited a significant rebound during the Period as its foreign trade and export remained sluggish. Zhejiang Province's GDP growth rate increased by 6.3% year-on-year in the first half of 2009.

In the first half of 2009, affected by a slump in foreign trade and export within the province, the volume of regional goods transport witnessed a significant decrease which brought certain impact to the traffic on the Group's two expressways. Meanwhile, the opening of neighboring new expressways and bridge continued to divert certain traffic from the Group's two expressways. As a result, income of the Group decreased by 18.8% year-on-year during the Period. The Group realized a total income of Rmb2,857.12 million, of which Rmb1,558.94 million was attributable to the two major expressways owned and operated by the Group, representing 54.6% of the total income; and Rmb587.37 million was attributable to the Group's toll road-related businesses, representing 20.5% of the total income. As the PRC securities market has shown signs of improvement during the Period, the securities business posted a growth year-on-year and contributed Rmb710.81 million to the total income, representing 24.9% of the total income.

During the Period, toll income from toll road operations decreased by 17.1% over the same period in 2008, while income from toll road-related businesses decreased by 36.9% over the same period in 2008. A breakdown of the Group's income for the Period is set out below:

	For the six months ended June 30,				
	2009	2008			
	Rmb'000	Rmb'000	% Change		
Toll income					
Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway	1,178,291	1,453,567	-18.9%		
Shangsan Expressway	380,650	426,970	-10.8%		
Other income					
Service areas	547,272	888,000	-38.4%		
Advertising	40,094	42,196	-5.0%		
Securities business	710,811	706,454	0.6%		
Subtotal	2,857,118	3,517,187	-18.8%		
Less: Revenue taxes	(88,263)	(107,092)	-17.6%		
Revenue	2,768,855	3,410,095	-18.8%		

#### **Business Review**

#### **TOLL ROAD OPERATIONS**

Although the Rmb4 trillion stimulus measures implemented by the State have gradually proved their effectiveness on the macro-economy, the conditions of the Zhejiang Province's export trade remained grim. Therefore, the organic growth rate of traffic volume on the Group's two expressways remained sluggish in the first half of 2009, although, according to the data for the second quarter, the organic growth rate has shown a trend of slight recovery.

During the Period, the average daily traffic volume in full-trip equivalents along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway saw a significant decrease, mainly because the Hangpu Expressway and the Hangzhou Bay Bridge, which were opened to traffic in phases in February, May and October 2008 respectively, have significantly diverted traffic from the entire Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway. Meanwhile, the closure of the Shanghai Section of the Shanghai-Hangzhou Expressway for its widening project carried out since May 2009 has further diverted traffic from the Shanghai-Hangzhou Section operated by the Group. This was the main reason behind a higher rate of decline in traffic volume along the Shanghai-Hangzhou Section than that along the Hangzhou-Ningbo Section.

During the Period, the Shangsan Expressway lost some through-traffic because of the opening of the Hangzhou Bay Bridge in May 2008. In addition, given that mainly small and medium foreign trade enterprises reside along the Shangsan Expressway, traffic volume declined in the region as the province's export trade slumped.

Although traffic volumes and toll incomes along the Group's toll roads showed a trend of continued decline year-on-year during the Period, given the macro-economy having exhibited signs of stabilization in the second quarter, the rates of decline in traffic volumes and toll incomes along the Group's two expressways have gradually narrowed.

The average daily traffic volume in full-trip equivalents along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway was 33,736 during the Period, representing a decrease of 16.2% year-on-year. The average daily traffic volume in full-trip equivalents along the Shanghai-Hangzhou section of the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway decreased by 19.1% year-on-year, and that along the Hangzhou-Ningbo section decreased by 13.9% year-on-year. The average daily traffic volume in full-trip equivalents along the Shangsan Expressway was 19,103 during the Period, representing a decrease of 10.8% year-on-year.

Toll income from the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway amounted to Rmb1,178.29 million during the Period, representing a decrease of 18.9% year-on-year; while toll income from the Shangsan Expressway amounted to Rmb380.65 million during the Period, representing a decrease of 10.8% year-on-year.

#### **TOLL ROAD-RELATED BUSINESSES**

The Company also operates certain toll road-related businesses along its expressways through its subsidiaries and associated companies, including gas stations, restaurants and shops in service areas, as well as roadside advertising and vehicle service businesses.

During the Period, income from the service areas along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway and the Shangsan Expressway was affected. On the one hand, the opening of the Hangzhou Bay Bridge led to falling traffic volumes along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway and the Shangsan Expressway. On the other hand, weakening consumption sentiments amid the Zhejiang Province's economic downturn undermined the purchasing power of drivers and passengers for products in the service areas. Meanwhile, a significant decrease in the sales of petroleum products had a negative impact on the income from the gas station operation. As a result, during the Period, income from the aforementioned toll road-related businesses amounted to Rmb594.78 million, representing a year-on-year decrease of 36.7%.

