

JIWA BIO-PHARM HOLDINGS LIMITED

積華生物醫藥控股有限公司*

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The directors (the "Directors") of Jiwa Bio-Pharm Holdings Limited (the "Company") are pleased to present the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2010 (the "Period").

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six month	ns ended				
	30 September					
	2010	2009	Increase			
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000				
Turnover	389,660	326,722	19.3%			
Gross profit	167,835	145,434	15.4%			
Operating profit	50,500	49,398	2.2%			
Profit attributable to owners of the						
Company	35,342	31,994	10.5%			
Earnings per share — basic (HK cents)	2.20	1.99	10.6%			
Earnings per share — diluted (HK cents)	2.18	1.99	9.5%			

DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2010 (2009: Nil).

BUSINESS REVIEW

Segment Results

As at 30 September 2010, the operating profit of the Group amounted to HK\$50,500,000, representing an increase of 2.2% as compared with the corresponding Period last year. The operating profit was mainly derived from the finished drugs ("Finished Drugs") produced and sold by Kunming Jida Pharmaceutical Company Limited ("KJP"), representing approximately 63% of the operating profit. In addition, approximately 34.9% of the operating profit was derived from the Group's trading business ("Trading Pharmaceutical Products"), while the remaining 2.1% was derived from the pharmaceutical products distribution business ("Distribution Business"). The loss from the pharmaceutical bulk materials production business ("Pharmaceutical Bulk Materials") narrowed from HK\$4,892,000 of the corresponding Period last year to HK\$3,342,000.

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 under review, the revenue from the Finished Drugs was HK\$191,060,000, up by 7.13% from last year. The segment results was HK\$33,904,000, down by 13.5% from last year. During the Period, the sales growth of the Group's key product "Song Taisi" was still limited by the issue of raw materials supply. On the other hand, in response to the anticipated increase in sales under the medical reform in China, the Group has increased its marketing and promotional expenses, leading to a decrease in the profit of this segment as the effects of the sales efforts were not reflected during the same Period.

During the Period, Trading Pharmaceutical Products generated a revenue of HK\$91,842,000, representing an increase of 103.4% compared to last year. The segment results was HK\$18,781,000, increasing by 38.1% compared to the corresponding Period last year.

During the Period, the revenue from the Distribution Business was HK\$106,056,000, increasing by 4.8% from the corresponding Period last year. The segment results was HK\$1,157,000, or a 22.6% decrease from the corresponding Period last year. The decrease in margin was mainly attributable to an increase in marketing and promotional expenses.

During the Period, the loss from the Pharmaceutical Bulk Materials narrowed from HK\$4,892,000 of the corresponding Period last year to HK\$3,342,000. In August 2010, the Group received the GMP certification of Risperidone and Citalopram Hydrobromide from the Food and Drug Administration of Jiangsu Province, signifying the swift commencement of sales of the Pharmaceutical Bulk Materials business to generate profit contributions to the Group.

Strategies and Measures

Strategic Promotion of Market-leading Products

Reduced glutathione for injection

Reduced glutathione for injection is the key product of the Group and generated total sales of HK\$138,058,000 during the Period, representing an increase of 15% as compared to the corresponding Period last year. Reduced glutathione for injection is sold by the Group under two brands, namely Song Taisi manufactured by KJP and the European brand Gluthion distributed by the Group. The total sales of the two brands amounted to HK\$66,302,000 and HK\$71,756,000 respectively. Both Song Taisi and Gluthion are leading brands in the PRC, accounting for 8% and 19% of the market share respectively. Directly imported in original packaging from Italy, Gluthion is a classic with a high-end brand image and is highly recognized by the market, and is the only glutathione product independently priced by the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC. On the other hand, Song Taisi is positioned as a high-end domestic brand and it is for emergency uses.

In recent years, the demand for reduced glutathione for injection in the PRC has been increasing. Limited by the production capacity of the European suppliers, both Gluthion and Song Taisi encountered the situation of undersupply. As a result, the Group was unable to fully capitalize on the margin growth stimulated by the market growth. As Song Taisi was included in the latest Essential Drug List published by the Yunnan Province, the Group has decided at the beginning of 2010 to construct a production line for the vacuum freeze drying raw materials for reduced glutathione at the bulk material production base in Jiangsu, with the aim of solving the restriction on the production capacity due to insufficient import of bulk materials from abroad, and thereby enhancing the profitability of this finished product. The project's administrative and approval processes with the government in connection with the feasibility report, filing and environmental protection were completed in March 2010. Registration approval is expected to be submitted to the Drug Administration of Jiangsu Province in the third quarter of 2011. The commencement of this project will solve the issue of Song Taisi capacity being limited by the raw materials supply, enhance the Group's production capacity and sales of this product and generate immense economic benefits to the Group.

