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A Trusted Brand Growing Through Diligence and Care

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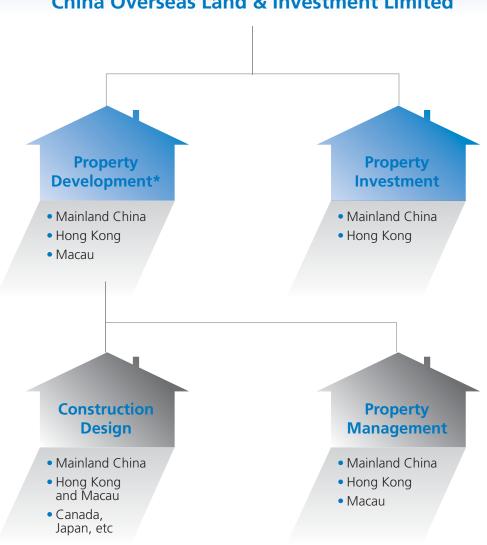
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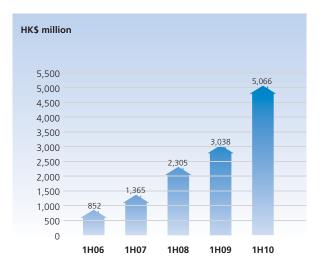




**China Overseas Land & Investment Limited** 

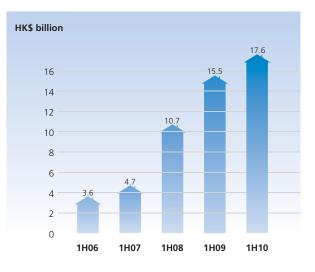
Property development in 23 major cities in mainland China, (Beijing, Shenzhen, Nanjing, Changchun, Xi'an, Suzhou, Chengdu, Foshan, Zhongshan, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Ningbo, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Zhuhai, Tianjin, Dalian, Shenyang, Qingdao, Jinan, Hohhot, Guilin, Huizhou), as well as in Hong Kong and Macau.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

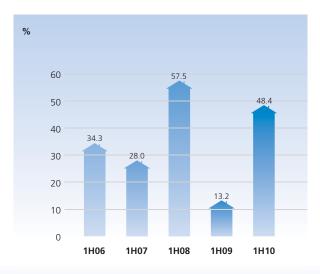


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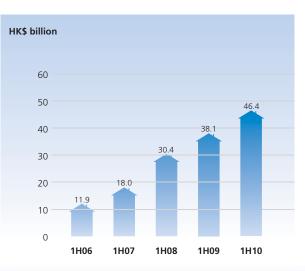
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## **Change in Net Gearing**



## Growth in Shareholders' Fund



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HONOURABLE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEES



#### Chairman

Kong Qingping

## **Honourable Chairman**

Sun Wen Jie#

#### **Executive Directors**

Hao Jian Min

Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Vice Chairman

Xiao Xiao Chen Bin Dong Daping Nip Yun Wing Luo Liang Lin Xiaofeng

#### **Non-Executive Director**

Wu Jianbin Vice Chairman

## Independent Non-Executive Directors

Li Kwok Po, David Lam Kwong Siu Wong Ying Ho, Kennedy Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita

#### **Authorized Representatives**

Kong Qingping Hao Jian Min Xiao Xiao (Alternate authorized representative to Hao Jian Min) Nip Yun Wing (Alternate authorized representative to

Kong Qingping)

#### **Audit Committee**

Li Kwok Po, David\* Lam Kwong Siu Wong Ying Ho, Kennedy Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita

#### **Remuneration Committee**

Wong Ying Ho, Kennedy\* Hao Jian Min Li Kwok Po, David Lam Kwong Siu Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita

## **Nomination Committee**

Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita\* Kong Qingping Dong Daping Li Kwok Po, David Lam Kwong Siu Wong Ying Ho, Kennedy

- \* not a director of the Company
- \* Committee Chairman

### **CORPORATE AND SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION**

## **Corporate Information**

#### **Registered Office**

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|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
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#### **Company Secretary**

Keith Cheung, Solicitor

#### Registrar

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|-------------------------|------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
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| E-mail                  | :    | is-enquiries@hk.tricorglobal.com |  |  |  |  |

#### **Legal Advisor**

JSM

#### **Auditors**

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants

#### Principal Bankers (In Alphabetical Order)

Agricultural Bank of China Bank of China Limited Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch The Bank of East Asia, Limited China Construction Bank Corporation China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. CITIC Ka Wah Bank Limited DBS Bank Ltd., Hong Kong Branch Hang Seng Bank Limited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Ltd.

#### **Shareholders' Information**

#### Share Listing

The Company's shares and bonds are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK").

#### **Stock Code** Charoc

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|-----------|---|---------|
| SEHK      | : | 00688   |
| Bloomberg | : | 688:HK  |
| Reuters   | : | 0688.HK |

#### Bond

| SEHK      | : | China OVS N1207            |
|-----------|---|----------------------------|
|           |   | Code : 2521                |
| Bloomberg | : | EF0142101                  |
| Reuters   | : | KY022045903 CINS-G2155ZAA2 |

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#### **Financial Calendar for 2010**

:

- Interim results announcement Closure of share register
- : 11 August 2010 20 September 2010 to
  - 21 September 2010 (both days inclusive) 5 October 2010

Interim dividend payable



#### **Business Review**

Affected by the Euro zone sovereignty debt crisis, the world economy has become more complicated in the first half of year 2010. Economic growth in the G-7 industrialized countries has slowed down and global liquidity has tightened. Economic development in emerging markets however was still good with China achieved GDP growth of 11.1% in the first half of the year.

Confronted with the threat of an overheating economy and taking into account also the complicated and ever changing economic conditions outside China, the Chinese government adopted active fiscal policies and a more moderately loose monetary policy to promote stable and relatively fast economic growth. Following the increase in the deposit reserve rate in January, the first in one and half years, the central bank made another two increases in the rate subsequently during the period. Rate and scale of bank lending were effectively under control. As expected by the Group at the beginning of the year, the strong rebound in the property market in 2009 and the consolidation of the property prices at a high level as well as the sharp increase in land prices in the first quarter of the year would lead to more and stricter tightening measures by the central government. This in fact was the case and the trend in the property market was eminently affected in the past few months with the transaction volumes significantly reduced and prices for some of the projects lowered. Economic development in Hong Kong and Macau was satisfactory. The property market performance was good especially in the luxury sector which the Group is focused on.

During the period, the Group as usual reacted calmly to market changes and continued to take steps to enhance actively its overall management capability. Backing on its well established trusted brand name and applying creative marketing skills, the Group provided the customers with a choice of highly differentiated and desirable products and succeeded in achieving outstanding sales performance. The property sales amount of the Group was a record high of HK\$28.10 billion for the first half of the year, of which sales of properties in mainland China amounted to HK\$28.07 billion, an increase of 9.5%. The corresponding sales area was 2.22 million sq m, a decrease of 21.1%.

The business performance of the Group for the first half of year 2010 was excellent. The profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company increased sharply by 66.7% to a record high of HK\$5.07 billion (equivalent to RMB4.46 billion).

For the six months ended 30 June 2010, the total turnover of the Group was HK\$17.55 billion, representing an increase of 13.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The turnover of the Group's property development business in mainland China was HK\$16.95 billion, accounting for 96.6% of the total turnover and representing an increase of 14.3%.

The operating profit of the Group was HK\$7.98 billion, an increase of 48.4% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The operating profit of the property development business in mainland China increased by 27.3% to HK\$6.44 billion. The gross profit margin increased from 37.3% of the corresponding period last year or 31.1% of 2009 to a higher level of 40.5%.

A total of 22 projects with GFA of 1.65 million sq m were completed for occupation in 15 cities in mainland China. The sales value of these projects made up to the end of June was HK\$12.46 billion. The Group's sales of property held for sale was satisfactory with 0.39 million sq m sold for HK\$5.78 billion.

#### Business Review (continued)

Mainly due to the payment of significant amount of land premium and repayment of all the short-term loans from the parent company during the first half of the year, the Group's consolidated net gearing increased from 22.4% (at the end of 2009) to 48.4% at end of June. As at end of June, the financial position of the Group was in a favorable condition; the equities attributable to the shareholders of the Company were increased to HK\$46.38 billion; the Group had bank loans and guaranteed notes payable amounted respectively to HK\$34.66 billion and HK\$2.33 billion; and bank balances and cash amounted to approximately HK\$14.56 billion and unutilized banking facilities amounted to approximately HK\$3.57 billion.

During the period, the investment grade rating issued by both Standard & Poor and Moody's was upgraded reflecting the recognition of the market to the Group's solid and stable financial profile and its market-leading status.

#### Prospect

The Euro zone sovereignty debt crisis to some extent will be a threat to the global economic growth. It is expected that the Euro zone is affected the most but a global financial crisis will not happen again. In order to ensure global economy recovery, stimulus measures launched by various countries and low interest rate will last for a long time. Due to the fact that the impact of the 2008 global financial crisis and the complication of economy recovery are more serious than one can expect, China is at a critical stage regarding the launch of its macro austerity measures. The challenge is to ensure that both existing urgent issues and long term structural issues are resolved while a stable and relatively fast economic growth can be achieved. GDP growth in the second quarter was decreased to 10.3%. It is expected that the rate of economic growth will continue to slow down in the second half of the year. Hence, there will not be any major change in the macroeconomic policies during the remaining part of the year though some fine tune is possible.

The Group expects the impact of the tightening measures towards property on the economy will come out more clearly in the fourth quarter of the year. Economic data for the fourth quarter will determine the future macro-economic policies. It is likely that the transaction volumes of property sales will come down further in the second half of the year. Nevertheless, the Group is optimistic about the medium and long term development of the mainland China property market since the Group firmly believes that urbanization and industrialization will generate massive genuine housing demand for some time yet. The Group will not be over-optimistic and will follow closely the change in the trend of the macro economy and the regulatory environment and will address such changes effectively and in a timely manner.

Backing on its team of quality professionals, nationwide strategic development, shrewd market judgment, Excellent Quality (精品) brand recognition, abundant financial resources coming from smooth funding channels in both domestic and overseas financial markets, corporate governance of international standard, and effective risk control policies and measures, the Group is fully confident that it will maintain its status as a sizable and strong nationwide real estate developer of international influence. Notwithstanding that the market could be complicated in the remaining part of this year the Group still maintains its target of selling not less than 4.8 million sq m and completing not less than 6 million sq m GFA for year 2010.

