

# ZHAOJIN MINING INDUSTRY COMPANY LIMITED\*

# 招金礦業股份有限公司

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1818)





INTERIM REPORT 2012

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### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### Name of the Company

招金礦業股份有限公司

# **English Name of the Company**

Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited

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Mr. Lu Dongshang (Chairman)

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Lu Dongshang (Chairman) Mr. Weng Zhanbin (President)

Mr. Li Xiuchen

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Mr. Liang Xinjun (Vice Chairman)

Mr. Cong Jianmao

Mr. Ye Kai

Mr. Kong Fanhe

# **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Yan Hongbo

Mr. Ye Tianzhu

Ms. Chen Jinrong

Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo

# **Supervisory Committee Members**

Mr. Wang Xiaojie

(Chairman of Supervisory Committee)

Ms. Jin Ting

Mr. Chu Yushan

# Secretary to the Board

Mr. Wang Ligang

### **Company Secretary**

Ms. Ma Sau Kuen Gloria

### **Qualified Accountant**

Mr. Ma Ving Lung Nelson

# **Authorized Representatives**

Mr. Lu Dongshang (Chairman)

Mr. Weng Zhanbin (President)

#### **Board Committees**

### **Audit Committee Members**

Ms. Chen Jinrong (Chairman of Audit Committee)

Mr. Ye Kai

Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo

# **Strategic Committee Members**

Mr. Lu Dongshang (Chairman of Strategic Committee)

Mr. Liang Xinjun

Mr. Weng Zhanbin

# Nomination and Remuneration Committee Members

Mr. Yan Hongbo (Chairman of Nomination and Remuneration Committee)

Mr. Liang Xinjun

Mr. Cong Jianmao

Mr. Ye Tianzhu

Ms. Chen Jinrong

# Geological and Resources Management Committee Members

Mr. Ye Tianzhu (Chairman of Geological and Resources Management Committee)

Mr. Weng Zhanbin

Mr. Yan Hongbo



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# **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### I. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS

For the six months ended 30 June 2012 (the "Period"), Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are mainly engaged in the exploration, mining, ore processing, smelting and sale of gold products and other metallic products in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The principal products include "Au9999" and "Au9995" standard gold bullions and other gold products under the brand name of "Zhaojin".

### II. INTERIM RESULTS

#### Revenue

During the Period, the Group generated revenue of approximately RMB1,950,196,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB2,499,756,000), representing a decrease of approximately 22% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

### Net profit

During the Period, the net profit of the Group was approximately RMB525,201,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB746,202,000), representing a decrease of approximately 30% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# **Gold production**

During the Period, the Group had attained an aggregate gold production of approximately 12,520.3 kg (approximately 402,536.7 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 9.52% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Of which, gold output from the Group's mines accounted for 7,770.4 kg (approximately 249,824.0 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 1.78% as compared to the corresponding period of last year and gold output from smelting and tolling arrangement accounted for approximately 4,749.9 kg (approximately 152,712.7 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 25.05% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

### Profit attributable to owners of the parent

During the Period, the profit attributable to owners of the parent was approximately RMB495,398,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB720,129,000), representing a decrease of approximately 31% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

### Earnings per share

During the Period, the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent amounted to approximately RMB0.17 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB0.25), representing a decrease of approximately 32% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

### Net assets per share

As at 30 June 2012, the consolidated net assets per share attributable to the owners of the parent was approximately RMB2.37 (30 June 2011: approximately RMB1.94), and the yield to net assets during the Period was approximately 7.77% (corresponding period of 2011: approximately 12.75%).

# III. INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2012 (corresponding period of 2011: nil).

# IV. ACQUISITIONS

(1) On 2 May 2011, the Company entered into the equity transfer agreement with Yantai Jingtai Investment Consulting Co., Ltd. (煙台景泰投資諮詢有限公司), pursuant to which the Company acquired 15% equity interests in Hezheng Xinyuan Mining Co., Ltd. at a consideration of RMB9,000,000, upon completion of the equity transfer, the Company held an aggregate of 95% equity interests in Hezheng Xinyuan Mining Co., Ltd..