Triamcinolone acetonide injection

Triamcinolone acetonide injection is another key product of the Group. During the Period, its total sales amounted to HK\$50,688,000, representing a decrease of 12.6% as compared to the corresponding Period last year. This was mainly attributable to the internal restructuring of the domestic distributors, leading to a month without normal sales during the Period. The situation was normalized since July and it is believed that this product will show significant growth in the second half of the year. Triamcinolone acetonide injection is also sold by the Group under two brands, namely Transton produced by KJP and the European brand distributed by the Group. The total sales of the two brands amounted to HK\$38,789,000 and HK\$11,899,000 respectively, accounting for 34% and 7% of the market share in the PRC respectively. Transton has been named "Yunnan Famous Brand" for many consecutive years since 2003. This product is produced with European technologies and is positioned as a high-quality domestic brand with an outstanding price-to-therapeutic performance ratio compared to its competitors. Transton is also listed on the latest Essential Drug List published by the Yunnan Province, and the management believes that this will accelerate the sales growth of Transton.

Point to Plane Stimulation of High-potential Products

The Group has launched a number of new products in recent years, in which tamsulosin hydrochloride (Jida Bente), diacerein capsule (Artrodar), edaravone injection (Jiwa Youmin) and risedronate sodium tablet (Jiwa Gusong) are the key new products of the Group. During the Period, the total sales of the four products amounted to HK\$49,149,000, representing an increase of 47.2% as compared to the corresponding Period last year. These products recorded satisfactory rate of winning tenders and are entering the phase of growth. Complemented by the expansion of the Group's sales team in the core cities across the nation, it is expected that they will occupy important positions in the respective therapeutic areas within the coming three to five years.

Aggressive Expansion of Market Share in Yunnan

Currently, the Group has 13 products successfully listed on the latest Essential Drug List published by the Yunnan Province. Of these, 7 products are supplement items. Apart from the abovementioned triamcinolone acetonide injection and reduced glutathione for injection, these items include cefradine capsule and injection, ceftizoxime sodium for injection, sucralfate suspension, bismuth, magnesium and sodium bicarbonate tablets and Penyanjing granules. With the implementation of the new medical reform in China, the Group is determined to enhance its sales and position in the industry through capitalizing on the Essential Drug List, with a particular focus on the market share in the Yunnan Province.

Ride on the Industry Development in Yunnan and Accelerate the Launch of Innovative Items

Abounding biological resources have provided Yunnan Province with natural advantages in the development of the pharmaceutical industry. To accelerate the progression of the biopharmaceutical industry and to shape the pharmaceutical industry in Yunnan as another new pillar industry in the province after the tobacco industry, the Development and Reform Commission of Yunnan Province has joined hands with the Yunnan Pharmaceutical Profession Association in compiling the "Twelfth Five-year Plan for the Development of the Biopharmaceutical Industry in Yunnan", which was already approved at the Standing Meeting of the Yunnan Province and is pending official promulgation. It will also form the basis for implementation of the relevant policies for the development of the biological industry in Yunnan Province.

This development plan outlines the key pharmaceutical industry projects and products supported by the Yunnan Province during the Twelfth Five-year Plan Period, which include the Group's project for construction of a new production line for cephalosporins, the industrialization project for glutathione enteric-coated capsule, and the industrialization project for the pharmaceutical bulk materials and finished drugs of cefalothin. In respect of products, the Group has 11 products listed as key support products. During the Twelfth Five-year Plan Period, these projects and products will receive preferential key support from the provincial government which will facilitate the progress of the projects.