To ensure sustainable rapid growth, the Group will expand sources in getting high quality land reserve through various means and ways. In the first half of the year, the Group acquired 9 parcels of land in 8 cities in mainland China, adding GFA of about 2.80 million sq m to its land reserve. Taking into account the 2.30 million sq m of land reserve in China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited (formerly known as Shell Electric Mfg. (Holdings) Co. Ltd.), the Group acquired land with GFA of 5.10 million sq m in mainland China in the first half of the year. The Group also acquired 2 parcels of land in Hong Kong and Macau, with a total GFA of 40,000 sq m. As at end June, the total land bank of the Group was 34.50 million sq m (attributable interest of about 30.50 million sq m). The Group will seize opportunities to expand its land bank at low cost and is confident that the target on replenishing not less than 6 million sq m of land can be achieved.



#### Prospect (continued)

The Group strives to expedite its development through joint venture cooperation and mergers and acquisitions. In March 2010, the Group announced the setting up of a property fund. In June, interests in 3 projects developed by the Group were sold to that fund. The establishment and management of property fund is an effective way to consolidate the resources of the Group. It also provides a new channel for fund raising and allows different investors to participate and support the development of the Group's property business as well as to improve and enhance the financial flexibility and structure of the Group. The transaction on disposal of the 3 projects generated about HK\$300 million profit to the Group. The acquisition of the controlling interest of China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited was completed during the first half of the year and brought in land reserve at low cost and also about HK\$900 million profit to the Group.

The Group continues to adhere strictly to the principle of a prudent financial management policy. The Company is a Hong Kong blue chip company in the China real estate sector and has wide range of choices in Hong Kong and China as to the most appropriate and beneficial financing arrangement and hence has adequate financial resources to support its rapid business development. The net gearing ratio was temporarily increased to 48.4% at end of June. With a lot of new projects launching to the market for sale in the second half of the year, the net gearing level of the Group will be effectively controlled.

The prospect of the Group's property development business in China is bright and promising while that of Hong Kong and Macau is good. The Board is very confident of the future of the Group. The Group is of the view that property has become a pillar industry in China and is critical to the economic development of the country. To regulate the property market is one of the most effective ways to regulate the economy. Austerity measures have become common phenomenon in the property industry. Property developers like China Overseas Property, who are operationally and financially sound and have a strong brand name, have the capability to perform well in a market which is constantly regulated. Each regulation offers the Group more opportunities than challenges. The Group will persistently enhance its competitive advantages through improvement in its management capability, operation mode, product structure and branding. The edges of the Group will lead to ample opportunities and excellent performance and thus maintaining its pioneer position in the China real estate industry.

The Group will strive to achieve the corporate mission of "Sustainability, Value-adding, Harmony and Win-win". The Group will move steadily and firmly ahead with its strategy of achieving sustainable development, growing into an evergreen enterprise and attaining a win-win outcome for the Company, its shareholders, business associates, staff members and the community. The Company has become a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index in July 2010. This reflects the recognition of the market on the Group's efforts on corporate sustainability (including environmental protection, social responsibility and corporate governance).

#### **Appreciation**

I would like to thank the Board and the Group's employees for their support and hard work during the period.

By order of the Board China Overseas Land & Investment Limited Kong Qingping Chairman

Hong Kong, 11 August 2010

#### **Overall Performance**

During the period ended 30 June 2010, the turnover of the Group's continuing operations was HK\$17.55 billion (the corresponding period in 2009: HK\$15.48 billion), representing an increase of 13.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The operation profit was HK\$7.98 billion (the corresponding period in 2009: HK\$5.38 billion), representing an increase of 48.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year. Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company amounted to HK\$5.07 billion (the corresponding period in 2009: HK\$3.04 billion), representing an increase of 66.7%. Basic earnings per share was HK62.0 cents (the corresponding period in 2009: HK37.3 cents), an increase of 66.2%, while diluted earnings per share was HK62.0 cents (the corresponding period in 2009: HK37.3 cents).

As at 30 June 2010, the equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company was HK\$46.38 billion (31 December 2009: HK\$42.09 billion), an increase of 10.2%, while the book value of net asset per share was HK\$5.68 (31 December 2009: HK\$5.15), an increases of 10.3%.

#### Income

The operating income from property development business was HK\$16.98 billion, representing an increase of 12.8%. The operation income from the mainland China property development business increased by 14.3% to HK\$16.95 billion, making up 96.6% of the Group's turnover. Due to the fact that there was no project completed for occupation and the amount of property held for sale was limited, the operating income from property development in Hong Kong and Macau was HK\$28 million, representing a decrease of 87.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year.

In June, some interests in 3 projects developed by the Group were sold to a property fund which was sponsored by the Group in March 2010 ("Fund"). The transaction on disposal of the 3 projects generated about HK\$300 million profit to the Group, representing the excess of the aggregate amount of the consideration received from the Fund and the fair value of the retained interests in jointly controlled entities over the net assets derecognized. The acquisition of the controlling interest of China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited was completed during the first half of the year and the Group recorded a profit of about HK\$900 million, representing the excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed over the aggregate of the consideration paid by the Group.

Rental income of properties was HK\$169 million, representing an increase of 70.0% as compared to the corresponding period last year.

Income from other operations amounted to about HK\$400 million, representing an increase of 24.1% as compared to the corresponding period last year.



### **Profit from Operations**

During the period ended 30 June 2010, the operating profit was HK\$7.98 billion, representing an increase of 48.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The operating profit from PRC property development business amounted to HK\$6.44 billion, representing an increase of 27.3%. The profit from the China property development business was mainly attributable to sales from 22 projects completed during the period and properties held for sales. The gross profit margin of PRC property development increased from 37.3% of the corresponding period last year or 31.1% of 2009 to a higher level of 40.5%. The property development business in Hong Kong and Macau recorded a profit of HK\$10 million while the gross profit margin was 39.5%.

Investment properties continued to provide a stable source of income to the Group, contributing an operating profit of about HK\$85 million.

#### **Unallocated Administrative Expenses**

The unallocated administrative expenses of the Group for the first half of 2010 was HK\$88 million, representing a slight decrease of 1.1% as compared to the corresponding period last year.

#### **Property Development**

In the past few years, the Group adhered to its strategic plan, adjusted it business structure and devoted its resources to its property development business especially in mainland China. And no matter how the market and policy changed in the past few years, the Group managed to achieve outstanding performance with its business expanding and profits growing rapidly. The Company is the first PRC property development blue chip and a market leader.

As expected by the Group at the beginning of the year, the strong rebound in the property market in 2009 and the consolidation of the property prices at a high level as well as the sharp increase in land prices in the first quarter of the year would lead to more and stricter tightening measures by the central government. This in fact was the case and the trend in the property market was eminently affected in the past few months with the transaction volumes significantly reduced and prices for some of the projects lowered. Economic development in Hong Kong and Macau was satisfactory. The property market performance was good especially in the luxury sector which the Group is focused on. China's GDP growth in the second quarter was decreased to 10.3%. It is expected that the rate of economic growth will continue to slow down in the second half of the year. Hence, there will not be any major change in the macroeconomic policies during the remaining part of the year though some fine tune is possible. It is also likely that the transaction volumes of property sales will come down further in the second half of the year. The Group is optimistic about the medium and long term development of the mainland China property market but it will not be over-optimistic and will follow closely the change in the trend of the macro economy and the regulatory environment and will address such changes effectively and in a timely manner.

#### Property Development (Continued)

During the period, the Group as usual reacted calmly to market changes and continued to take steps to enhance actively its overall management capability. Backing on its well established trusted brand name and applying creative marketing skills, the Group provided the customers with a choice of highly differentiated and desirable products and succeeded in achieving outstanding sales performance. The property sales amount of the Group was a record high of HK\$28.10 billion for the first half of the year, an increase 7.0%. Sales of properties in mainland China amounted to HK\$28.07 billion, an increase of 9.5%, while the corresponding sales area was 2.22 million sq m, a decrease of 21.1%.

For the six months ended 30 June 2010, the total turnover of the Group was HK\$17.55 billion, representing an increase of 13.4% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The turnover of the Group's property development business in mainland China was HK\$16.95 billion, accounting for 96.6% of the total turnover and representing an increase of 14.3%.

The operating profit of the Group was HK\$7.98 billion, an increase of 48.4% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The operating profit of the property development business in mainland China increased by 27.3% to HK\$6.44 billion. Due to the fact that most of the turnover booked during the period were mainly related to either sales made after the property market recovered in 2009 or sales made before the market changed in April 2010, the gross profit margin increased from 37.3% of the corresponding period last year or 31.1% of 2009 to a higher level of 40.5%.

Notwithstanding that the market could be complicated in the remaining part of this year the Group still maintains its target of selling not less than 4.8 million sq m and completing not less than 6 million sq m GFA for year 2010.

A total of 22 projects were completed for occupation in 15 cities in mainland China with GFA of 1.65 million sq m. The sales value of these projects made up to the end of June was HK\$12.46 billion.

| City     | Name of Project                              | Total<br>GFA<br>('000 sq m) | Total<br>GFA sold<br>(′000 sq m) | Sales<br>Amount<br>(HK\$ million) |
|----------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Foshan   | Golden Sand Coast Central District (Phase I) | 175                         | 175                              | 1,680                             |
| Foshan   | Blossom Riverine Phase IIB                   | 80                          | 78                               | 720                               |
| Beijing  | Windsor Pavilion Phase I                     | 48                          | 36                               | 1,380                             |
| Chengdu  | One City South                               | 166                         | 69                               | 950                               |
| Xian     | International Community                      | 50                          | 43                               | 750                               |
| Suzhou   | Noble House Phase I                          | 70                          | 59                               | 700                               |
| Shenzhen | The Rosary Phase II                          | 45                          | 35                               | 650                               |
| Shanghai | Majestic City Phase I                        | 34                          | 20                               | 640                               |
| Total    |  | 668                         | 515                              | 7,470                             |

The major projects completed for occupation were:

The Group's sales of property held for sales was satisfactory with 0.39 million sq m sold for HK\$5.78 billion. At the end of June, property held for sales was only 0.86 million sq m.



#### Land Bank

To ensure sustainable rapid growth, the Group continued to expand sources in getting high quality land reserve through various means and ways. In the first half of the year, the Group acquired 9 parcels of land in 8 mainland China cities, adding GFA of about 2.80 million sq m to its land reserve. Taking into account the 2.30 million sq m of land reserve in China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited, the Group acquired land with GFA of 5.10 million sq m in mainland China in the first half of the year. The Group also acquired 2 parcels of land in Hong Kong and Macau. As at the end of June, the total land bank of the Group was 34.50 million sq m (attributable interest of 30.50 million sq m). The Group will seize opportunities to expand its land bank at low cost and is confident that the target on replenishing not less than 6 million sq m of land can be achieved.