Yantai Jingtai Investment Consulting Co., Ltd. is a connected person of the Company by virtue of being a substantial Shareholder of Hezheng Xinyuan Mining Co., Ltd.. Accordingly, the acquisition constitutes a connected transaction of the Company. As each of the applicable percentage ratios in respect of the acquisition is below the de minimis threshold and is exempt from the announcement, reporting, and the independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

As at 10 January 2012, the registration procedures associated with the equity transfer with relevant local industry and commerce authority were completed, resulting in the completion of this transaction.

(2) On 1 December 2011, the Company entered into the Jishan JV Agreement with Zhaoyuan Zhangxing Town People's Government (招遠市張星鎮人民政府). Pursuant to the Jishan JV Agreement, the parties have agreed to establish the Jishan JV which will be principally engaged in the exploration and exploitation of gold in Zhaoyuan, Shandong Province, the PRC. The registered capital of the Jishan JV will be owned as to 95% and 5% by the Company and Zhaoyuan Zhangxing Town People's Government respectively. It is estimated by the geological experts of the Company that the ore quantity is approximately 368,867 tons, the gold content of Jishan JV is approximately 1,510 kg, and the average grade is 4.09 gram per ton.

As at the date of this interim report, the registration procedures of change of this non wholly-owned subsidiary with relevant local industry and commerce authority is still in progress.

The acquisition did not constitute a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute any notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 7 December 2011 published on the website of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

(3) On 21 December 2011, Zhaoyuan Jintingling Mining Industry Company Limited ("Jintingling", a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), entered into the asset transfer agreement with Zhaoyuan Gold Smelting Company Limited (a subsidiary of Shandong Zhaojin Group) to acquire the Zaoyangshan Exploration Right and its ancillary assets at a consideration of RMB28,000,000 by bidding at Yantai Joint Property Right Exchange Center. The mine involved in the Zaoyangshan Exploration Right occupies an area of 16.20 km², and possesses good ore-forming conditions and development prospects as well as good infrastructure and facilities. Based on previous exploration works conducted in the mine, the indicated and inferred ore resources are approximately 379,881 tons, gold content is approximately 1,267 kg and average grade is approximately 3.34 gram per ton.

As at the date of this interim report, the procedures of change of property rights of this project is still in progress.

The acquisition constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 21 December 2011 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

(4) On 30 December 2011, the Company entered into the equity transfer agreement with five natural persons being Fu Xiaoliang, Shi Chengyong, Zhou Jian, Ni Peiai and Han Xiaosong, whereby the Company acquired 79% equity interest in Baicheng County Di Shui Copper Mine Development Co., Ltd. (拜城縣滴水銅礦開發有限責任公司) at a cash consideration of RMB605,000,000. Dishui Gold-Copper Mine is a gold-copper mine project, where the gold grade is 0.41 gram per ton, with a gold content of 2,757 kg; the silver grade is 9.39 gram per ton, with a silver content of 235,312 kg; the copper grade is 1.06%, with a copper content of 265,600 tons.

As at 5 January 2012, the registration procedures associated with the equity interest transfer with relevant local industry and commerce authority were completed, resulting in the completion of this transaction.

The acquisition constitutes a discloseable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2011 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

(5) On 23 March 2012, the Company entered into the transfer agreement with Zhaojin Non-Ferrous Mining Company Limited ("Zhaojin Non-Ferrous"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zhaojin Group, pursuant to which Zhaojin Non-Ferrous conditionally agreed to sell and the Company has conditionally agreed to purchase the Hou Cang Exploration Right and the entire equity interest in Xinjiang Jin Han Zun Mining Investment Company Limited ("Jin Han Zun Mining"). The aggregate consideration of RMB597,845,200 for acquisition of the gold resources (with total reserves of 26,199.82 kg) will be satisfied in full by the issue of 50,967,195 new domestic Shares at the issue price of HK\$14.46 (equivalent to approximately RMB11.73) per share by the Company.



As at the date of this interim report, the acquisition has been approved by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Shandong Provincial People's Government, the Company's annual general meeting, the H shareholders class meeting and the domestic shareholders class meeting, irrespectively. As at 6 July 2012, the relevant registration procedures associated with the Jin Han Zun Mining with relevant local industry and commerce authority were completed. As at the date of this interim report, the procedures of change of Hou Cang Exploration Right is still in progress.

The acquisition constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. Relevant details were set out in the announcement dated 23 March 2012 and the circular dated 13 April 2012 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn respectively.