Aggressive Exploration of the International Market

Regarding the international market, the Group's finished products recorded sustained growth in the export to the ASEAN markets such as Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines. A breakthrough was also achieved for the South American market, where we have obtained the registration and secured the first order for a key product triamcinolone acetonide injection, following its GMP certification by the INVIMA in South America in 2008. It is expected that somatostatin for injection and ceftriaxone sodium for injection will also obtain the registration in the near future. At the same time, another key product edaravone injection also secured the first order from South Asia, symbolizing its first step in international sales. In regions with existing sales, the increase in sales is paralleled by a vertical expansion. During the year, registration work of other products has commenced in the Asian markets such as Laos, Mongolia and Thailand, as well as the Latin American markets such as Panama, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic, and it is expected that approvals will be obtained in the coming year. Furthermore, the Group has also aggressively started to work on international sales of the pharmaceutical bulk materials and has established cooperation relationships with pharmaceutical companies in India, Taiwan, Brazil, Italy and other countries, with the prospect of accelerating the start of sales in the international market by the Group.

PROSPECT

On 9 October 2010, the three ministries namely the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Health and the State Food and Drug Administration jointly issued the "Guiding Opinions on Accelerating the Structural Adjustment in the Pharmaceutical Industry" (the "Opinions") which specifies the chief tasks and targets for the structural adjustment in the pharmaceutical industry in the future in terms of products, technologies, organization, regions and export. In addition to demanding for an increased industry concentration, the Central Government also requires the adjustments in the regional structure, with the eastern coastal areas focusing on hightechnology products characterized by high-technology, high value-added, low resource-consumption, and the central and western areas serving as the specialized production base, enabling mutual complementation among the eastern, central and western areas. Small to medium enterprises are encouraged to develop towards "professionalism, expertise, specialization, and innovation" for the formation of an industry structure of division of labor and coordinated development among the large enterprises and the small to medium enterprises.

Being the only company specialized in the production of high-end generic drugs amongst the ten key pharmaceutical enterprises in Yunnan Province, the Group will follow the State's policy in the development towards "professionalism, expertise, specialization, and innovation" through building up a portfolio of innovative drugs by leveraging on its advantages in cost, technology and quality, and thereby consolidating its industry position with innovative drugs.

The pace of growth of the Group has been reined by the issues of shortage of raw materials supply and internal restructuring of the distributors in the first half of the year, which are expected to normalize in the second half of the year. The management is optimistic that as the national medical reform policies implement gradually, our marketing efforts made in the first half of the year will be reflected in the results of the second half of the year.

Looking ahead, the Group will gradually reinforce the structure of the board of directors and establish a professional team for its international business, tap on the capital market and proactively accelerate its own development to fully leverage on the opportunities arising throughout the "ten golden years" brought by the national policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity

As at 30 September 2010, cash and cash equivalents of the Group totaled approximately HK\$64,751,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$34,803,000), of which approximately 7.8% are in Hong Kong dollars, 77.1% in RMB, 11.2% in US dollars, 3.7% in Euro, 0.1% in Swiss Franc and 0.1% in Macau Pataca.

As at 30 September 2010, the Group had aggregate banking facilities of approximately HK\$330,016,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$287,316,000) of which approximately HK\$196,202,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$153,806,000) was utilized, as to approximately HK\$71,760,000 in long term bank loans, as to approximately HK\$108,942,000 in short term bank loans and as to the balance of approximately HK\$15,500,000 in letters of guarantee issued by the relevant banks to independent third parties. The Group's aggregate banking facilities of approximately HK\$330,016,000 include approximately HK\$36,800,000 equivalent in RMB denominated bank borrowings.

The increase in cash and cash equivalents is mainly a result of an increase in bank borrowing and stringent stock level control.

As at 30 September 2010, the Group had current assets of approximately HK\$449,626,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$395,056,000) whilst current liabilities were approximately HK\$231,248,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$185,451,000).

Interest Rate Risk

In view of comparatively high RMB interest rates, the Group had strategically borrowed the new bank loans mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars and US dollars in order to minimise the interest rate risk during the Period.

As at 30 September 2010, the gearing ratio was approximately 22.7% (31 March 2010: approximately 17.7%), calculated based on the Group's total bank borrowings of approximately HK\$180,702,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$130,899,000) over the Group's total assets of approximately HK\$797,335,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$737,786,000). The higher in gearing ratio is mainly due to the increase in the short term bank borrowings which had been pledged by bank deposits.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Group is subject to foreign currency risk as its certain bills payable arising from import of purchase from European countries are denominated in EURO dollars. Management had hedged with certain account receivable denominated in EURO dollars to minimize the foreign currency risk.