The land parcels added in the first half of year 2010 were:

| City      | Name of Project                | Attributable<br>Interest | <b>Site Area</b><br>('000 sq m) | <b>GFA</b><br>('000 sq m) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chengdu   | Wuhou Longjing Village Project | 100%                     | 123                             | 430                       |
| Dalian    | Shahekou Shimenshan Project    | 100%                     | 115                             | 192                       |
| Zhongshan | Shiqi Project                  | 100%                     | 85                              | 242                       |
| Beijing   | Fengtai Project A              | 100%                     | 284                             | 506                       |
| Beijing   | Fengtai Project B              | 100%                     | 37                              | 58                        |
| Suzhou    | Binhe Road Project             | 51%                      | 44                              | 100                       |
| Zuhai     | Fuhua Project                  | 100%                     | 68                              | 239                       |
| Tijian    | Tiedong Road Project           | 50%                      | 150                             | 590                       |
| Xian      | Qujiang New District Project   | 100%                     | 100                             | 440                       |
| Macau     | District of Outer Harbour      | 100%                     | 3                               | 40                        |
| Hong Kong | Chung Hom Kok Project          | 100%                     | 3                               | 2                         |
| Total     |                                |                          | 1,012                           | 2,839                     |

#### Liquidity, Financial Resources and Gearing

The Group continued to adopt its prudent financial policies. Finance, fund utilization and fundraising activities are subject to effective centralized management and supervision. The Group maintained a cash to total assets ratio of approximately 10% as well as a reasonable gearing level.

Due to the land premium payments and the repayment of all the short-term loans from the parent company in the first half of the year, the net gearing ratio of the Group as at 30 June 2010 increased substantially to 48.4% (total borrowings less bank balances and cash and then divided by shareholders' equity), as compared with 22.4% as at the end of the previous year. Interest cover (measured by the ratio of operating profit less interest income to the total interest expenses) decreased to 16 times (the corresponding period of 2009: 17 times). Total borrowings also increased, and total finance costs increased by approximately 25.9% to HK\$510 million as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

#### Liquidity, Financial Resources and Gearing (Continued)

As at 30 June 2010, consolidated bank borrowings and guaranteed notes of the Group amounted to HK\$34.66 billion (31 December 2009: HK\$2.33 billion) and HK\$2.33 billion (31 December 2009: HK\$2.33 billion) respectively, of which 55.1% was denominated in Hong Kong dollars, 6.3% was denominated in U.S. dollars and 38.6% was denominated in Renminbi.

As at 30 June 2010, the Group had bank balances and cash amounting to approximately HK\$14.56 billion (of which 29.0% was denominated in Hong Kong dollars, 19.6% was denominated in U.S. dollars, 51.4% was denominated in Renminbi and minimal amounts were denominated in other currencies) and unutilized banking facilities amounting to approximately HK\$3.57 billion. All bank borrowings of the Group were interest-bearing at floating rates.

The Group has not invested in any other derivatives either for hedging or speculative purposes. Taking into account of the potential increase in interest rates and the possible fluctuations in the exchange rate of Renminbi, the Group will prudently consider entering into currency and interest rate swap arrangements to minimize such exposures if and when appropriate.

#### **Awards**

During the period, the Company and its subsidiaries won numerous prizes and awards for their outstanding performance in quality, design, management and corporate citizenship. In March, the Company was awarded the "2009 Leading China Property Brands" by the China Real Estate Top 10 Research Team. It was the only China Property company selected by the Financial Times to enter into the FT Global 500 in 2010 and acknowledged by the Capital Week as "Number one Listed Property Enterprises" in terms of consolidated strength. All these further demonstrate the prestige brand name and reputation of the Group.

#### **Corporate Citizenship**

The Group has always been actively performing its corporate social responsibilities through participating in public charity and community activities since its establishment. Once natural disaster occurred, the Company will take immediate actions to raise funds and goods donations to help the victims of the affected area. In May this year, the Group made money and goods donations to the victims of the Yushu Earthquake amounting to approximately HK\$2 million and also took prompt actions to make a donation of RMB1 million to Baise of Guangxi Province, which has been severely hit by the drought in Southwest China.

While committed to maintain smooth corporate operation and to ensure sustainable development of the Company, the Group also actively participates in supporting and subsidising education. In July this year, the main body of the China Overseas Shaling Hope School in Shaling of Shenyang Province which the Group has invested over RMB 6,000,000 has been completed and the school is expected to commence operation in the year. This is the sixth Hope School donated and built by the Group in China. The Group will continue to devote itself to fulfilling its commitment to donate and build one Hope School in China every year.



#### Corporate Citizenship (Continued)

In July, the Company was awarded "Top 20 Corporate Socially Responsible Real Property Enterprises in China in 2010" by the China Property and Housing Research Community of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (住建部中國 房地產及住宅研究會) and Economic Observer (經濟觀察報). This fully displays the extensive recognition of the active corporate citizenship obligation fulfillment of the Company by the community. The Company has also been admitted to the "Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index" which further displays its capability and image as well as the high recognition of its sustainability by the society.

#### **Human Resources**

As at 30 June 2010, the Group had 12,865 employees. By business segment, 2,397 and 10,468 employees were employed in the property business and property management respectively. By geographical location, 1,379 employees were based in Hong Kong and Macau and 11,486 employees were based in Mainland China.

The Group firmly believes that human resources are the most valuable assets of the Company and has formulated a human resources management system promoting personal development, good working atmosphere and effective motivation and rewards for all the staff. The Group encourages and fully supports its employees to pursue in ongoing self enhancement and life-long learning, and good learning environment is provided for the staff through establishing network training platforms and holding training seminars for senior managerial staff. In respect of talent recruitment, "Sons of the Sea (海 之子)" and "Sea's Recruits (海納)" schemes have become more integrated since their implementation, and have recruited a large number of quality talented staff for the sustainable and stable development of the Company.

The unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2010 and the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2009 are as follows:

|   | Notes    | Six months en<br>2010<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited)                     | <b>ded 30 June</b><br>2009<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
|---|----------|--|---|
| Turnover<br>Cost of sales<br>Direct operating expenses  | 3        | 17,550,310<br>(10,098,941)<br>(300,651)                              | 15,478,979<br>(9,420,274)<br>(246,387)                |
| Gain on disposal of subsidiaries<br>Discount on acquisition of subsidiaries<br>Other income<br>Selling and distribution costs<br>Administrative expenses  | 12<br>13 | 7,150,718<br>296,966<br>905,718<br>334,065<br>(193,908)<br>(514,196) | 5,812,318<br>–<br>226,218<br>(255,167)<br>(405,208)   |
| Operating profit<br>Share of profits (losses) of<br>Associates<br>Jointly controlled entities<br>Finance costs  | 4        | 7,979,363<br>(4,156)<br>24,239<br>(187,300)                          | 5,378,161<br>(6,306)<br>(10,927)<br>(220,361)         |
| Profit before tax<br>Income tax expense   | 5<br>6   | 7,812,146<br>(2,570,858)   | 5,140,567<br>(2,072,150)                              |
| Profit for the period   |          | 5,241,288  | 3,068,417   |
| Other comprehensive income<br>Exchange differences arising on translation<br>Share of exchange difference of jointly controlled entities<br>Change in fair value of investments in syndicated<br>property project companies<br>Reclassification adjustment of other reserve upon<br>realisation of assets |          | 331,667<br>72,850<br>970<br>–  | (85,756)<br>1,383<br>4,963<br>10,634                  |
| Other comprehensive income for the period (net of tax)  |          | 405,487  | (68,776)  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period   |          | 5,646,775  | 2,999,641   |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)



|  | Six months ended 30 June |                                 |                                 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Notes                    | 2010<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) | 2009<br>HK\$'000<br>(Unaudited) |
| Profit for the period attributable to:             |                          | E 065 746                       |                                 |
| Owners of the Company<br>Non-controlling interests |                          | 5,065,746<br>175,542            | 3,038,543<br>29,874             |
|  |                          | 5,241,288                       | 3,068,417                       |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to:        |                          |                                 |                                 |
| Owners of the Company<br>Non-controlling interests |                          | 5,467,725<br>179,050            | 3,004,543<br>(4,902)            |
|  |                          | 5,646,775                       | 2,999,641                       |
|  | 2                        | HK cents                        | HK cents                        |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE<br>Basic                        | 8                        | 62.0                            | 37.3                            |
| Diluted  |                          | 62.0                            | 37.3                            |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|  | 30 June     | 31 December |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2010        | 2009        |
| Notes  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    |
|  | (Unaudited) | (Audited)   |
| Non-current Assets                                     |             |             |
| Investment properties                                  | 8,475,612   | 7,747,599   |
| Property, plant and equipment                          | 281,576     | 248,500     |
| Prepaid lease payments for land                        | 57,075      | 52,379      |
| Interests in associates                                | 174,947     | 180,600     |
| Interests in jointly controlled entities               | 5,896,984   | 2,558,944   |
| Investments in syndicated property project companies   | 21,943      | 20,971      |
| Amounts due from associates                            | 91,589      | 87,424      |
| Amounts due from jointly controlled entities           | 12,567,893  | 9,172,006   |
| Amounts due from syndicated property project companies | 436         | 436         |
| Other intangible assets                                | 41,110      | -           |
| Other financial assets                                 | 139,935     | 30,161      |
| Goodwill   | 109,021     | 109,021     |
| Deferred tax assets                                    | 831,359     | 650,791     |
|  | 28,689,480  | 20,858,832  |
| Current Assets   |             |             |
| Inventories  | 4,697       | 3,718       |
| Stock of properties                                    | 80,990,509  | 50,447,028  |
| Prepaid lease payments for land                        | 2,214       | 4,013       |
| Trade and other receivables 9                          | 994,427     | 1,120,299   |
| Deposits and prepayments                               | 1,858,179   | 1,059,712   |
| Deposits for land to be developed for sale             | 6,729,203   | 15,934,835  |
| Amount due from an associate                           | 76,227      | 142,929     |
| Amounts due from jointly controlled entities           | 2,516,172   | 276,369     |
| Amounts due from non-controlling shareholders          | 129,773     | 75,007      |
| Tax prepaid  | 601,853     | 331,926     |
| Bank balances and cash                                 | 14,423,238  | 23,862,725  |
|  | 108,326,492 | 93,258,561  |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF



FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

|  | Notes | 30 June<br>2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | 31 December<br>2009<br><i>HK\$'000</i><br>(Audited) |
|--|-------|---|---|
| Current Liabilities                          |       |   |   |
| Trade and other payables                     | 10    | 11,746,426  | 10,963,564  |
| Pre-sales deposits                           |       | 20,232,990  | 17,522,447  |
| Rental and other deposits                    |       | 706,838   | 1,240,783   |
| Amount due to immediate holding company      |       | -   | 9,659,281   |
| Amount due to a fellow subsidiary            |       | 251,219   | 251,292   |
| Amounts due to associates                    |       | 213,326   | 209,906   |
| Amounts due to jointly controlled entities   |       | 1,751,668   | 524,249   |
| Amounts due to non-controlling shareholders  |       | 69,777  | _   |
| Tax liabilities                              |       | 6,945,729   | 5,459,135   |
| Bank loans – due within one year             |       | 5,737,001   | 4,364,155   |
|  |       | 47,654,974  | 50,194,812  |
| Net Current Assets                           |       | 60,671,518  | 43,063,749  |
|  |       | 89,360,998  | 63,922,581  |
| Capital and Reserves                         |       |   |   |
| Share capital                                | 11    | 817,209   | 816,902   |
| Reserves                                     |       | 45,559,614  | 41,276,170  |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company |       | 46,376,823  | 42,093,072  |
| Non-controlling interests                    |       | 4,294,164   | (283,441)   |
|  |       | 4,234,104   | (205,441)   |
| Total Equity                                 |       | 50,670,987  | 41,809,631  |
| Non-current Liabilities                      |       |   |   |
| Bank loans – due after one year              |       | 28,919,896  | 16,969,870  |
| Guaranteed notes payable                     |       | 2,333,923   | 2,332,426   |
| Amounts due to non-controlling shareholders  |       | 838,420   | 820,310   |
| Deferred tax liabilities                     |       | 6,597,772   | 1,990,344   |
|  |       | 38,690,011  | 22,112,950  |
|  |       | 89,360,998  | 63,922,581  |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

|   | Six months ended 30 June |             |  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|--|
|   | 2010                     | 2009        |  |
|   | HK\$'000                 | HK\$'000    |  |
|   | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |  |
| NET CASH (USED IN) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES                            | (7,452,020)              | 9,796,352   |  |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES  |                          |             |  |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired) | (1,870,720)              | -           |  |
| Capital contributions to jointly controlled entities                    | (1,525,203)              | (251,016)   |  |
| Disposal of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents disposed of) | 1,052,453                | _           |  |
| Other investing cash flows  | (468,906)                | (429,362)   |  |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES                                   | (2,812,376)              | (680,378)   |  |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES  |                          |             |  |
| Net proceeds from issued of shares                                      | 3,346                    | 2,482,313   |  |
| Cash dividend paid  | (1,062,393)              | (571,531)   |  |
| New bank loans raised   | 14,188,858               | 3,224,334   |  |
| Repayment of bank loans   | (2,678,540)              | (4,216,676) |  |
| Repayment to immediate holding company                                  | (9,659,281)              | -           |  |
| Other financing cash flows  | (320,604)                | (220,914)   |  |
| NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES                                      | 471,386                  | 697,526     |  |
| NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                    | (9,793,010)              | 9,813,500   |  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD                        | 23,781,456               | 8,503,257   |  |
| EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES                                 | 73,527                   | 210,008     |  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD                              | 14,061,973               | 18,526,765  |  |
| ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                   |                          |             |  |
| Bank balances and cash  | 14,423,238               | 18,538,690  |  |
| Less : restricted bank balances   | (361,265)                | (11,925)    |  |
|   | 14,061,973               | 18,526,765  |  |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY



|   | Attributable to the Company  |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|   | Share<br>capital<br>HK\$'000 | Share<br>premium<br>HK\$'000 | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Other<br>reserves<br>HK\$'000 | PRC<br>statutory<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Retained<br>profits<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>НК\$'000 | Non-controlling<br>interests<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>НК\$′000 |
| At 1 January 2009   | 785,070                      | 16,336,796                   | 18,798                                       | 3,473,880                     | 501,963                                 | 12,103,275                      | 33,219,782               | (335,394)                                | 32,884,388               |
| Total comprehensive income and  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| expense for the period  | -                            | -                            | -  | (34,000)                      | -                                       | 3,038,543                       | 3,004,543                | (4,902)                                  | 2,999,641                |
| 2008 final dividend paid  | -                            | -                            | -  | -                             | -                                       | (571,531)                       | (571,531)                | -  | (571,531)                |
| Issue of shares upon exercise of  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| share options   | 94                           | 1,144                        | -  | (181)                         | -                                       | -                               | 1,057                    | -  | 1,057                    |
| Share issue expenses – share options                                    | -                            | (622)                        | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | (622)                    | -  | (622)                    |
| Issue of shares upon open offer   | 31,403                       | 2,480,821                    | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | 2,512,224                | -  | 2,512,224                |
| Share issue expenses – open offer                                       | -                            | (30,346)                     | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | (30,346)                 | -  | (30,346)                 |
| Recognition of share-based payments<br>Dividend paid to non-controlling | -                            | -                            | -  | 100                           | -                                       | -                               | 100                      | -  | 100                      |
| shareholders  | -                            | -                            | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | -                        | (129,058)                                | (129,058)                |
| Transfer to PRC statutory reserve                                       | -                            | -                            | -  | -                             | 114,930                                 | (114,930)                       | -                        | -  | -                        |
| At 30 June 2009   | 816,567                      | 18,787,793                   | 18,798                                       | 3,439,799                     | 616,893                                 | 14,455,357                      | 38,135,207               | (469,354)                                | 37,665,853               |
| Total comprehensive income  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| for the period  | -                            | -                            | -  | 95,408                        | -                                       | 4,430,385                       | 4,525,793                | 141,729                                  | 4,667,522                |
| Issue of shares upon exercise of  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| share options   | 335                          | 4,056                        | -  | (647)                         | -                                       | -                               | 3,744                    | -  | 3,744                    |
| Share issue expenses – share options                                    | -                            | (4)                          | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | (4)                      | -  | (4)                      |
| Recognition of share-based payments                                     | -                            | -                            | -  | 99                            | -                                       | -                               | 99                       | -  | 99                       |
| Contributions from non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries         | _                            | _                            | _  | _                             | _                                       | _                               | -                        | 49,145                                   | 49,145                   |
| 2009 interim dividend paid  | _                            | _                            | _  | _                             | _                                       | (571,767)                       | (571,767)                | -  | (571,767)                |
| Dividend paid to non-controlling  |                              |                              |  |                               |   | (371,707)                       | (371,707)                |  | (371,707)                |
| shareholders  | -                            | _                            | _  | _                             | _                                       | _                               | _                        | (29,787)                                 | (29,787)                 |
| Acquisition of additional interest in                                   |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          | (23,707)                                 | (25,707)                 |
| a subsidiary  | -                            | _                            | _  | _                             | _                                       | _                               | _                        | 82,156                                   | 82,156                   |
| Return of capital to  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          | 02,150                                   | 02,150                   |
| non-controlling shareholders  | -                            | _                            | _  | _                             | _                                       | _                               | _                        | (57,330)                                 | (57,330)                 |
| Transfer to PRC statutory reserve                                       | -                            | -                            | _  | -                             | 102,818                                 | (102,818)                       | -                        | (57,550)                                 | (57,550)                 |
| At 31 December 2009   | 816,902                      | 18,791,845                   | 18,798                                       | 3,534,659                     | 719,711                                 | 18,211,157                      | 42,093,072               | (283,441)                                | 41,809,631               |
| Total comprehensive income  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| for the period  | -                            | _                            | -  | 401,979                       | _                                       | 5,065,746                       | 5,467,725                | 179,050                                  | 5,646,775                |
| 2009 final dividend paid  | _                            | _                            | _  |                               | _                                       | (1,062,393)                     | (1,062,393)              |  | (1,062,393)              |
| Issue of shares upon exercise of  |                              |                              |  |                               |   | (1,002,555)                     | (1,002,555)              |  | (1,002,555)              |
| share options   | 307                          | 3,630                        | -  | (591)                         | -                                       | -                               | 3,346                    | -  | 3,346                    |
| Realisation of exchange gain upon                                       |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| disposal of subsidiaries  | -                            | -                            | -  | (186,153)                     | -                                       | 186,153                         | -                        | -  | -                        |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries   | -                            | -                            | -  | -                             | -                                       | -                               | -                        | 4,244,877                                | 4,244,877                |
| Acquisition of additional interest in                                   |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| subsidiaries (note i)   | -                            | -                            | -  | 49,888                        | -                                       | -                               | 49,888                   | (197,556)                                | (147,668)                |
| Deemed disposal of certain interest in                                  |                              |                              |  |                               |   |                                 |                          |  |                          |
| subsidiaries (note ii)  | -                            | -                            | -  | (174,815)                     | -                                       | -                               | (174,815)                | 351,234                                  | 176,419                  |
| Transfer to PRC statutory reserve                                       | -                            | -                            | -  | -                             | 21,591                                  | (21,591)                        | -                        | -  | -                        |
|   | 817,209                      | 18,795,475                   | 18,798                                       | 3,624,967                     | 741,302                                 |                                 |                          | 4,294,164                                | 50,670,987               |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) The amount represents the discount on acquisition of 4.34% interest in China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited (formerly known as Shell Electric Mfg. (Holdings) Co. Ltd.) ("COGO"). Details as set out in note 13a.
- (ii) The amount represents the loss on deemed disposal of interest in COGO from 54.44% to 50.1% when COGO issued new shares of 41,000,000 for placement and issued new shares of 46,013,333 to cancel certain management options in COGO.



#### 1. 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. Application of New and Revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs")

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

The accounting polices used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("new and revised HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

| HKFRSs (Amendments)<br>HKFRSs (Amendments) | Amendment to HKFRS 5 as part of Improvements to HKFRSs 2008<br>Improvements to HKFRSs 2009 |
|--|--|
| HKAS 27 (Revised)                          | •  |
| ( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,    | Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements   |
| HKAS 39 (Amendment)                        | Eligible Hedged Items  |
| HKFRS 1 (Amendment)                        | Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters  |
| HKFRS 2 (Amendment)                        | Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions  |
| HKFRS 3 (Revised)                          | Business Combinations  |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 17                           | Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners   |

#### **HKFRS 3 (Revised 2008) Business Combinations**

The Group applies HKFRS 3 (Revised 2008) prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after 1 January 2010 has had no material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current and prior periods.