#### SECURITIES BUSINESS

During the Period, a relaxed credit policy gave a boost to investment growth. Meanwhile, an adequate capital flow in the market stimulated the PRC's stock market to bottom out and rebound ahead of the real economy. In the first half of 2009, the stock indices showed steady rises while trading activities saw significant surges in the securities market. However, fierce business competition led to declining commission rates. During the Period, the securities business realized an operating income of Rmb710.81 million, representing an increase of 0.6% year-on-year. Of such income, brokerage commission income amounted to Rmb651.39 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 3.9%; and bank interest income amounted to Rmb59.42 million, representing a year-on-year decrease of 25.4%. Apart from these, the proprietary securities trading business recorded a profit of Rmb27.20 million as accounted for in the income statement (2008 Interim: a loss of Rmb172.47 million).

#### LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

During the Period, benefiting from a gradual traffic rebound due to the opening of the entire Shida Road in July 2008 upon the completion of its widening project, traffic volume on this 9.45km Shida Road (operated by Hangzhou Shida Highway Co., Ltd., a 50% owned jointly-controlled entity of the Company) increased by 13.5% year-on-year, while toll income amounted to Rmb51.38 million, up 18.5% year-on-year. Net profit realized was Rmb26.15 million, up 20.9% year-onyear.

For Zhejiang Expressway Petroleum Development Co., Ltd. (a 50% owned associate of the Company), sales of petroleum products were hit by the slowdown of the macro-economy and a consequential fall in traffic volume. During the Period, income realized by the associate company decreased by 26.7% year-on-year while net profit realized was Rmb10.72 million, representing a decrease of 10.9% year-on-year.

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Zhejiang Jinhua Yongjin Expressway Co., Ltd. (a 23.45% owned associate of the Company) operates the 69.7km Jinhua section of Ningbo-Jinhua Expressway. During the Period, affected by traffic diversions caused by new road networks nearby, the average daily traffic volume in full-trip equivalents along the toll road was 7,188, representing a decrease of 5.6% year-on-year; while toll income amounted to Rmb65.52 million, a decrease of 10.6% year-on-year. As the financial burden of the associate company was too heavy, it incurred a loss of Rmb56.64 million during the Period.

JoinHands Technology Co., Ltd. (a 27.582% owned associate of the Company) generated its income mainly from its printing operation and property leasing during the Period. Due to a lack of improvement in its operations, the associate company incurred a loss of Rmb1.68 million during the Period.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

There were no significant changes to the Company's overall number of employees, remuneration policies, bonus schemes and training schemes from what have been disclosed in the Company's latest annual report.

# **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The Group adopts a prudent financial policy with the aim to provide shareholders with sound returns over the long-term.

During the Period, return on equity was 5.8%, representing a decrease of 27.8% over the same period in 2008.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at June 30, 2009, current assets held by the Group amounted to Rmb11,253.12 million in aggregate (December 31, 2008: Rmb10,450.20 million), of which bank balance and cash accounted for 35.0% (December 31, 2008: 38.8%), bank balance held on behalf of customers accounted for 59.0% (December 31, 2008: 54.0%) and held-for-trading investments accounted for 4.1% (December 31, 2008: 2.4%). Current ratio (current assets over current liabilities) as at June 30, 2009 was 1.3 (December 31, 2008: 1.4). Excluding the effect of customer deposits arising from the securities business, the resultant current ratio of the Group (current assets less balance of cash held on behalf of customers over current liabilities less balance of customer deposits arising from securities dealings) of the Group was 2.7 (December 31, 2008: 2.6).

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000
Cash and Cash equivalents		
Rmb	2,716,956	3,710,493
US\$ in Rmb equivalent	23,793	22,668
HK\$ in Rmb equivalent	4,327	3,784
Time deposits- Rmb	1,198,719	284,068
Held-for-trading investments- Rmb	457,513	247,587
Available-for-sale investments- Rmb	_	28,001
Structure deposit- Rmb	_	204,667
Total	4,401,308	4,501,268
Rmb	4,373,188	4,474,816
US\$ in Rmb equivalent	23,793	22,668
HK\$ in Rmb equivalent	4,327	3,784

The amount for held-for-trading investments of the Group as at June 30, 2009 amounted to Rmb457.51 million (December 31, 2008: Rmb247.59 million), of which 1.0% was invested in the stock market, 97.9% was invested in corporate bonds, while the rest was invested in open-end equity funds.

During the Period, net cash inflow generated from the Group's operating activities was adequate, amounting to Rmb1,131.72 million.

The Directors do not expect the Company to experience any problem with liquidity and financial resources in the foreseeable future.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

#### **BORROWINGS AND SOLVENCY**

As at June 30, 2009, total liabilities of the Group amounted to Rmb9,772.95 million (December 31, 2008: Rmb8,990.25 million), of which 15.8% was borrowings and 67.8% was customer deposits arising from securities dealings.