Credit Risk

The Group has a pragmatic approach towards credit risk management. New customers are usually not allowed on credit and the payment conduct of clients are monitored both to facilitate the determination of credit limit as well as a control over whether new sale deliveries should be made. The Group's sale staff and marketing agents pay regular visits to customers to promote the Group's products and at the same time would update information on the client's credit worthiness. The remuneration of sales staff and marketing agents are structured so that there is a goal congruence in maintaining a robust credit risk management system.

Capital Commitments

The Group had capital commitments outstanding as at 30 September 2010 of approximately HK\$42,845,000 (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$7,380,000) of which approximately HK\$42,845,000 had been contracted for (31 March 2010: approximately HK\$7,380,000). Funding for the Group's capital commitments would come from internally generated cash flows as well as bank borrowings.

Charge on Group Assets

As at 30 September 2010, bank loans amounting to approximately HK\$114,959,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$100,316,000) were secured by certain assets of the Group having a net book value of approximately HK\$127,920,000 (31 March 2010: HK\$128,838,000).

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 September 2010, the Group has not provided any form of guarantees for any company outside the Group and was not liable to any material legal proceedings of which provision for contingent liabilities was required.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Six months ended 30 September 2010 20				
	Notes	\$'000 (Unaudited)	\$′000 (Unaudited)			
Turnover Cost of sales	2	389,660 (221,825)	326,722 (181,288)			
Gross profit Other net income Selling expenses Administrative expenses Other operating expenses		167,835 6,259 (86,087) (36,288) (1,219)	145,434 3,101 (68,288) (30,076) (773)			
Operating Profit		50,500	49,398			
Finance costs Share of results of associates		(2,642) (47)	(2,539) (49)			
Profit before income tax Income tax expense	3 4	47,811 (4,028)	46,810 (4,963)			
Profit for the Period		43,783	41,847			
Attributable to: Owners of the Company Minority interest		35,342 8,441	31,994 9,853			
Profit for the Period		43,783	41,847			
Earnings per share — Basic	6	2.20 cents	1.99 cents			
- Diluted	6	2.18 cents	1.99 cents			

The notes on page 21 to 32 form part of this interim financial statement.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months ended			
	30 Sept	ember		
	2010	2009		
	\$'000	\$'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Profit for the Period	43,783	41,847		
Currency translation difference	8,308	37		
Other comprehensive income for the Period, net of tax	8,308	37		
Total comprehensive income for the Period, net of tax	52,091	41,884		
Total comprehensive income for the Period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	41,899	32,031		
Minority interest	10,192	9,853		
	52,091	41,884		

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITIONS (UNAUDITED)

At 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Notes	At 30 September 2010 \$'000 (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2010 \$'000 (Audited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	246,143	237,747
Land use rights	8	33,762	33,618
Construction in progress	Ü	29,718	25,149
Interests in associates		19,692	19,738
Intangible assets		5,548	5,720
Goodwill		9,066	9,066
Other receivables		· _	7,955
Deferred tax assets		3,780	3,737
		347,709	342,730
Current assets			
Inventories		89,727	107,871
Accounts and bills receivable	9	176,821	157,359
Land use rights	8	1,081	1,057
Deposit, prepayments and other			
receivables		87,358	76,765
Amount due from related			
companies	15	9,808	16,983
Tax recoverable		103	218
Pledged bank deposits	10	19,977	
Cash and cash equivalents	10	64,751	34,803
		449,626	395,056

	Notes	At 30 September 2010 \$'000 (Unaudited)	At 31 March 2010 \$'000 (Audited)
Current liabilities Bank loans Accounts and bills payable	11	108,942 95,770	47,086 119,344
Accrued expenses and other payables Tax payable		20,112 6,424	13,744
		231,248	185,451
Net current assets Total assets less current		218,378	209,605
liabilities		566,087	552,335
Non current liabilities Bank loans Deferred tax liabilities		71,760 5,960	83,813 6,022
		77,720	89,835
Net Assets		488,367	462,500
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Reserves	12	16,100 390,817	16,100 370,419
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Minority interest		406,917 81,450	386,519 75,981
		488,367	462,500