#### 2. Application of New and Revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

#### **HKAS 27 (Revised 2008) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements**

The application of HKAS 27 (Revised 2008) has resulted in a change in the Group's accounting policies regarding increases or decreases in ownership interests in subsidiaries of the Group. In prior years, in the absence of specific requirements in HKFRSs, increases in interests in existing subsidiaries were treated in the same manner as the acquisition of subsidiaries, with goodwill or a discount on acquisition being recognised where appropriate; for decreases in interests in existing subsidiaries that did not involve a loss of control, the difference between the consideration received and the carrying amount of the share of net assets disposed of, was recognised in profit or loss. Under HKAS 27 (Revised 2008), all such increases or decreases are dealt with in equity, with no impact on goodwill or profit or loss. As a result, the Group has recognised discount on acquisition of approximately HK\$49,888,000 and loss of approximately HK\$174,815,000 in respect of acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries and deemed disposal of subsidiaries respectively in equity for the period ended 30 June 2010. Details as set out in note 13.

When control of a subsidiary is lost as a result of a transaction, event or other circumstances, the revised Standard requires that the Group derecognises all assets, liabilities and non-controlling interests at their carrying amount. Any retained interest in the former subsidiary is recognised at its fair value at the date the control is lost. A gain or loss on loss of control is recognised in profit or loss as the difference between the proceeds, if any, and these adjustments. The Group disposed of certain subsidiaries which become jointly controlled entities after disposal. The retained interests in these subsidiaries are recognised at its fair value of approximately HK\$1,179,060,000. Gain on loss of control of approximately HK\$296,966,000 has been recorded for the period ended 30 June 2010. Details as set out in note 12. Had the previous accounting policy been applied, the profit for the six months period ended 30 June 2010 would have been decreased by approximately HK\$215,046,000.

Except as described above the adoption of other new and revised HKFRSs has had no material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current and prior periods.

The Group has not early applied the following new or revised standards, amendments or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective:

| HKFRSs (Amendments)          | Improvements to HKFRSs 2010 <sup>1</sup>  |
|------------------------------|---|
| HKAS 24 (Revised)            | Related Party Disclosures <sup>₄</sup>  |
| HKAS 32 (Amendment)          | Classification of Rights Issues <sup>2</sup>  |
| HKFRS 1 (Amendment)          | Limited Exemption from Comparative HKFRS 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters <sup>3</sup> |
| HKFRS 9                      | Financial Instruments <sup>5</sup>  |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 (Amendment) | Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement <sup>4</sup>                                   |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 19             | Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments <sup>3</sup>                    |



#### 2. Application of New and Revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010 and 1 January 2011, as appropriate
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2010
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### 3. Turnover and Contribution

The Group has adopted HKFRS 8 Operating Segment with effect from 1 January 2009. HKFRS 8 is a disclosure standard that requires operating segment to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of allocating resources to segments and assessing their performance.

The Group is organized into business units based on their products and services, based on which information is prepared and reported to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of performance. The Group's operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are as follows:

| Property development | _ | development and sales of properties                                    |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Property investment  | - | property letting   |
| Other operations     | _ | mainly represent property management, property agency, building design |

ions – mainly represent property management, property agency, building design consultancy services and securities trading

## 3. Turnover and Contribution (Continued)

#### Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segments:

Six months ended 30 June 2010

|                 | Property<br>development<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Property<br>investment<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Other<br>Operations<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Consolidated<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|-----------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Segment revenue | 16,983,291                                 | 168,773                                   | 398,246                                | 17,550,310                      |
| Segment profit  | 6,504,185                                  | 85,071                                    | 920                                    | 6,590,176                       |

Six months ended 30 June 2009

|                 | Property<br>development<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Property<br>investment<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Other<br>Operations<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Consolidated<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|-----------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Segment revenue | 15,058,836                                 | 99,324                                    | 320,819                                | 15,478,979                      |
| Segment profit  | 5,223,031                                  | 90,988                                    | (13,295)                               | 5,300,724                       |



#### 3. Turnover and Contribution (Continued)

## Reconciliation of reportable segment profit to the consolidated profit before taxation

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of gain on disposal of subsidiaries, discount on acquisition of subsidiaries, interest income, central administration costs, directors' salaries, share of results of associates and jointly controlled entities, and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

|  | Six months ended 30 June |                  |  |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|
|  | 2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i>  | 2009<br>HK\$'000 |  |
| Reportable segment profits                               | 6,590,176                | 5,300,724        |  |
| Unallocated items:                                       |                          |                  |  |
| Interest income  | 274,662                  | 166,675          |  |
| Gain on disposal of subsidiaries                         | 296,966                  | -                |  |
| Discount on acquisition of subsidiaries                  | 905,718                  | -                |  |
| Share of losses of associates                            | (4,156)                  | (6,306)          |  |
| Share of profits (losses) of jointly controlled entities | 24,239                   | (10,927)         |  |
| Corporate expenses                                       | (88,159)                 | (89,238)         |  |
| Finance costs  | (187,300)                | (220,361)        |  |
| Consolidated profit before tax                           | 7,812,146                | 5,140,567        |  |

## 4. Finance Costs

|   | Six months e<br>2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | nded 30 June<br>2009<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years                        | 409,055                                 | 304,818                                 |
| Interest on guaranteed notes wholly repayable<br>within five years<br>Imputed interest expenses on amounts due to | 67,275                                  | 67,275                                  |
| non-controlling shareholders<br>Other finance costs   | 21,961<br>11,641                        | 24,362<br>8,565                         |
| Total finance cost<br>Less: Amount capitalised in properties under development                                    | 509,932<br>(322,632)                    | 405,020<br>(184,659)                    |
|   | 187,300                                 | 220,361                                 |

## 5. Profit before Tax

|   | Six months en           | Six months ended 30 June |  |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | 2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2009<br>HK\$'000         |  |
| Profit before tax has been arrived at after charging (crediting):<br>Depreciation | 17,210                  | 15,596                   |  |
| Interest income   | (274,662)               | (166,675)                |  |

#### 6. Income Tax Expense

|                                       | Six months er           | ided 30 June     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|                                       | 2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2009<br>HK\$'000 |
| Current tax:                          |                         |                  |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax                 | -                       | 17,870           |
| Macau income tax                      | 806                     | 15,012           |
| PRC Enterprise income tax ("EIT")     | 1,542,266               | 1,233,816        |
| PRC Land appreciation tax ("LAT")     | 1,255,444               | 764,612          |
|                                       | 2,798,516               | 2,031,310        |
| Under(over) provision in prior years: |                         |                  |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax                 | -                       | 62               |
| EIT                                   | (2,452)                 | (45,791)         |
| LAT                                   | (4,375)                 | (9,382)          |
|                                       | (6,827)                 | (55,111)         |
| Deferred tax:                         |                         |                  |
| Current period                        | (220,831)               | 95,951           |
| Total:                                | 2,570,858               | 2,072,150        |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2009: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the period.

Under the Law of the People's Republic of China on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, except for certain PRC subsidiaries of the Company which are taxed at concessionary rates due to transitional provisions, the statutory tax rate of the Company's PRC subsidiaries is 25% from 1 January 2008 onwards.



#### 6. Income Tax Expense (Continued)

The provision for LAT is estimated according to the requirements set forth in the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations. LAT has been provided at ranges of progressive rates of the appreciation value, with certain allowable deductions.

Macau Income Tax is calculated at the rate prevailing in Macau.

The group has no significant income tax recognised in other comprehensive income for both periods.

#### 7. Dividends

On 18 June 2010, a dividend of HK13 cents per share (2009: final dividend of HK7 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2008) was paid to shareholders as the final dividend for 2009.

The directors have determined that an interim dividend at HK10 cents per share (2009:HK7 cents per share) will be paid to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Members on 21 September 2010.

#### 8. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$5,065,746,000 (2009: HK\$3,038,543,000) and on the weighted average number of 8,169,767,000 (2009: 8,138,734,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of the diluted earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$5,065,746,000 (2009: HK\$3,038,543,000) and on the weighted average number of 8,174,945,000 (2009: 8,148,486,000) ordinary shares in issue and issuable after adjusting for the weighted average number of dilutive potential ordinary shares in respect of share options granted of 5,178,000 (2009: 9,752,000) ordinary shares on the assumption that all share options were exercised during the period.

The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation of earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2009 has accounted for the effect of issuance of new shares pursuant to the open offer which was completed on 3 February 2009.

#### 9. Trade and Other Receivables

Proceeds receivable in respect of sale of properties are settled in accordance with the terms stipulated in the sale and purchase agreements.

Except for the proceeds receivable from sales of properties and rental income from lease of properties which are payable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements, the Group generally allows a credit period of not exceeding 60 days to its customers.

The following is an aged analysis of trade and other receivables presented based on invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|   | 30 June<br>2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 31 December<br>2009<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Trade receivable, aged<br>0-30 days<br>31-90 days<br>Over 90 days | 416,282<br>83,333<br>253,705       | 456,328<br>112,286<br>385,014          |
| Other receivables   | 753,320<br>241,107<br>994,427      | 953,628<br>166,671<br>1,120,299        |

Before accepting any customer, the Group uses an internal credit assessment system to assess the potential customers' credit quality and defines credit limits by customer.

The Group has minimal trade receivable balances which are past due at the reporting date.

In determining the recoverability of trade receivable, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivable from the date credit was initially granted up to the reporting period. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated. Accordingly, the directors believe that there is no credit provision required as at the end of the reporting period.



## **10. Trade and Other Payables**

The following is an aged analysis of trade and other payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|                      | 30 June<br>2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 31 December<br>2009<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Trade payables, aged |                                    |  |
| 0-30 days            | 4,284,722                          | 4,432,739                              |
| 31-90 days           | 513,634                            | 736,717                                |
| Over 90 days         | 3,633,859                          | 2,756,358                              |
|                      | 8,432,215                          | 7,925,814                              |
| Other payables       | 1,941,519                          | 1,706,713                              |
| Retentions payable   | 1,372,692                          | 1,331,037                              |
|                      | 11,746,426                         | 10,963,564                             |

Other payables mainly include receipt in advance, other tax payable and sundry accrued charges.

Of the retention payable, an amount of HK\$664 million (31 December 2009: HK\$762 million) is due beyond twelve months from the end of the reporting period.