Total interest-bearing borrowings of the Group as at June 30, 2009 amounted to Rmb1,545.37 million, representing a decrease of 4.0% over December 31, 2008. The borrowings comprised outstanding balances of the World Bank loans, denominated in US dollar, of approximately Rmb450.37 million in Renminbi equivalent; loans from domestic commercial banks totaling Rmb95.00 million; and corporate bonds amounting to Rmb1 billion that was issued by the Company in 2003 for a term of 10 years. Of the interest-bearing borrowings, 76.7% were not repayable within one year. Details of these balances are as follows:

	Maturity Profiles						
	<b>Gross</b> <b>amount</b> Rmb'000	<b>Within</b> <b>1 year</b> Rmb'000	>1 year to 5 years Rmb'000	Beyond 5 years Rmb'000			
Floating rates							
World Bank Loan	450,370	264,658	185,712	_			
Domestic commercial bank loans	95,000	95,000	_	_			
Fixed rates							
Corporate bonds	1,000,000	_	1,000,000	_			
Total as at June 30, 2009	1,545,370	359,658	1,185,712	_			
Total as at December 31, 2008	1,609,764	380,897	1,228,867	_			

As at June 30, 2009, the Group's loans from domestic commercial banks comprised 7-months and 1-year short-term loans, with an annual floating rate of 5.31%; and the annual coupon rate for corporate bonds was fixed at 4.29%, with interest payable annually. The annual interest rate for customer deposits arising from securities dealings was fixed at 0.36%; the annual floating rate of the Group's World Bank loans, denominated in US dollar, was 4.55%.

Total interest expense for the Period amounted to Rmb35.76 million, while profit before interest and tax amounted to Rmb1,335.44 million. The interest cover ratio (profit before interest and tax over interest expenses) stood at 37.4 (June 30, 2008: 39.7).

The asset-liability ratio (total liabilities over total assets) was 37.9% as at June 30, 2009 (December 31, 2008: 35.6%). Excluding the effect of customer deposits arising from the securities business, the resultant asset-liability ratio (total liabilities less balance of customer deposits arising from securities dealings over total assets less balance of cash held on behalf of customers) of the Group was 16.4% (December 31, 2008: 17.2%).

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at June 30, 2009, the Group had Rmb16,039.50 million total equity, Rmb7,622.26 million fixed-rate liabilities, Rmb545.37 million floating-rate liabilities and Rmb1,605.32 million interest-free liabilities, representing 62.2%, 29.5%, 2.1% and 6.2% of the Group's total capital, respectively. The gearing ratio, which was computed by dividing the total liabilities less balance of customer deposits arising from securities dealings by total equity, was 19.6% as at June 30, 2009 (December 31, 2008: 20.8%).

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS AND UTILIZATION

Capital expenditures of the Group and of the Company for the Period totalled Rmb103.32 million and Rmb13.24 million, respectively, with Rmb63.37 million incurred by the remaining construction works of the widening project, and Rmb28.96 million incurred by purchase of equipment.

Capital expenditures committed by the Group and by the Company as at June 30, 2009 totalled Rmb1,614.40 million and Rmb844.55 million, respectively. Amongst the total capital expenditures committed by the Group, Rmb939.89 million will be used on the remaining construction work of the widening project, while Rmb101.04 million will be used for purchase of equipment and Rmb82.86 million will be used for purchase and construction of properties.

The Group will finance its above mentioned capital expenditure commitments mainly with internally generated cash flow, with a preference for debt financing to meet any shortfalls thereof.

#### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at June 30, 2009, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities nor any other pledge of assets or guarantees.

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

Save for the repayment of a World Bank loan of Rmb450.37 million equivalent in US dollars, as well as dividend payments to the holders of H shares in Hong Kong dollars, the Group's principal operations are transacted and booked in Renminbi. Therefore, the Group's exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations is limited and the Group has not used financial instrument for hedging purposes during the Period.

Although the Directors do not foresee any material foreign exchange risks for the Group, there is no assurance that foreign exchange risks will not affect the operating results of the Group in the future.

# **Outlook**

As the PRC's macro-economy has stabilized and improved in the second quarter of 2009, the Zhejiang Province's economy has begun to show significant improvement in general, although the GDP growth rate of the Zhejiang Province in the first half was lower than the national average as its economy was dragged by the continued sluggish foreign trade and export. It is expected that a further improvement of the economy in the second half of 2009 will help boost the organic growth of traffic volumes along the road sections of the Group.

Traffic diversions caused by the Hangpu Expressway and the Hangzhou Bay Bridge have basically stabilized while the opening of the Zhuyong Expressway, originally scheduled to be opened to traffic in the second half of 2009, will be delayed until the end of 2009. Although these factors will create positive impact on the traffic volumes on the Group's road sections in the second half of the year, certain traffic along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo Expressway will continue to be diverted in the second half of the year as the closure of the Shanghai Section of the Shanghai-Hangzhou Expressway for its widening project will be extended until the end of 2009. Meanwhile, driven by a rebound of the provincial economy and a growth of vehicles sales, traffic volumes on the Group's road sections may resume growth. Nevertheless, the diversion impact caused by new road networks may lead to a slowdown of growth in traffic volumes on the Group's road sections.