(6) On 2 November 2011, Qinghe Jindu Mining Company Limited ("Qinghe Mining", a subsidiary of the Company) entered into the Framework Agreement on Mining Rights Transfer and Acquisition of Assets ("Framework Agreement") with Xinjiang Hangjun Mining Company Limited ("Hangjun Mining"). On 15 April 2012, Qinghe Mining entered into a supplemental agreement to the Framework Agreement with Hangjun Mining, to acquire the 49% interest held by Hangjun Mining in the gold mine exploration right in North Kubusu, Qinghe County. The remaining 51% interest of such gold mine exploration right was held by the Eighth Gold Detachment of Chinese People's Armed Police Force. This exploration right covers an area of 74.5 km², with a reserve of 2.51 million tones of gold ores of 333 grade and a gold content of 11,679.48 kg. The consideration for the 49% interest in the exploration right and the underlying assets is RMB200,000,000. The completion of property right transfer will provide surrounding exploration and a certain level of resource assurance for the geological exploration of Qinghe Mining and its production capacity of 2,000 tons per day.

As at the date of this interim report, the procedures of change of property rights of this project is still in progress.

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute any notifiable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

(7) On 17 May 2012, Ruoqiang Changyun Sanfengshan Mining Company Limited (one of the subsidiaries of the Company) entered into the Contract on Transfer of Property Right and Acquisition of Assets with Ruoqiang Aokai Mine Development Company Limited for the acquisition of the exploration rights of Daqingshan Gold Mine and Luotuofeng Gold Mine in Ruoqiang County, covering an area of 45.63 km² for an aggregate consideration of RMB600,000,000. There are 268,400 tons of copper ores above 333 grade under these exploration rights, with a copper content of 3,181 tons and the copper grade is 1.19%. This acquisition provides potential for Ruoqiang Changyun Sanfengshan Mining Company Limited to develop its surrounding areas.

As at the date of this interim report, the procedures of change of property rights of this project is still in progress.

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute any notifiable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

(8) On 28 June 2012, the Company entered into the Agreement of Merger and Reorganization and the supplemental agreement in connection with the Exploitation Right Project of Luerba Gold Mine Bojigou Section in Minxian, Gansu Province, which is adjacent to Minxian Tianhao Gold Company Limited ("Minxian Tianhao") with the Second Geological and Mineral Exploration Institute (the "Second Institute") under the Geology and Mineral Resources Reconnaissance and Development Bureau of Gansu Province. Pursuant to these agreements, Minxian Tianhao underwent a reorganization process by consolidating the Luerba Gold Mine Bojigou Section in Minxian, Gansu Province, which was owned by Minxian Shengyuan Mining Company Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Second Institute). Upon completion of the reorganization, Minxian Tianhao will be held as to 74% by the Company and 26% by the Second Institute. The exploitation right acquired upon this reorganization covers an area of 6.06 km². Based on the Report of General Survey, the estimated resource reserve of ores amounted to 1.92 million tons, with a gold content of 4,827 kg and the average gold grade is 2.51 gram per ton.

As at the date of this interim report, the procedures of the merger and reorganization of this project is still in progress.

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute any notifiable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

# V. BUSINESS REVIEW

# Maintaining safety and environmental protection

The Group strictly and consistently implemented the policy of safe production – "safety first, precaution-oriented and integrated management". By fortifying the management, strengthening the system construction, devoting more resources and efforts to improve safety and carrying out system projects including integrated governance and management, the Group forestalled major accidents in respect of safety production or environmental pollution, thus maintaining good and steady development momentum in safety production and environmental protection. During the Period, the Group invested RMB36,000,000 in safety and environmental protection, Dayingezhuang Gold Mine and Hedong Gold Mine submitted their applications to the relevant authority to become state-level green mines. The subsidiaries of the Company located both inside and outside Zhaoyuan vigorously promoted mechanization, automation and information technology, thereby the safety production capability of the mines of the Company was reinforced and improved.