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company															
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	General reserve fund (iii) HK\$'000	Enterprise expansion fund (iii) HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Revaluation adjustment (iii) HK\$'000	Capital reserve (i) HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Proposed final dividend HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
(Audited) At 1 April 2009	16,050	54,132	2,000	7,885	57	26,872	-	(320)	2,830	1,800	16,050	209,125	336,481	58,977	395,458
Dividend paid in respect of the previous year Issue of shares upon exercise of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,050)	-	(16,050)	-	(16,050)
share option (notes 13)	50	1,965								(515)			1,500		1,500
Transactions with owners	50	1,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(515)	(16,050)	-	(14,550)	-	(14,550)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,582	64,582	17,004	81,586
Other comprehensive income Exchange gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	_	-	-	-	6	-	6
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	_	_	_	_	6	_	_	_	_	_	64,582	64,588	17,004	81,592
Proposed final dividend (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,930	(20,930)	-	-	-
Transfer to reserve				4,837								(4,837)			
At 31 March 2010	16,100	56,097	2,000	12,722	57	26,878		(320)	2,830	1,285	20,930	247,940	386,519	75,981	462,500
(Unaudited) At 1 April 2010	16,100	56,097	2,000	12,722	57	26,878	_	(320)	2,830	1,285	20,930	247,940	386,519	75,981	462,500
Exchange gain on translation of financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-		-	6,557	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,557	1,751	8,308
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,342	35,342	8,441	43,783
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	-	_	_	_	6,557		_	_	_	_	35,342	41,899	10,192	52,091
Final dividend paid in respect of the previous years (Note 5) Dividend declared and payable to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,930)	(20,930)	-	(20,930)
minority interest Other reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(571)	-	-	-	-	-	(571)	(5,294) 571	(5,294)
At 30 September 2010	16,100	56,097	2,000	12,722	57	33,435	(571)	(320)	2,830	1,285	20,930	262,352	406,917	81,450	488,367

Notes:

- (i) Upon completion of the capital verification on 25 April 2003, KJP capitalised the enterprise expansion fund of RMB3,000,000 to its registered share capital according to a board resolution of KJP dated 18 January 2003. The amount was recognised as capital reserve in the consolidated balance sheet.
- (ii) In accordance with the articles of association and equity joint venture agreement, the subsidiaries in the PRC are required to set up a general reserve fund and an enterprise expansion fund, which were non-distributable. The transfers of these reserves are at discretion of the directors of the respective subsidiaries.
- (iii) Revaluation adjustment represents the fair value adjustment, which is attributed to the 5% increase in the shareholding of KJP. It is the portion of revaluation difference that arose since the original acquisition date that is attributable to the increase in the Group's interest. This reserve adjustment will be recognised in the income statement upon the earlier of the disposal of the subsidiary or the disposal by the subsidiary of the assets to which it relates.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months	Six months ended			
	30 September				
	2010 2				
	\$'000	\$'000			
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)			
Net cash from operating activities	25,367	50,631			
Cash outflow from investing activities	(14,998)	(6,871)			
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing					
activities	19,579	(32,670)			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash					
equivalents	29,948	11,090			
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	34,803	42,420			
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	64,751	53,510			

The notes on page 21 to 32 form part of this interim financial statements.

NOTES ON THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2010 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

1 Basis of preparation and significant accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2010 has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), and complied with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

The unaudited condensed consolidated accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

The interim condensed financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, as described in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.

In the current interim Period, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations issued by HKICPA

HKFRSs (Amendments)	Amendment to HKFRS 5 as part of
	Improvements to HKFRSs 2008
HKFRSs (Amendments)	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

The adoption of the other new and revised HKFRSs has had no material effect on the reported results and financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior Period adjustment has been recognised.

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 ¹
HKAS 24 (Revised)	Related Party Disclosures ²
HKAS 32 (Amendment)	Classification of Rights Issues ³
HKFRS 1 (Amendment)	Limited Exemption from Comparative HKFRS 7
	Disclosures for First-time Adopters⁴
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments ⁵
HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 (Amendment)	Prepayments of a Minimum Funding
	Requirement ²
HK(IFRIC)-Int 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity
	Instruments ⁴