The long-awaited toll-by-weight policy has been approved by the Zhejiang Provincial Government and the policy is expected to be implemented by the end of 2009. We believe that the implementation of the policy will help lower road surface maintenance costs of the Group and will create positive impact on the toll incomes of the Group in the long run.

During the Period, the toll road-related businesses of the Group saw a significant slump as impacted by the slowdown of the real economy in the province. However, it is expected, with a stabilization of the economy and through expanding the sales of goods categories and increasing the strength of sales promotion, as well as the renovations and expansions of the service areas, the rate of decline in the toll road-related businesses will narrow gradually.

The proactive fiscal policies and moderately relaxed monetary policies implemented by the PRC government led to a rebound in the PRC's securities market in 2009. It is believed that with the PRC's real economy showing further recovery, the securities business of the Group will be positively impacted in the long run. However, the business of Zheshang Securities will continue to be impacted by a number of uncertainties in the short run.

The year of 2009 is a tough year for the global and domestic economies as well as for the Group. Facing such grim situation, we will, under the management's leadership and its staff's concerted efforts, while focusing on our principal business, actively seek new acquisitions and sources of profit growth and will unremittingly strive to bring satisfactory results for investors.

# Disclosure of Interests and Other Matters

#### PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries has purchased, sold, redeemed or cancelled any of the Company's shares during the Period.

# DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at June 30, 2009, the interests of the Directors, Supervisors and chief executives in the share capital of the Company's associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers were as follows:

Long positions in shares of Zhejiang Expressway Investment Development Co., Ltd.

				Percentage of the associated
		Contribution		corporation's
Name	Position	of registered capital (Rmb)	Nature of interest	registered capital
Mr. Jiang Wenyao	Director	1,980,000	Directly Beneficially Owned	1.65%
Mr. Zhang Jingzhong	Director	1,650,000	Same as above	1.38%
Mr. Fang Zhexing	Supervisor	1,050,000	Same as above	0.88%

Save as disclosed above, as at June 30, 2009, none of the Directors, Supervisors and chief executives had registered an interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers.

## Disclosure of Interests and Other Matters

## OTHER INTERESTS DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SFO

As at June 30, 2009, the following shareholders held 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company according to the register of interests in shares required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Substantial shareholders	Capacity	Total interests in number of ordinary shares of the Company	Percentage of the issued share capital of the Company (domestic shares)
Communications Investment Group	Beneficial owner	2,432,500,000	83.61%
Huajian	Beneficial owner	476,760,000	16.39%

Substantial shareholders	Capacity	Total interests in number of ordinary shares of the Company	Percentage of the issued share capital of the Company (H shares)
Baillie Gifford & Co.	Investment manager	127,072,275 (L)	8.86%
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	Beneficial owner Investment manager and	170,114,384 (L) 2,038,000 (S)	11.86% 0.14%
	custodian corporation/ approved lending agent	97,596,750 (P)	6.81%

The letter "L" denotes a long position. The Letter "S" denotes a short position. The Letter "P" denotes interest in a lending pool.

Save as disclosed above, as at June 30, 2009, no person had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

# COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES AND THE MODEL CODE

The Company was in compliance with the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") during the Period.

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. The Directors have confirmed their full compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code and its code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions during the Period.

# RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS IN RESPECT OF THE INTERIM REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Directors of the Company duly confirm that, to the best of their knowledge:

- the consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the Group and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and
- the management discussion and analysis included in the interim report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Group faces.

By order of the Board Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd. Chen Jisong Chairman

Hangzhou, the PRC, August 25, 2009

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**

For the six months ended June 3					
	Notes	2009 Rmb'000	2008 Rmb'000		
Revenue	3	2,768,855	3,410,095		
Operating costs		(1,392,646)	(1,628,366)		
Gross profit		1,376,209	1,781,729		
Securities investment gains (losses)		27,204	(172,467)		
Other income	4	62,392	107,956		
Administrative expenses		(30,230)	(35,720)		
Other expenses		(101,927)	(18,520)		
Finance costs		(35,755)	(42,521)		
Share of (loss) profit of associates		(11,281)	15,459		
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity		13,073	10,627		
Profit before tax	5	1,299,685	1,646,543		
Income tax expense	6	(326,104)	(366,604)		
Profit for the Period		973,581	1,279,939		
Other comprehensive income					
Fair value changes of available-for-sale investments		_	(221,553)		
Deferred tax related to fair value changes of available-for-sale investments		_	55,388		
Other comprehensive income for the Period, net of tax		-	(166,165)		
Total comprehensive income for the Period		973,581	1,113,774		
Profit for the Period attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		772,452	1,049,372		
Minority interests		201,129	230,567		
		973,581	1,279,939		
Total comprehensive income for the Period attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		772,452	963,170		
Minority interests		201,129	150,604		
		973,581	1,113,774		
<b>Dividend</b> s					
Proposed interim	7	(260,587)	(304,018)		
Earnings per share – Basic	8	Rmb17.79 cents	Rmb24.16 cents		