# Steadily increase in gold output

The Group managed proactive production deployment and successfully accomplished the gold production tasks by overcoming difficulties caused by negative factors such as production suspension during the Spring Festival and limited explosives rationing. In the first half of the year, the Group achieved an aggregate gold output of 12,520.3 kg (approximately 402,536.7 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 9.52% compared to the corresponding period of last year; an aggregate gold output from its mines of 7,770.4 kg (approximately 249,824.0 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 1.78% compared to the corresponding period of last year; and an aggregate gold output from smelting and tolling arrangement of 4,749.9 kg (approximately 152,712.7 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 25.05% compared to the corresponding period of last year. Among them, gold output from mines located outside Zhaoyuan increased significantly to 1,826.9 kg (approximately 58,736.2 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 16.08% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Further improvement in the quality of efficient operation

In the first half of the year, facing the challenges of highly fluctuating gold price at high levels and sharp volatility in the market, the Group strengthened its risk management and control and strived for self-improvement, thus further enhanced its capability to cope with market fluctuations. During the Period, the Group prioritized cost reduction and efficiency improvement while continuing to improve internal operating management and vigorously promoting cost saving and energy conservation so as to maintain its competitive edge of lower cost, thereby various economic-technical indicators remained sound, and the production and operation of the Company achieved consistent growth.

# Rapid progress in the construction of key projects

The Group carried out activities of "the Year of Intensification in Technology Reform of Fundamental Infrastructure", vigorously implemented the system where leaders provide full assistance on key projects, and took various measures including daily scheduling, weekly reporting and monthly scheduling, etc., which achieved satisfactory results. In the first half of the year, the Group invested a total of RMB370,000,000 and started 22 construction projects. The Group completed an aggregated digging volume of 209,500 m³ with construction area of 31,900 m². The key processing projects at Qinghe Mining, Zaozigou Gold Mine and Zhaojin Baiyun, etc. (each with a capacity of 2,000 tons per day) proceeded rapidly and laid a solid foundation for the capacity expansion of the Company.

# A new leap in scientific and technological innovation

In the first half of the year, by focusing on the construction of a model base for comprehensive utilization of gold resources in Shandong Province, the Group fully devoted itself to buoying the level of the targeted scientific and technological innovation. During the Period, the Group invested approximately RMB33,397,300 in aggregate in technological innovation, implemented 51 technological innovation projects, and was granted 17 patents of utility model. Among which, the model projects undertaken by Dayingezhuang Gold Mine, Xiadian Gold Mine, Jinchiling Gold Mine and Zhaojin Guihe, etc. were expedited and successfully passed the annual examinations conducted by the Provincial Land and Resources Bureau and the national assessment team. Meanwhile, the Group focused on overcoming difficult problems in processing and metallurgy processes in Xinjiang and Gansu regions in the first half of the year. As a result, the recovery rate in the processing and metallurgy processes in subsidiaries located outside Zhaoyuan such as Liangdang Zhaojin, Zhaojin Beijiang and Xinhe Mining, etc. was significantly improved.

# New achievements in geological exploration

In the first half of the year, the Group vigorously implemented the "strategic activity to achieve breakthroughs in exploration", and pooled its superior resources to carry out overall geological explorations at both frontlines in and outside Zhaoyuan City. During the Period, the Group completed investment of approximately RMB89,613,100 in geological exploration, tunnel exploration of 38,592.68 meters and drilling exploration of 125,295.79 meters, which brought gold and copper resources explored amounting to approximately 24,068.59 kg and 27,791.77 tons respectively. Resources reserves were further increased as a result.

# Steady progress in external development

In the first half of the year, in response to intensified competition in the mining rights market and following the guideline of "choose the better from the good, choose the fast from the better", the Group proactively made progress in gold mine projects in Xinjiang, Gansu and other places. In addition, the Company acquired 26.2 tons of resource reserves through the acquisition of the entire equity interest in Xinjiang Jin Han Zun Mining Investment Company Limited ("Jin Han Zun Mining") of Zhaojin Non-Ferrous Mining Company Limited ("Zhaojin Non-Ferrous") and the Hou Cang exploration right by way of non-public issue of domestic shares, which further improved the resource reserves and the competitiveness of the Company.

### VI. FINANCIAL AND RESULTS ANALYSIS

### Revenue

During the Period, the Group's revenue amounted to approximately RMB1,950,196,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB2,499,756,000), representing a decrease of approximately 22% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. During the Period, the decrease in revenue was primarily due to the decrease in the sales quantity of gold bullion and the increase in the quantity of inventories.

#### Net profit

During the Period, net profit of the Group amounted to approximately RMB525,201,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB746,202,000), representing a decrease of approximately 30% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decrease in net profit was due to the decrease in the sales amount of gold bullion and the increase in the quantity of inventories during the Period.