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

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

2 Segment reporting

For the six months ended 30 September 2010

			Trad Pharma Produc	ceutical ts and						
			Health	Care	Distrib		Pharmac	eutical		
	Finished	d Drugs	Prod	ucts	Busi	ness	Bulk Ma	terials	Consol	idated
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$′000	\$′000	\$′000	\$'000	\$′000	\$'000	\$′000	\$'000	\$′000	\$'000
Revenue										
Anti-infectious	66,623	62,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,623	62,709
Gastro-intestinal	54,326	45,314	71,064	30,366	78,135	80,621	-	-	203,525	156,301
Musculo-skeletal	29,552	46,368	19,948	13,860	22,013	16,249	-	-	71,513	76,477
Cerebro-cardiovascular	22,924	12,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,924	12,483
Anti-depressant and										
psychiatric disorder	91	51	-	-	471	220	678	2,063	1,240	2,334
Others	17,545	11,424	830	931	5,437	4,063	23		23,835	16,418
	191,061	178,349	91,842	45,157	106,056	101,153	701	2,063	389,660	326,722
Segment results	33,904	39,196	18,781	13,600	1,157	1,494	(3,342)	(4,892)	50,500	49,398
Operating profit									50,500	49,398
Finance costs									(2,642)	(2,539)
Taxation									(4,028)	(4,963)
Minority interest Share of net loss in									(8,441)	(9,853)
Associates									(47)	(49)
Profit attributable to										
shareholders									35,342	31,994

3 Profit from ordinary activities before taxation

Profit from ordinary activities before taxation is arrived at after charging/ (crediting):

	Six months ended			
	30 Septe	mber		
	2010	2009		
	\$′000	\$'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Cost of inventories*	242,478	199,537		
Staff costs	12,637	11 <i>,</i> 91 <i>7</i>		
Retirement costs	1,997	1,659		
Depreciation	<i>7,7</i> 11	6,891		
Operating lease charges in respect of				
premises	1,730	1,936		
Interest on bank advances wholly				
repayable within five years	2,823	2,539		
Research and development costs	3,767	2,187		

^{*} Cost of inventories includes \$8,125,294 (2009: \$7,262,155) relating to staff cost, depreciation expenses, operating lease charges and retirement costs, amounts of which are also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above for each of these types of expenses.

4 Taxation

	Six month:	s ended	
	30 September		
	2010	2009	
	\$′000	\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Current tax			
Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax	1,408	1,196	
Provision for PRC income tax	4,433	5,895	
PRC tax refund	(1,666)	(1,984)	
5.4	4,175	5,107	
Deferred tax			
Current Period	(147)	(144)	
	4,028	4,963	

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2009: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the Period.

PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") has been provided on the estimated assessable profits of subsidiaries operating in PRC at 25% (2009: 25%).

The subsidiary Kunming Jida Pharmaceutical Company Limited ("KJP"), located in Kunming, Yunnan, PRC is entitled to preferential PRC EIT rate of 15% (2009: 15%) in accordance to the continuous implementation of the Western Development tax preferential policies pursuant to the New PRC Income Tax Law which was approved on 16 March 2007.

Pursuant to notices issued by the local tax bureau, PRC income tax of \$1,666,000 (2009: \$1,984,000) was refunded to KJP in relation to purchase of equipment made in PRC under tax preferential policies in accordance with the relevant tax rules and regulations.

5 Dividends

Six month	s ended				
30 Septe	ember				
2010	2009				
\$'000 \$'000					
(Unaudited) (Unaudited					

Dividend	approved	and	paid	during	the
Period					

20,930	16,050
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Pursuant to the resolutions passed at the shareholders' meeting on 30 August 2010, a final dividend of \$20,930,000 (2009: \$16,050,000) payable to the shareholders of the Company was declared and approved in respect of the year ended 31 March 2010.

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period (2009: \$Nil).

6 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the Group's profits attributable to shareholders of \$35,342,000 (2009: \$31,994,000) and on the weighted average of 1,610,000,000 (2009: 1,605,000,000) ordinary shares in issue during the Period.

The diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of \$35,342,000 (2009: \$31,994,000) and the weighted average of 1,620,020,821 (2009: 1,608,014,422) ordinary shares in issue during the Period, after adjusting the effect of all dilutive potential share under the Company's share option scheme.

7 Property, plant and equipment

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Opening net book amount		
At 1 April 2010/1 April 2009	237,747	241,629
Additions	4,508	12,638
Disposals	(21)	(7,031)
Depreciation	(7,7 11)	(14,559)
Transfer from construction in progress	6,093	5,070
Translation difference	5,527	
Net book amount At 30 September 2010/31 March		
2010	246,143	237,747

As at 30 September 2010, certain assets (buildings) of the Group with an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$99,172,000 (31 March 2009: \$99,932,000) were pledged to secure loans and borrowing facilities utilized by the Group.