## **11. Share Capital**

|   | Number of<br>shares<br>′000 | Nominal<br>value<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each<br>Authorised   | 10,000,000                  | 1,000,000                    |
| Issued and fully paid<br>At 1 January 2009<br>Issue of shares upon open offer<br>Issue of shares upon exercise of share options | 7,850,699<br>314,028<br>946 | 785,070<br>31,403<br>94      |
| At 30 June 2009<br>Issue of shares upon exercise of share options   | 8,165,673<br>3,350          | 816,567<br>335               |
| At 31 December 2009 and 1 January 2010<br>Issue of shares upon exercise of share options  | 8,169,023<br>3,071          | 816,902<br>307               |
| At 30 June 2010   | 8,172,094                   | 817,209                      |

#### **12. Disposal of Subsidiaries**

(a) On 17 March 2010, the Company and one of its subsidiaries (the "Group") entered into a joint venture agreement with other independent third parties and a connected party for establishment and management of Harmony China Real Estate Fund L.P. ("HCREF") to invest real estate projects in the PRC. By 30 June 2010, the Group has invested US\$120 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$936 million) and held 41.87% equity in HCREF.

On 22 June 2010, China Overseas (Zhong Guo) Limited ("COZG"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Sale and Purchase Agreement ("S&P agreement") with HCREF in respect of the sale by COZG to HCREF of 65% equity interest in and shareholder's loans to Novel Wisdom Limited ("Novel Wisdom"), 30% equity interest in and shareholder's loans to Ring Tide Limited ("Ring Tide") and the entire interest in Asia World (H.K) Limited ("Asia World") respectively, for a total consideration of HK\$1,234,599,600 (equivalent to US\$158,282,000). Novel Wisdom was an investment holding company which indirectly helds 49% interest in 中海地產(瀋陽)有限公司 ("Shenyang Project Co"), a company established in the PRC and is principally engaged in property development. Ring Tide was an investment holding company which indirectly held entire interest in 中海地產(青島)投資開發有限公司 ("Qingdao Project Co"), a company established in the PRC owing land use right in respect of a piece of land located in Shibei District, Qingdao City, PRC.

It is expected that shortly after completion of disposal as mention above, Asia World will be required to contribute to 中海鼎業(西安)房地產有限公司("Xian Project Co") an amount of HK\$538,200,000 (equivalent to US\$69,000,000) for perfecting Asia World's 30% ownership in Xian Project Co as a result of a pending capital increase in Xian Project Co. The Group is required to inject additional capital amounting of HK\$202,800,000 (equivalent to US\$26,000,000) and will hold 70% attributable interest after such capital increase. The capital increase in Xian Project Co has not yet completed as at 30 June 2010.

Pursuant to the joint venture agreement which signed among the Company and HCREF on 25 June 2010, the Group and the HCREF has joint control over Novel Wisdom, Shenyang Project Co, Ring Tide, and Qingdao Project Co. These disposed subsidiaries were therefore derecognised as the wholly-owned subsidiaries and accounted for as jointly controlled entities using equity method from 25 June 2010.



## 12. Disposal of Subsidiaries (Continued)

(a) (Continued)

The net assets of the subsidiaries at the date of disposal were as follows:

|   | HK\$'000    |
|---|-------------|
| Property, plant and equipment                           | 3,905       |
| Stock of properties                                     | 6,245,003   |
| Trade and other receivables                             | 44,242      |
| Deposits and prepayments                                | 40,189      |
| Amount due from a shareholder                           | 122,579     |
| Tax prepaid   | 23,185      |
| Bank balances and cash                                  | 186,599     |
| Trade and other payables                                | (31,133)    |
| Amounts due to shareholders                             | (2,154,039) |
| Pre-sale deposits                                       | (739,368)   |
|   | 3,741,162   |
| Gain on disposal  | 296,366     |
| Total consideration                                     | 4,037,528   |
| Satisfied by:   |             |
| Cash  | 1,234,599   |
| Interests in jointly controlled entities, at fair value | 1,173,930   |
| Amount due from jointly controlled entities             | 1,628,999   |
|   | 4,037,528   |
| Net cash inflow arising on disposal:                    |             |
| Cash consideration received                             | 1,234,599   |
| Less: Bank balances and cash disposed of                | (186,599)   |
|   | 1,048,000   |

During the period ended 30 June 2010, the disposed subsidiaries had contributed to the Group's operating cash flow of approximately HK\$279,898,000, investing cash outflow of approximately HK\$208,000 and financing cash outflow of approximately HK\$500,900,000. The profits of the disposed subsidiaries included in the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements amounted to approximately HK\$47,011,000.

#### 12. Disposal of Subsidiaries (Continued)

(b) On 10 September 2009, China Overseas Development (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("China Overseas Shanghai") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), has won an open tender for the acquisition of the land at a price of RMB7,006 million (approximately HK\$7,961 million).

Pursuant to the tender documents, China Overseas Shanghai has set up 上海海創房地產有限公司 ("上海海創") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Overseas Shanghai with a paid-up registered capital of RMB10 million (approximately HK\$11.5 million)) as the project company to hold and develop the land.

On 24 September 2009, China Overseas Shanghai, China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited ("CSCECL") (an intermediate holding company of the Company) and China State Construction No.8 Engineering Corporation Limited ("CSCNO.8") (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSCECL) entered into a joint venture agreement, pursuant to which China Overseas Shanghai, CSCECL and CSCNO.8 shall form a joint venture by a transfer of 50% equity interest in 上海海創 ("JV Company") by China Overseas Shanghai to CSCECL and CSCNO.8 at a total cash consideration of RMB 5 million (representing 50% of the JV Company's existing fully paid registered capital), such that the equity interests of 上海海創 would be owned by China Overseas Shanghai, CSCECL and CSCNO.8 as to 50%, 30% and 20%, respectively. The transaction was completed on 10 June 2010 and 上海 海創 became a jointly controlled entity of the Company.

The net assets of 上海海創 at the date of disposal were as follows:

|  | HK\$'000    |
|--|-------------|
| Stock of properties                                  | 8,327,448   |
| Bank balances and cash                               | 1,278       |
| Amount due to an intermediate holding company        | (8,027,282) |
| Amount due to a shareholder                          | (170,734)   |
| Other payables                                       | (120,449)   |
|  | 10,261      |
| Gain on disposal                                     | 600         |
| Total consideration                                  | 10,861      |
| Satisfied by:  |             |
| Cash   | 5,731       |
| Interest in jointly controlled entity, at fair value | 5,130       |
|  | 10,861      |
| Net cash inflow arising on disposal:                 |             |
| Cash consideration received                          | 5,731       |
| Less: Bank balances and cash disposed of             | (1,278)     |
|  | 4,453       |



#### 12. Disposal of Subsidiaries (Continued)

(b) (Continued)

During the period ended 30 June 2010, the disposed subsidiary had contributed to the Group's operating cash outflow of approximately HK\$3,959,522,000 and financing cash flow of approximately HK\$3,690,685,000. The loss of the disposed subsidiary included in the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements amounted to approximately HK\$126,000.

#### 13. Acquisition of Subsidiaries

(a) On 9 September 2009, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited (formerly known as Shell Electric Mfg. (Holdings) Co. Ltd.) ("COGO"), a public limited company incorporated in Hong Kong and its shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Company, or one or more special purpose vehicles wholly-owned by the Company (the "Offeror") subscribed for 157,045,368 shares at a consideration of HK\$2.90 per share in cash (the "Subscription"), representing approximately 30% of the issued share capital of COGO as at 9 September 2009 and approximately 23.08% of the issued share capital of COGO as enlarged by the Subscription. Star Amuse Limited ("Star Amuse"), an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, subscribed 157,045,368 shares at a cash consideration of approximately HK\$455 million and accordingly, completion of the Subscription took place on 10 February 2010.

Upon the completion of the Subscription on 10 February 2010, Star Amuse made a voluntary unconditional cash offer (the "Offer") to the shareholders of COGO to acquire all the shares other than those already held or agreed to be acquired by the Star Amuse and parties acting in concert with it ("Offer Share"), on the basis of HK\$5.00 ("Share Offer Price") in cash for each Offer Share. At the closing date of the Offer, 29 March 2010, Star Amuse has received the valid acceptance in respective of 213,412,876 shares under Offer Share at a cash consideration of approximately HK\$1,067 million. Immediately after the Offer, Star Amuse held 370,458,244 shares of COGO representing approximately 54.44% of the entire issued shares of COGO.

According to the subscription agreement, Mr. Billy K. Yung, the director and a substantial shareholder of COGO, undertakes that, he would use his best endeavours to procure other substantial shareholders to accept the Offer to the extent that Star Amuse would own no less than 50.1% of the issued share capital of COGO as enlarged by the Subscription. Accordingly, the Group gain control in COGO on 10 February 2010. The cash consideration for 50.1% is approximately HK\$1,374 million and a discount on acquisition of subsidiaries of approximately HK\$906 million is credited to the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2010.

The cash consideration for acquisition additional interest of 4.34% in COGO is approximately HK\$148 million and a discount on acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries of approximately HK\$50 million is credited to equity during the period ended 30 June 2010.

## **13. Acquisition of Subsidiaries** (Continued)

- (a) (Continued)
  - The net assets acquired in the transaction are as follows:

|   | НК\$'000   |
|---|------------|
| Investment properties                         | 723,084    |
| Property, plant and equipment                 | 43,438     |
| Prepaid lease payments for land               | 3,493      |
| Other intangible assets                       | 42,548     |
| Interests in jointly controlled entities      | 474,365    |
| Inventories                                   | 1,250      |
| Stock of properties                           | 15,220,419 |
| Trade and other receivables                   | 523,287    |
| Amounts due from jointly controlled entities  | 119,370    |
| Amounts due from non-controlling shareholders | 4,212      |
| Tax prepaid                                   | 8,299      |
| Restricted cash and deposits                  | 303,462    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                     | 810,656    |
| Trade and other payables                      | (2,153,327 |
| Pre-sales deposits                            | (1,657,690 |
| Amount due to a jointly controlled entity     | (227       |
| Amount due to a minority shareholder          | (82,555    |
| Amounts due to related parties                | (797,922   |
| Tax liabilities                               | (666,525   |
| Bank loans                                    | (1,747,598 |
| Deferred tax liabilities                      | (4,646,617 |
| Non-controlling interest                      | (4,244,876 |
|   | 2,280,546  |
| Discount on acquisition                       | (905,718   |
| Total consideration, satisfied by cash        | 1,374,828  |
| Net cash outflow arising from acquisition:    |            |
| Consideration paid in cash                    | 1,374,828  |
| Less: cash and cash equivalents acquired      | (810,656   |
|   | 564,172    |



## 13. Acquisition of Subsidiaries (Continued)

#### (a) (Continued)

The fair value and gross contractual amount of receivable is approximately to its carrying amount. It is estimated at acquisition date of the contractual cash flows not expected to be collected is insignificant.