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

	Notes	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 (unaudited)	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 (audited)
on-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,078,369	1,031,248
Prepaid lease payments	10	47,022	47,654
Expressway operating rights		12,598,308	12,923,977
Goodwill		86,867	86,867
Other intangible assets		153,210	158,065
Interests in associates		457,230	464,262
Interest in a jointly controlled entity		137,325	124,251
Available-for-sale investments		1,000	1,000
		14,559,331	14,837,324
current assets			
Inventories		20,224	16,303
Trade receivables	11	59,452	75,999
Other receivables	12	126,326	177,170
Prepaid lease payments	10	1,265	1,265
Available-for-sale investments		_	28,001
Held-for-trading investments		457,513	247,587
Structured deposit		_	204,667
Bank balances held on behalf of customers		6,644,541	5,643,192
Bank balances and cash			
- Restricted bank balances		_	35,000
- Time deposits with original maturity			
over three months		1,198,719	284,068
- Cash and cash equivalents		2,745,076	3,736,945
		11,253,116	10,450,197

# Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 (unaudited)	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 (audited)
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable to customers arising from securities dealing business		6,622,262	5,607,473
Trade payables	13	455,329	415,096
Tax liabilities		196,613	447,884
Other taxes payable		23,773	32,760
Other payables and accruals	14	480,022	537,762
Dividends payable		75,975	33,388
Interest-bearing bank and other loans		359,658	380,897
Provisions	15	122,934	33,864
		8,336,566	7,489,124
Net current assets		2,916,550	2,961,073
Total assets less current liabilities		17,475,881	17,798,397
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing bank and other loans		185,712	228,867
Long-term bonds		1,000,000	1,000,000
Deferred tax liabilities		250,669	272,262
		1,436,381	1,501,129
		16,039,500	16,297,268
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		4,343,115	4,343,115
Reserves		9,070,040	9,339,935
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		13,413,155	13,683,050
Minority interests		2,626,345	2,614,218
		16,039,500	16,297,268

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)**

	Attibutable to equity holders of the Company Statutory Investment						Minority interests	Total	
	Share capital Rmb'000	Share premium Rmb'000	surplus reserve Rmb'000	revaluation reserve Rmb'000	Dividend reserve Rmb'000	Retained profits Rmb'000	Total Rmb'000	Rmb'000	Rmb'000
At January 1, 2008	4,343,115	3,645,726	1,792,824	89,725	1,042,347	2,312,616	13,226,353	2,537,961	15,764,314
Profit for the Period	-	_	-	_	-	1,049,372	1,049,372	230,567	1,279,939
Fair value changes of available-for-sale investments Deferred tax related to fair value changes	_	-	-	(114,936)	-	-	(114,936)	(106,617)	(221,553
of available-for-sale investments	-	_	-	28,734	_	_	28,734	26,654	55,388
Total comprehensive income for the Period	_	_	_	(86,202)	_	1,049,372	963,170	150,604	1,113,774
Dividend paid to minority interests	_	-	-	_	-	_	_	(174,942)	(174,942
Final dividend	_	-	-	_	(1,042,347)	_	(1,042,347)	-	(1,042,347
Proposed interim dividend	-	_	-	-	304,018	(304,018)	-	_	-
At June 30, 2008	4,343,115	3,645,726	1,792,824	3,523	304,018	3,057,970	13,147,176	2,513,623	15,660,799
At January 1, 2009	4,343,115	3,645,726	2,116,529	-	1,042,347	2,535,333	13,683,050	2,614,218	16,297,268
Profit for the Period	-	-	_	-	_	772,452	772,452	201,129	973,581
Total comprehensive income for the Period	_	_	-	-	_	772,452	772,452	201,129	973,581
Dividend paid to minority interests	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(189,002)	(189,002
Final dividend	_	_	_	_	(1,042,347)	_	(1,042,347)	-	(1,042,347
Proposed interim dividend	-	_	_	-	260,587	(260,587)	-	_	-
At June 30, 2009	4,343,115	3,645,726	2,116,529	-	260,587	3,047,198	13,413,155	2,626,345	16,039,500

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

For the six months ended June 30				
	2009	2008		
	Rmb'000	Rmb'000		
Net cash from operating activities	1,131,715	1,160,203		
Net cash used in investing activities	(870,586)	(456,316)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,252,995)	(697,018)		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(991,866)	6,869		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the Period	3,736,945	2,773,811		
Effect of foreign exchange rate change	(3)	1,617		
Cash and cash equivalent at end of the Period	2,745,076	2,782,297		

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") "Interim Financial Reporting".

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair value.

During the Period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("new HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on January 1, 2009.

HKFRSs (Amendments) Improvements to HKFRSs issued in 2008, except for the amendment to

HKFRS 5 that is effective for annual periods beginning or after July 1, 2009

HKFRSs (Amendments) Improvements to HKFRS issued in relation to the amendment to paragraph

80 of HKAS 39

HKAS 1 (Revised 2007) Presentation of Financial Statements

HKAS 23 (Revised 2007) **Borrowing Costs** 

HKAS 32 & 1 (Amendments) Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation HKFRS 1 & HKAS 27 (Amendments) Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate

HKFRS 2 (Amendment) Vesting Conditions and Cancellations

HKFRS 7(Amendment) Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments

HKFRS 8 Operating Segments

HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 & HKAS 39

(Amendments) **Embedded Derivatives** 

HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes

HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation

The accounting policies used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 except as described below.