8 Land use right

	At 30 September 2010 \$'000	At 31 March 2010 \$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Opening net carry amount		
At 1 April 2010/1 April 2009	34,675	29,994
Acquisition	-	11,330
Disposal	-	(5,680)
Amortisation of charges of prepaid		
operating lease payment	(547)	(969)
Translation difference	715	
Net carrying amount At 30 September 2010/31 March		
2010	34,843	34,675

Land use rights with carrying amount of \$28,748,000 (31 March 2010: \$28,906,000) was pledged to secure bank loans and borrowing facilities utilized by the Group.

9 Accounts and bills receivable

An ageing analysis of the accounts and bills receivable is as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within 3 months	154,568	113,704
Aged over 3 months but less than		
6 months	20,581	31,421
Aged over 6 months	1,672	12,234
	176,821	157,359

All of the above balances are expected to be recovered within one year.

10 Pledged bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents — GROUP

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$′000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Cash and bank balance	84,728	34,803
Less: Pledged bank deposits	(19,977)	
Cash and cash equivalents	64,751	34,803

As at 30 September 2010, the Group had pledged bank deposits of HK\$19,977,000 (31 March 2010: Nil) to banks to secure short-term banking facilities granted to the Group and the deposits were therefore classified as current assets.

11 Accounts and bills payable

An ageing analysis of the accounts and bills payable is as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$′000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Accounts payable		
— Within 3 months	72,634	91,912
 Over 3 months but within 6 months 	1,146	3,212
— Over 6 months	49	1,313
Bills payable	21,941	22,907
	95,770	119,344

All of the above balances are expected to be settled within one year.

12 Share capital

	At 30 September 2010		At 31 March 2010		
	No. of shares	Amount \$′000 (Unaudited)	No. of shares	Amount \$'000 (Audited)	
Authorised: Ordinary shares of \$0.01 each	10,000,000,000	100,000	10,000,000,000	100,000	
Issued and fully paid:	1,610,000,000	16,100	1,610,000,000	16,100	

All the shares issued by the Company rank pari passu and do not carry preemptive rights.

13 Share-based employee compensation

Movements in share options granted during the Period were as follows:

	As at 1 April 2010	Granted during the Period	Exercised during the Period		Date of grant	Exercise Period	Exercise price per share
Director							
Lau Kin Tung	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000	14/4/2008	14/4/2008 to 13/4/2013	HK\$0.180

The consideration paid by each individual for the options granted was \$1.

14 Commitments

(a) Commitments under operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within one year	2,830	1,421
After one year but within five years	2,508	81
	5,338	1,502

(b) Capital commitments

The Group had capital commitments outstanding as at 30 September 2010 not provided for in the interim financial statements as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$'000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Contracted for — acquisition of property, plant and		
equipment	27,544	2,648
— acquisition of technical know-how	15,301	4,732
	42,845	7,380

15 Material related party transactions

(a) The following represents a summary of material recurring transactions during the relevant Period between the Group and the related parties:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2010	2009	
	\$′000	\$'000	
Notes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
(i)	6,100	6,363	
(ii)	348	348	
(iii)	985	978	
	(i) (ii)	30 Septer 2010 \$'000 Notes (Unaudited) (i) 6,100 (ii) 348	

Notes:

- (i) Yunnan Pharm Group is a minority shareholder of Kunming Jida Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd, a subsidiary of the Group. The Group sold pharmaceutical products to Yunnan Pharm Group, based on the prevailing market prices.
- (ii) During the relevant Period, a Director, Mr Lau Yau Bor, leased a staff quarter to the Group. The terms were negotiated on an arm's length basis and rentals are determined in accordance with the prevailing market rate.
- (iii) Jiwa Investment Limited, which is controlled by the Directors, Mr. Lau Yau Bor and Madam Chan Hing Ming, leased staff quarters and office premises to the Group. The terms were negotiated on an arm's length basis and rentals are determined in accordance with the prevailing market rate.

The Directors are of the opinion that the above transactions with related parties were conducted on normal commercial terms in the ordinary course of the Group's business.

(b) Amounts due from/(to) related companies

Amount due from related companies

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2010	2010
	\$′000	\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Yunnan Pharm Group	9,808	16,983

16 Approval of the interim financial statements

The interim financial statements were approved by the Board on 25 November 2010.