The Group's interest in the net fair value of the COGO's identifiable assets and liabilities at the date of acquisition exceeds the cost of the business combination as the subscription price for the shares of COGO was lower than the fair value of the net assets acquired. Accordingly, a discount arose on acquisition of subsidiaries and was recognised immediately in the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### Non-controlling interests

The non-controlling interest (49.9%) in COGO recognised at the acquisition date was determined by reference to the non-controlling shareholders' share of fair values of the identifiable net assets in COGO, amounting to approximately HK\$2,271 million.

#### Impact of acquisition on the results of the Group

COGO contributed HK\$1,006,525,000 and HK\$17,088,000 to the Group's revenue and profit respectively for the period between the date of acquisition and the reporting date.

Has the acquisition of COGO been effected at 1 January 2010, the revenue of the Group from continuing operation for the six months ended 30 June 2010 would have been HK\$1,025,567,000, and the loss for the period from continuing operation would have been HK\$2,225,000. The proforma information is for illustrative purposes only and is not necessary an indication of revenue and result operation of the Group at actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed at 1 January 2010, nor is intended to be a projection of future results.

(b) On 15 April 2010, the Group acquired and assumed the following assets and liabilities, respectively, through acquisition of the entire interest in and shareholder's loan to Great Sky Property Investment Company Limited for a cash consideration of HK\$960 million. The acquiree mainly owns land use rights in respect of a piece of land located in Macau.

The net assets acquired in the transactions are as follows:

|                     | НК\$'000 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Stock of properties | 959,867  |
| Other receivables   | 316      |
| Other payables      | (183)    |
|                     | 960,000  |

#### **13. Acquisition of Subsidiaries** (Continued)

(c) On 11 June 2010, the Group acquired and assumed the following assets and liabilities in 珠海經濟特區卓運房 產有限公司 at a cash consideration of approximately RMB304 million. The acquiree mainly owns the land use rights in respect of a piece of land located in Zhuhai, PRC.

The net assets acquired in the transactions are as follows:

|  | HK\$'000 |
|--|----------|
| Bank balances and cash                     | 1,690    |
| Stock of properties                        | 354,687  |
| Other payables                             | (8,139)  |
| Total consideration, satisfied by cash     | 348,238  |
| Net cash outflow arising from acquisition: |          |
| Consideration paid in cash                 | 348,238  |
| Less: cash and cash equivalents acquired   | (1,690)  |
|  | 346,548  |

#### **14. Contingent Liabilities**

At 30 June 2010, the Group provided guarantees amounted to approximately HK\$10,354 million (31 December 2009: HK\$7,979 million) for the repayment of the mortgage bank loans granted to purchasers of the Group's properties. The Group had outstanding counter indemnities for surety bonds issued in respect of property management contracts undertaken by the Group amounted to HK\$39 million (31 December 2009: HK\$54 million).

## **15. Pledge of Assets**

|  | 30 June<br>2010<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 31 December<br>2009<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Leasehold land and buildings in property, plant and equipment (Note a) | 29,562                             | -                                      |
| Investment properties (Note a)   | 526,836                            | _                                      |
| Stock of properties (Note a)   | 3,752,312                          | _                                      |
| Bank deposits (Note b)   | 15,273                             | 28,126                                 |
|  | 4,323,983                          | 28,126                                 |

Notes:

(a) The carrying amounts of the assets were pledged to secure general banking and other loan facilities granted to the Group.

(b) Bank deposits were pledged to secure the mortgage loans granted by banks to the home buyers.



#### **Interim Dividends**

The Board declared the payment of an interim dividend of HK10 cents per share (2009: HK7 cents per share) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Tuesday, 21 September 2010. The interim dividend will be payable on Tuesday, 5 October 2010.

#### **Closure of Register of Members**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 20 September 2010 to Tuesday, 21 September 2010 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all properly completed and duly stamped transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates should be lodged with the Company's registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 17 September 2010.

## **Share Capital**

The Company's total issued share capital as at 30 June 2010 was 8,172,094,286 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each.

## Information on Share Options of the Company

Information in relation to share options disclosed in accordance with the Listing Rules is as follows:

(1) Movement of share options during the period ended 30 June 2010:

|                 | Number of underlying shares comprised in options      |  |   |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Date of Grant   | Outstanding<br>at 01.01.2010                          | Adjustment/<br>Granted<br>during<br>the period   | Exercised<br>during<br>the period   | Cancelled/<br>Lapsed<br>during<br>the period  | Outstanding<br>at 30.06.2010   |
|                 |   |  |   |   |  |
| 18.06.2004 (vi) | 1,359,334   | -  | -   | -   | 1,359,334  |
|                 | 1,359,334   | -  | -   | -   | 1,359,334  |
| 18.06.2004 (vi) | 582,572   | _  | (582,572)   | -   | 0  |
|                 | 582,572   | -  | (582,572)   | -   | 0  |
| 18.06.2004 (vi) | 404,564   | _  | (404,564)   | -   | 0  |
|                 | 404,564   | -  | (404,564)   | -   | 0  |
| 18.06.2004 (vi) | 582,572   | _  | (582,572)   | -   | 0  |
|                 | 582,572   | -  | (582,572)   | -   | 0  |
|                 | 18.06.2004 (vi)<br>18.06.2004 (vi)<br>18.06.2004 (vi) | Outstanding<br>at 01.01.2010           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334           1,359,334         1,359,334           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572           18.06.2004 (vi)         404,564           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572 | Adjustment/<br>Granted<br>during<br>at 01.01.2010           Date of Grant         1,359,334           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572           18.06.2004 (vi)         404,564           18.06.2004 (vi)         404,564           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572 | Adjustment/<br>Granted<br>during<br>at 01.01.2010         Exercised<br>during<br>the period           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         404,564         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         - | Adjustment/<br>Granted<br>during<br>at 01.01.2010         Cancelled/<br>Lapsed<br>during<br>the period           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334         -         -         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334         -         -         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         1,359,334         -         -         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -         (582,572)         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -         (582,572)         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         404,564         -         (404,564)         -           18.06.2004 (vi)         582,572         -         (582,572)         - |

#### Information on Share Options of the Company (Continued)

(1) Movement of share options during the period ended 30 June 2010: (Continued)

|                  |                 | Number of underlying shares comprised in options |  |                                   |  |                              |
|------------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Name             | Date of Grant   | Outstanding<br>at 01.01.2010                     | Adjustment/<br>Granted<br>during<br>the period | Exercised<br>during<br>the period | Cancelled/<br>Lapsed<br>during<br>the period | Outstanding<br>at 30.06.2010 |
| Directors        |                 |  |  |                                   |  |                              |
| Mr. Chen Bin     | 18.06.2004 (vi) | 323,651  | -  | (323,651)                         | -  | 0                            |
|                  |                 | 323,651  | -  | (323,651)                         | -  | 0                            |
| Mr. Dong Daping  | 18.06.2004 (vi) | 80,913   | -  | -                                 | -  | 80,913                       |
|                  |                 | 80,913   | -  | -                                 | -  | 80,913                       |
| Mr. Lin Xiaofeng | 18.06.2004 (vi) | 161,825  | _  | -                                 | -  | 161,825                      |
|                  |                 | 161,825  | -  | -                                 | -  | 161,825                      |
|                  | Sub-Total       | 3,495,431  | -  | (1,893,359)                       | -  | 1,602,072                    |
| Aggregate of     |                 |  |  |                                   |  |                              |
| other employees* | 24.10.2001 (v)  | -  | -  | -                                 | -  | -                            |
|                  | 18.06.2004 (vi) | 2,815,762  | -  | (1,117,280)                       | -  | 1,638,482                    |
|                  | Sub-Total       | 2,815,762  | -  | (1,177,280)                       | -  | 1,638,482                    |
|                  | Grand Total     | 6,311,193  | -  | (3,070,639)                       | -  | 3,240,554                    |

\* Employees working under employment contracts that were regarded as "Continuous Contracts" for the purpose of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance.

(2) At 30 June 2010, the options granted to subscribe for 3,240,554 Shares remained outstanding, representing approximately 0.04% of the issued share capital of the Company at that date. No options to subscribe for Shares have been cancelled during the period ended 30 June 2010.

As at the date of this interim report, 3,078,729 Shares were available for issue under the Share Option Scheme, representing approximately 0.04% of the issued share capital of the Company at that date.



#### Information on Share Options of the Company (Continued)

(3) During the period ended 30 June 2010, options to subscribe for a total of 3,070,639 Shares (including options exercised by the Directors) of the Company were exercised, particulars as follows:

| Date of Exercise | 24.10.2001<br>(v) | 18.06.2004<br>(vi) | Total     | Weighted average<br>closing price<br>immediately before<br>the exercise<br>(HK\$) |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|
| 06.05.2010       | 0                 | 1,367,426          | 1,367,426 | 15.69   |
| 25.05.2010       | 0                 | 1,314,832          | 1,314,832 | 15.56   |
| 07.06.2010       | 0                 | 388,381            | 388,381   | 15.51   |
| Total:           | 0                 | 3,070,639          | 3,070,639 |   |

Notes:

#### (a) Particulars of share options granted:

|       | Date of Grant | Vesting Period<br>(both days inclusive) | Exercise Period<br>(both days inclusive) | Exercise Price<br>Per Share<br>(HK\$)     | Note   |
|-------|---------------|---|--|---|--------|
| (i)   | 17.07.1997    | 17.07.1997–16.07.1998                   | 17.07.1998–16.07.2007                    | 4.06                                      | Lapsed |
| (ii)  | 14.02.1998    | 14.02.1998-13.02.1999                   | 14.02.1999-13.02.2008                    | 1.08                                      | Lapsed |
| (iii) | 30.09.1998    | 30.09.1998–29.09.1999                   | 30.09.1999–29.09.2008                    | 0.52                                      | Lapsed |
| (iv)  | 04.01.2000    | 04.01.2000-03.01.2001                   | 04.01.2001-03.01.2010                    | 0.58                                      | Lapsed |
| (v)   | 24.10.2001    | 24.10.2001-23.10.2002                   | 24.10.2002-23.10.2011                    | 0.69                                      | -      |
| (vi)  | 18.06.2004    | 18.06.2004-17.06.2009*                  | 18.06.2005-17.06.2014                    | 1.13                                      | -      |
|       |               |   |  | (Adjusted to 1.118<br>w.e.f. 03.02.2009#) |        |

\* 20% can be exercised annually ("Limit") from 18.06.2005. Unexercised portion of the Limit (if any) can be exercised in the remaining Exercise Period and will not be included in calculating the Limit of the relevant year. It can be fully exercised from 18.06.2005 to 17.06.2014.

\* Following the issue of the Offer Shares on 3 February 2009, the number of and the exercise price of the then outstanding share options were adjusted in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17.03(13) of the Listing Rules and the supplementary guidance issued by the Stock Exchange on 5 September 2005.