HKAS 1 (Revised 2007) has introduced a number of terminology changes (including revised titles for the condensed consolidated financial statements) and has resulted in a number of changes in the presentation and disclosure. HKAS 1 (revised 2007) has had no impact on the reported results or financial position of the Group.

HKFRS 8 is a disclosure standard that requires the identification of operating segments to be performed on the same basis as financial information that is reported internally for the purpose of allocating resources between segments and assessing their performance. The application of HKFRS 8 has not resulted in a redesignation of the Group's reportable segments as compared with the primary reportable segments determined in accordance with HKAS 14 Segment Reporting (see note 3) and has had no impact on the reported results or financial position of the Group.

#### Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

# 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Group has not applied in advance the following new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

Improvements to HKFRSs issued in 20091 HKFRSs (Amendments)

HKFRSs (Amendments) Amendments to HKFRS 5 as part of Improvement to HKFRSs issued in

2009<sup>2</sup>

HKAS 27 (Revised 2008) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements<sup>2</sup>

HKAS 39 (Amendment) Eligible Hedged Items<sup>2</sup>

First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard<sup>3</sup> HKFRS 1 (Amendment)

HKFRS 2 (Amendment) Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions<sup>3</sup>

HKFRS 3 (Revised 2008) Business Combinations<sup>2</sup>

Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners<sup>2</sup> HK(IFRIC)-Int 17

HK(IFRIC)-Int 18 Transfer of Assets from Customers<sup>4</sup>

- The amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009 or January 1, 2010,
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009
- 3 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2010
- Effective for transfer on or after July 1, 2009

The application of HKFRS 3 (Revised) may affect the accounting for which the acquisition date is on or after January 1, 2010. HKAS 27 (Revised 2008) will affect the accounting treatment for changes in the Group's ownership interest in a subsidiary. Changes in the Group's ownership interest that do not result in loss of control of the subsidiary will be accounted for as equity transactions. The Directors anticipate that the application of the other new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group has adopted HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments" with effect from January 1, 2009. HKFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance. In contrast, the predecessor Standard (HKAS 14 "Segment Reporting") required an entity to identify two sets of segments (business and geographical), using a risks and returns approach, with the entity's "system of internal financial reporting to key management personnel" serving only as the starting point for the identification of such segments. In the past, the Group's primary reporting format was business segments. The application of HKFRS 8 has not resulted in a redesignation of the Group's reportable segments as compared with the primary reportable segments determined in accordance with HKAS 14. Nor has the adoption of HKFRS 8 changed the basis of measurement of segment profit or loss. The segment information by business activities are summarized as follows:

For the six months ended June 30,				
	2009		2008	
	_	Segment	5	Segment
	Revenue	Profit	Revenue	Profit
	Rmb'000	Rmb'000	Rmb'000	Rmb'000
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Segment by business activities				
- Toll income	1,509,470	938,452	1,820,284	1,255,421
- Service areas	542,309	6,934	883,465	33,295
- Advertising	37,859	16,433	39,900	20,128
- Securities operation	679,217	414,390	666,446	472,885
	2,768,855	1,376,209	3,410,095	1,781,729
Securities investment gains (losses)		27,204		(172,467)
Other income		62,392		107,956
Administrative expenses		(30,230)		(35,720)
Other expenses		(101,927)		(18,520)
Finance costs		(35,755)		(42,521)
Share of (loss) profit of associates		(11,281)		15,459
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity		13,073		10,627
Profit before tax		1,299,685		1,646,543

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of unallocated corporated income and expenses and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the Group's Chief Executive Officer for the purposes of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance.

# **Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

## 4. OTHER INCOME

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2009         2008           Rmb'000         Rmb'000           Unaudited         Unaudited	
Interest income on bank balances and entrusted loan	11,028	24,704
Rental income	28,727	15,238
Net exchange gain	283	41,398
Handling fee income	2,667	6,305
Towing income	7,409	9,845
Interest from structured deposit	3,114	438
Others	9,164	10,028
Total	62,392	107,956

## 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax has been arrived at after charging:

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2009 2008 Rmb'000 Rmb'000 Unaudited Unaudited	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	46,710	49,549
Amortisation of expressway operating rights	331,613	330,244
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	632	719
Amortisation of other intangible assets	5,561	4,207
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	475,283	798,673

#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided as the Group had no taxable profits derived in Hong Kong during the Period.

During the Period, the Group did not enjoy any preferential tax policy and is subject to the PRC enterprise income tax ("EIT") levied at a tax rate of 25% (2008: 25%).