OTHER INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 September 2010, the Group had a total of approximately 1,111 employees (31 March 2010: approximately 1,064 employees). The Group's remuneration policies are in line with prevailing market practice and formulated on the basis of the performance and experience of individual employees. Apart from basic salaries, other staff benefits included provident funds and medical schemes. The Company may also grant share options to eligible employees under its share option scheme.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

There were no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the six months ended 30 September 2010.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has a share option scheme which was adopted on 24 September 2003 whereby the Directors are authorised, at their discretion, to invite employees of the Group, including directors of any company in the Group, and consultants and advisers to the Group (subject to the eligibility requirements) to take up options to subscribe for shares of the Company representing up to a maximum of 10% of the shares in issue from time to time. The exercise price of options is the highest of the nominal value of the shares, the closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") on the date of grant and the average closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant. The options vested are exercisable within a Period of five years from date of grant. Each option gives the holder the right to subscribe for one share.

Details of the movement of the share options during the Period under the share option scheme are set out in Note 13 to the interim financial statements.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Directors' and Chief Executive's Interest in Shares

The directors and chief executive of the Company who held office as at 30 September 2010 had the following interests in the shares of the Company, its subsidiaries and other associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance ("SFO")) at that date as recorded in the register of directors' and chief executives' interests and short positions required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"):

Interests in Issued Shares

		Total			
Name of Director	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	number of Shares held	% of total issued Shares
Lau Yau Bor	83,808,000 (Note 1)	115,752,000 (Note 2)	840,000,000 (Note 4)	1,039,560,000	64.57%
Lau Kin Tung	(Note 1)	_	105,000,000 (Note 5)	105,000,000	6.52%
Chan Hing Ming	40,752,000 (Note 1)	923,808,000 (Note 3)	75,000,000 (Note 6)	1,039,560,000	64.57%

Notes:

- The Shares are registered under the name of the Directors or chief executive of the Company who are the beneficial owners.
- 2. 75,000,000 Shares are held by MINGS Development Holdings Limited which is wholly and beneficially owned by Chan Hing Ming, the spouse of Lau Yau Bor, 40,752,000 Shares are held by Chan Hing Ming as beneficial owner.
- 3. 840,000,000 Shares are held by LAUs Holding Co. Ltd. which is wholly and beneficially owned by Lau Yau Bor, the spouse of Chan Hing Ming, 83,808,000 Shares are held by Lau Yau Bor as beneficial owner.
- These Shares are held by LAUs Holding Co. Ltd., the entire issued share capital
 of which is held by Lau Yau Bor.
- 5. These Shares are held by WHYS Holding Co. Ltd, the entire issued share capital of which is held by Lau Kin Tung.
- These Shares are held by MINGS Development Holdings Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is held by Chan Hing Ming.

Interests in Underlying Shares

The directors and chief executive of the Company have been granted options under the Company's share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme"), details of which are set out in the section "Share Option Scheme".

Apart from the foregoing, none of the directors and chief executive of the Company or any of their spouses or children under eighteen years of age has interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company, any of its holding company, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries, as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company pursuant to the Model Code.

Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Shares

As at 30 September 2010, the Company had been notified by the following person (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as at 30 September 2010 which were required to be disclosed to the Company under Part XV of the SFO or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

Interests in Issued Shares

			Percentage of
Name of substantial		Total	total issued
shareholders	Capacity	Interests	Shares
LAUs Holdings Co. Ltd.	Beneficial owner	840,000,000	52.17%
WHYS Holding Co. Ltd.	Beneficial owner	105,000,000	6.52%

Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures

Save as disclosed under the heading, "Directors' and Chief Executive's interests in shares" and "Share option scheme" above, at no time during the Period or up to the date of this report were there any rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any Director or their respective spouse or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the requirements of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") during the Period

DIRECTOR'S SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the code for securities transactions by directors. The Company, having made specific enquiry, confirms that all directors have complied with the required standards set out in Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2010.

REVIEW OF INTERIM REPORTS

The audit committee, comprising of the three independent non-executive directors of the Company, has reviewed with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2010.

APPRECIATION

The sustained growth of the Group's results is hinged on the continuous support, commitment and contributions of the management and staff during the Period and the support shown to us by our investors. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the investors of the Company and the staff of the Group.

By order of the Board

Lau Kin Tung

Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 25 November 2010