(b) During the period under review, no options have been granted to any eligible employees (including the directors and independent non-executive directors of the Company) to subscribe for Shares of the Company.

#### **Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities**

As at 30 June 2010, the Directors, the Chief Executive of the Company and their respective associates had the following interests in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "**SFO**")), as recorded in the register maintained 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 Companies:

#### (a) Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company (all being personal interest and being held in the capacity of beneficial owner)

| Name of director      | Number of<br>shares held | Number of<br>Underlying<br>shares<br>comprised<br>in Options<br>(Note 1) | Total     | % of shares<br>in issue<br>(Note 2) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. Kong Qingping     | 7,435,760                | 1,359,334  | 8,795,094 | 0.108%                              |
| Mr. Hao Jian Min      | 6,253,172                | 0  | 6,253,172 | 0.077%                              |
| Mr. Xiao Xiao         | 1,935,244                | 0  | 1,935,244 | 0.024%                              |
| Mr. Wu Jianbin        | 3,619,372                | 0  | 3,619,372 | 0.044%                              |
| Mr. Chen Bin          | 1,371,971                | 0  | 1,371,971 | 0.017%                              |
| Mr. Dong Daping       | 453,440                  | 80,913   | 534,353   | 0.007%                              |
| Mr. Luo Liang         | 750,080                  | 0  | 750,080   | 0.009%                              |
| Mr. Lin Xiaofeng      | 1,110,000                | 161,825  | 1,271,825 | 0.016%                              |
| Dr. Li Kwok Po, David | 8,800,000                | 0  | 8,800,000 | 0.108%                              |

# (b) Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Associated Corporation (unless otherwise stated, all being personal interest and being held in the capacity of beneficial owner)

#### (i) China State Construction International Holdings Limited

| Name of director      | Number<br>Underlyin<br>shar<br>Number of comprise<br>shares held in Optio<br>(Note |           | Total     | % of shares<br>in issue<br>(Note 4) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. Kong Qingping     | 2,988,800  | 3,160,834 | 6,149,634 | 0.208%                              |
| Mr. Hao Jian Min      | 3,136,240  | 1,843,820 | 4,980,060 | 0.168%                              |
| Mr. Xiao Xiao         | 0  | 2,801,188 | 2,801,188 | 0.095%                              |
| Mr. Wu Jianbin        | 3,306,240  | 1,843,820 | 5,150,060 | 0.174%                              |
| Mr. Chen Bin          | 1,437,696  | 1,264,334 | 2,702,030 | 0.091%                              |
| Mr. Dong Daping       | 1,043,840  | 614,607   | 1,658,447 | 0.056%                              |
| Mr. Luo Liang         | 2,416,086  | 526,805   | 2,942,891 | 0.099%                              |
| Mr. Lin Xiaofeng      | 0  | 614,607   | 614,607   | 0.021%                              |
| Dr. Li Kwok Po, David | 100,000  | 0         | 100,000   | 0.003%                              |



## Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities (Continued)

# (b) Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Associated Corporation (unless otherwise stated, all being personal interest and being held in the capacity of beneficial owner) (Continued)

#### (ii) China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited

| Name of director | Number of<br>shares held | Total   | % of shares<br>in issue<br>(Note 5) |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Mr. Hao Jian Min | 355,000                  | 355,000 | 0.046%                              |

Notes:

- 1. On 3 February 2009, due to the open offer, the exercise price of the outstanding options granted under the Company's Share Option Scheme has been adjusted from HK\$1.13 per Share to HK\$1.118 per Share, and the number of Shares to be issued upon full exercise of the outstanding options has been adjusted from 10,488,000 Shares to 10,607,657 Shares. Information in relation to share options disclosed in accordance with the Listing Rules is set out in the section headed "Information on Share Options of the Company" of this report.
- 2. The percentage has been adjusted based on the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at 30 June 2010 (i.e. 8,172,094,286 shares).
- 3. The exercise price for the share options is HK\$0.99 per share (before share subdivision). Immediately after the share subdivision approved on 12 June 2008, the exercise price for the share options is HK\$0.2475 per share. Immediately after the adjustment for the rights issue made on 1 September 2009, the exercise price for the share options is HK\$0.2345 per share. The vesting period is from 14 September 2005 to 13 September 2010 (both days inclusive) and the exercise period is from 14 September 2015 (both days inclusive). 20% can be exercised annually ("Limit") from 14 September 2006. Unexercised portion of the Limit (if any) can be exercised in the remaining exercise period and will not be included in calculating the Limit of the relevant year. It can be fully exercised from 14 September 2010 to 13 September 2010.
- 4. The percentage has been adjusted based on the total number of shares of China State Construction International Holdings Limited in issue as at 30 June 2010 (i.e. 2,959,148,986 shares).
- 5. The percentage has been adjusted based on the total number of shares of China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited in issue as at 30 June 2010 (i.e. 767,543,263 shares).

Save as disclosed above, no interests and short positions were held or deemed or taken to be held under Part XV of the SFO by any director or chief executive of the Company or their respective associates in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Part XV of the SFO or pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies or which are required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein. Nor any of the directors and chief executive of the Company (including their spouses and children under the age of 18) had, as at 30 June 2010, any interest in, or had been granted any right to subscribe for the Shares and options of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), or had exercised any such rights.

### **Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Securities**

At 30 June 2010, the following parties (other than directors or the chief executive of the Company) were the substantial shareholders of the Company (as defined in the Listing Rules) and had interests in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

| Name of shareholder   | Number of shares and<br>underlying shares held |             | % of shares in issue<br>(Note 1) |                 |                  | Capacity       |                                     |
|---|--|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | (Long Position)                                |             | (Lending Pool)                   | (Long Position) | (Short Position) | (Lending Pool) |                                     |
| Silver Lot Development<br>Limited ("Silver Lot")<br>(Note 2)                          | 499,276,928                                    | -           | -                                | 6.11%           | -                | -              | Beneficial owner                    |
| China Overseas Holdings<br>Limited ("COHL")   | 3,837,380,380                                  | -           | -                                | 53.07%          | 3.00%            | -              | Beneficial owner                    |
|   | 499,276,928                                    | 245,197,740 | -                                |                 |                  | -              | Interest of controlled corporation  |
| China State Construction<br>Engineering Corporation<br>Limited ("CSCECL")<br>(Note 3) | 4,336,657,308                                  | 245,197,740 | -                                | 53.07%          | 3.00%            | -              | Interest of controlled corporation  |
| China State Construction<br>Engineering Corporation<br>("CSCEC") (Note 3)             | 4,336,657,308                                  | 245,197,740 | -                                | 53.07%          | 3.00%            | -              | Interest of controlled corporation  |
| JP Morgan Chase & Co.   | 54,349,526                                     | 25,344,120  | 241,994,595                      | 5.99%           | 0.31%            | 2.96%          | Beneficial owner                    |
|   | 192,921,188                                    | -           | -                                |                 |                  |                | Investment manager                  |
|   | 241,994,595                                    | -           | -                                |                 |                  |                | Custodian/Approved<br>lending agent |

#### Notes:

- 1. The percentage has been adjusted based on the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at 30 June 2010 (i.e. 8, 172, 094, 286 shares).
- 2. Silver Lot is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of COHL, thus COHL is deemed by the SFO to be interested in 499,276,928 Shares (including long position, short position and lending pool (if any)) in which Silver Lot is or is taken to be interested.
- 3. COHL is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of CSCECL, which in turn is a direct 52.99%-owned subsidiary of CSCEC, thus CSCECL and CSCEC are deemed by the SFO to be interested in 4,336,657,308 Shares (including long position, short position and lending pool (if any)) in which COHL is or is taken to be interested.

Save as disclosed above, the Company had not been notified by any other person (other than directors or the chief executive of the Company) who had an interest in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO as at 30 June 2010.



### Model Code for Directors' Share Dealing

The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct on Directors' Securities Transactions (the "**Securities Code**") on terms no less exacting than the required standards set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. The directors have confirmed that they have complied with the requirements set out in the Securities Code during the relevant accounting period.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The Company has complied with all the provisions (except Code Provision A.4.1 and A.4.2 as stated below) of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules for the six months ended 30 June 2010, and with most of the Recommended Best Practices.

Code Provision A.4.1–This Code Provision stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election.

Code Provision A.4.2–This Code Provision stipulates that all directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after their appointment. Every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

The directors of the Company were appointed, for a term subject to retirement in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company ("**Articles**"). Effectively, their terms of appointment are three years or less as the Company has adopted the internal mechanism mentioned below ("**Internal Mechanism**").

The Articles provide, amongst other things, the following:

- (a) any director appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting; and
- (b) at each AGM, one-third of the directors for the time being or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office, provided that no director holding office as Executive Chairman or as a Managing Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation or taken into account in determining the number of directors to retire.

To ensure that all directors will be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years or their terms of appointment are three years or less, the Internal Mechanism adopted by the Company has the following additional requirements:-

- (1) the newly appointed director will retire and be eligible for re-election at the next following AGM or the extraordinary general meeting held before the next following AGM; and
- (2) any director (including Executive Chairman or Managing Director), who is not required by the Articles to retire by rotation at the AGM in the third year since his last election, will be reminded to retire from office voluntarily.

#### **Changes in Directors' Information**

Pursuant to Rules 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, changes in Directors' information since the date of the 2009 Annual Report up to 11 August 2010 (the date of this Interim Report) are set out as below:

- Mr. Lin Xiaofeng was appointed as a director of China Overseas Holdings Limited.
- Dr. Fan Hsu Lai Tai, Rita was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director, a Member of the Nomination Committee and the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of China Shenhua Energy Company Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
- The remuneration (excluding discretionary bonuses pegged to performance) per annum of Mr. Kong Qingping, Mr. Hao Jian Min, Mr. Xiao Xiao, Mr. Wu Jianbin, Mr. Chen Bin, Mr. Dong Daping, Mr. Nip Yun Wing, Mr. Luo Liang and Mr. Lin Xiaofeng increased respectively from HK\$4,461,600, HK\$3,036,000, HK\$2,760,000, HK\$2,760,000, HK\$1,620,000, RMB844,800, HK\$1,983,600, RMB915,600 and RMB656,400 to HK\$4,900,000, HK\$3,340,000, HK\$3,040,000, HK\$2,900,000, HK\$1,750,000, RMB915,600, HK\$2,160,000, RMB986,400 and RMB715,200 with effect from 1 April 2010.

#### Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

#### **Review of Interim Report by Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed the Company's interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2010, and discussed with the Company's management regarding auditing, internal control and other important matters.



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