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2009         2008           Rmb'000         Rmb'000           Unaudited         Unaudited	
PRC income tax	347,697	493,141
Deferred tax:  Current period	(21,593)	(126,537)
	326,104	366,604

The tax charge for the Period can be reconciled to the profit before tax per the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income as follows:

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	2008 Rmb'000 Unaudited
Profit before tax	1,299,685	1,646,543
Tax at the PRC statutory income tax rate	324,921	411,636
Tax effect of share of losses (profits) of associates	2,820	(3,865)
Tax effect of share of profit of a jointly controlled entity	(3,268)	(2,657)
Tax effect of (income)/expense that is not (taxable) and deductible for tax purposes	1,631	(419)
PRC income tax over provision in prior year (i)	_	(38,091)
Tax charge for the Period	326,104	366,604

Certain staff costs incurred by Zheshang Securities Co., Ltd. ("Zheshang Securities") in 2007 in excess of maximum amount deductible was considered as a non-deductible expense and accordingly, income tax provision was made in 2007. In 2008, Zheshang Securities has obtained an approval from the government authority for the deduction of these staff costs, so the relevant income tax provision is released to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 7. DIVIDENDS

The Directors have recommended the payment of an interim dividend of Rmb6 cents per share (2008: Rmb7 cents per share), subject to shareholders' approval at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company expected to be held on September 29, 2009. The recommendation has been set out in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 8. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the Period of Rmb772,452,000 (2008: Rmb1,049,372,000) and the 4,343,114,500 shares (2008: 4,343,114,500 shares) in issue during the Period.

No diluted earnings per share have been calculated as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue in both periods.

#### 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

There were no significant changes to the Group's property, plant and equipment during the Period.

#### 10. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

The Group's prepaid lease payments comprise leasehold land in the PRC under medium-term lease.

	Rmb'000
COST	
At January 1, 2008	67,063
Addition	1,528
Disposal	(12,414)
At December 31, 2008	56,177
At June 30, 2009	56,177
AMORTISATION	
At January 1, 2008	6,336
Charge for the year	1,503
Disposal	(581)
At December 31, 2008	7,258
Charge for the Period	632
At June 30, 2009	7,890
CARRYING VALUE	
At June 30, 2009	48,287
At December 31, 2008	48,919

# 10. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS (Continued)

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 Audited
Analysed for reporting purpose as:		
Current assets	1,265	1,265
Non-current assets	47,022	47,654
	48,287	48,919

The amount represents prepayment of rentals under operating leases for "land use right" situated in the PRC.

## 11. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The Group has no credit period granted to its trade customers of toll operation, service area operation and securities operation. An aging analysis of trade receivables at the statement of financial position date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 Audited
Within 3 months	58,581	71,640
3 months to 1 year	_	3,408
1 to 2 years	208	288
Over 2 years	663	663
Total	59,452	75,999

## **Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

## 12. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 Audited
Other debtors [Note] Prepayments	68,876 57,450	115,041 62,129
Total	126,326	177,170

The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

Note: The loan receivables from minority shareholders for the capital contribution into Zheshang Securities that included in other debtors were received during the Period (December 31, 2008: Rmb58,046,000).

## 13. TRADE PAYABLES

An aging analysis of trade payables at the statement of financial position date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 Audited
Within 3 months	166,100	216,913
3 months to 1 year	247,057	169,772
1 to 2 years	17,489	24,778
2 to 3 years	21,859	2,336
Over 3 years	2,824	1,297
Total	455,329	415,096

#### 14. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	As at June 30, 2009 Rmb'000 Unaudited	As at December 31, 2008 Rmb'000 Audited
Other liabilities:		
Accrued payroll and welfare	270,211	295,359
Advance from customers	57,794	67,997
Toll collected on behalf of other toll roads	32,590	34,462
Others	92,290	91,946
	452,885	489,764
Accruals	27,137	47,998
Total	480,022	537,762

#### 15. PROVISIONS

Subsequent to the relevant disclosure made in the Company's 2008 annual report (pages 103-104) relating to "Provisions", as at the date of this announcement, there is no material change for the Period except for the following lawsuit.

Prior to the restructuring of Zheshang Securities by the Company, the original person-in-charge of one of the Sales Departments under Zheshang Securities illegally absorbed public deposits and appropriated funds, which caused a loss of approximately Rmb90,000,000. As at the date of this Interim Report, clients who incurred losses due to the case have filed civil lawsuit against Zheshang Securities. Taking into account the prudent principles applied to operations involving normal risks in the PRC financial industry, Zheshang Securities has made during the Period a provision amounting to Rmb89,070,000 for all the principal involved in the lawsuit.

#### Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 16. COMMITMENTS

	Commitments Rmb million	As at June 30, 2009 Utilization Rmb million	Balance Rmb million
Expressway Widening Project:			
From Dajing to Fengjing	2,533	1,898	635
From Guzhu to Ningbo	2,218	1,913	305
Acquisition of additional 18.4% equity interest in Shangsan Co	485	_	485
Renovation of service areas	10	4	6
Purchase of equipment	130	29	101
Acquisition and construction of properties	84	1	83
Total	5,460	3,845	1,615

#### 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The following is a summary of the related party transactions arising from the Group's daily operating activities:

Pursuant to the operation management agreement entered into between Zhejiang Expressway Investment Development Co., Ltd.("Development Co") and Zhejiang Expressway Petroleum Development Co., Ltd. ("Petroleum Co") in respect of the petrol stations in the service areas along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo and Shangsan Expressways, Petroleum Co will with their expertise assist Development Co in running their petrol stations along the Shanghai-Hangzhou-Ningbo and Shangsan Expressways. Purchases of petroleum products from petroleum Co during the Period amounted to Rmb413,896,000.

Transactions and balances with other state-controlled entities in the PRC

The Group operates in an economic environment currently predominated by entities directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the PRC government ("state-controlled entities"). In addition, the Group itself is part of a larger group of companies under the Communications Investment Group which is controlled by the PRC government. Apart from the transactions with the Communications Investment Group and parties under the common control of the Communications Investment Group, the Group also conducts business with other state-controlled entities. The directors consider those state-controlled entities are independent third parties so far as the Group's business transactions with them are concerned.

In addition, the Group has entered into various transactions, including deposit placements, borrowings and other general banking facilities, with certain banks and financial institutions which are state-controlled entities in its ordinary course of business. In view of the nature of those banking transactions, the directors are of the opinion that separate disclosure would not be meaningful.

In respect of the Group's toll road business, the directors are of the opinion that it is impracticable to ascertain the identity of counterparties and accordingly whether the transactions are with other state-controlled entities in the PRC.

#### 18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND PLEDGE OF ASSETS

The Group did not have any other contingent liabilities, pledge of assets or guarantees as at June 30, 2009.

#### 19. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the Period's presentation.

# 20. APPROVAL OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL **STATEMENTS**

The condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the board of directors on August 11, 2009.

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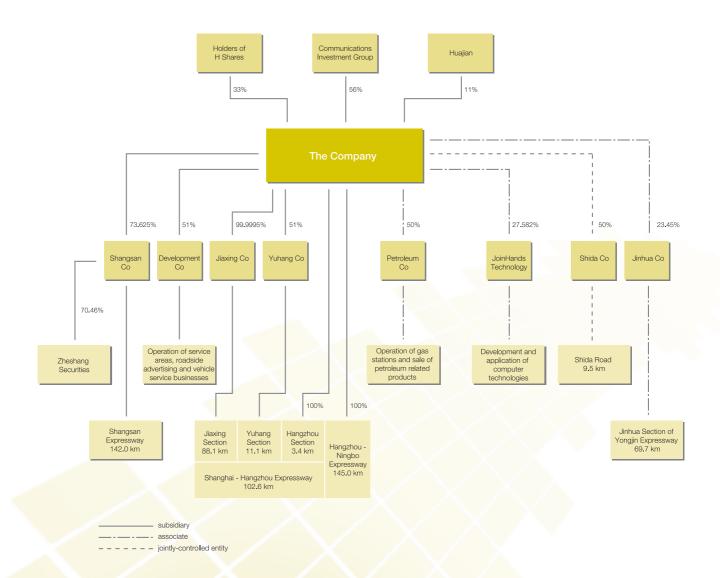
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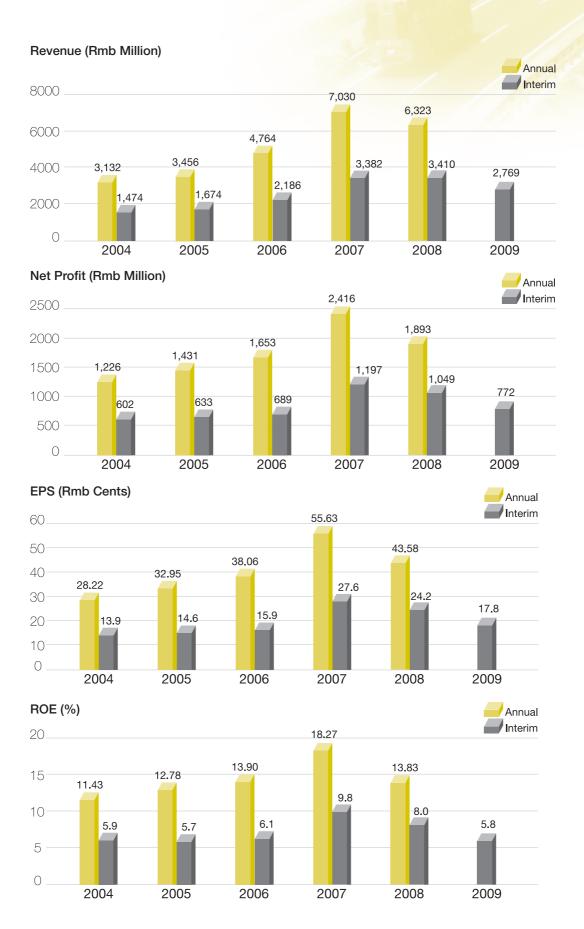
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# **Corporate Structure of the Group**



# **Financial Highlights**



# Location Map of Expressways in Zhejiang Province