# Integrated cost of gold per gram

During the Period, the Group's integrated cost of gold per gram was approximately RMB121.96 per gram (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB116.97 per gram), representing an increase of approximately 4.27% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase in integrated cost of gold per gram was due to the increase in the cost of raw materials, increase in depreciation and amortization as well as incremental staff costs.

#### Cost of sales

During the Period, the Group's cost of sales amounted to approximately RMB841,623,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB1,192,113,000), representing a decrease of approximately 29% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decrease was primarily attributable to the decrease in the sales quantity of gold.

# Gross profit and gross profit margin

During the Period, the Group's gross profit was approximately RMB1,108,573,000, representing a decrease of approximately 15% as compared to RMB1,307,643,000 of the corresponding period of last year. Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in the Group's revenue for the Period. The Group's gross profit margin increase from approximately 52.31% in the corresponding period of last year to approximately 56.84% for the Period. Such increase was mainly due to the increase in the proportion of revenue from gold concentrates with higher gross profit margin to the total revenue.

# Other revenue and gains

During the Period, the Group's other revenue and gains were approximately RMB40,747,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB40,154,000), representing an increase of approximately 1% as compared to the corresponding period of last year, and no significant change occurred.

### Selling and distribution costs

During the Period, the Group's selling and distribution costs were approximately RMB32,406,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB26,454,000), representing an increase of approximately 22% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the transportation cost as a result of the increase in the sales quantity of copper.

### Administrative expenses

During the Period, the Group's administrative and other operating expenses were approximately RMB321,777,000 (corresponding period of 2011: approximately RMB252,552,000), representing an increase of approximately 27% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Such increase was due to the acquisition of certain subsidiaries in the second half of 2011 and the first half of 2012 and the incremental staff costs.

### Liquidity and capital resources

The working capital and funding required by the Group were mainly generated from its cash flows from operations and borrowings, while the Group's capital was primarily used to fund its capital expenditures, operations and repayment of borrowings.

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB567,598,000, representing a decrease of approximately 54% as compared to approximately RMB1,245,872,000 as at 31 December 2011. The decrease was mainly due to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets and the payment of 2011 final dividends in the first half of 2012.

As at 30 June 2012, the balance of cash and cash equivalents of the Group denominated in Hong Kong dollars amounted to RMB9,657,000 (31 December 2011: RMB16,495,000) and those denominated in United States dollars amounted to RMB36,690,000 (31 December 2011: RMB50,026,000) and those denominated in Australia dollars amounted to RMB9,948,000 (31 December 2011: nil). All other cash and cash equivalents held by the Group are denominated in Renminbi.

The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies, however, pursuant to the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulation, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through those banks which were authorized to conduct foreign exchange business.

### **Borrowings**

As at 30 June 2012, the Group had outstanding bank borrowings and other borrowings of RMB3,389,589,000 (31 December 2011: RMB1,668,269,000), of which RMB3,273,888,000 (31 December 2011: RMB1,510,160,000) was repayable within 1 year, RMB97,930,000 (31 December 2011: RMB151,735,000) was repayable within 2 to 5 years and RMB17,771,000 (31 December 2011: RMB6,374,000) was repayable after 5 years. As at 30 June 2012, the Group had outstanding corporate bonds of approximately RMB1,491,858,000 (31 December 2011: RMB1,491,047,000). The bond should be repaid within two to five years. The increase in the Group's borrowings during the Period was mainly attributable to the incremental demand of the resource acquisition activities, capital expenditure and working capital of the Group.

All bank borrowings and other borrowings held by the Group are denominated in RMB and HKD. As at 30 June 2012, approximately 89% of interest bearing bank borrowings were in fixed rates.

### Income tax

The effective income tax rate (i.e., the total income tax divided by profit before tax) of the Group during the Period was approximately 21% (corresponding period of 2011: approximately 25%). The decrease in the effective income tax rate was mainly because certain subsidiaries of the Group located in the western area of China are entitled to tax benefit approved by local tax bureau.

#### Total assets

As at 30 June 2012, the total assets of the Group were approximately RMB14,783,766,000, representing an increase of approximately 11% as compared to approximately RMB13,291,087,000 as at 31 December 2011. Among which, total non-current assets amounted to approximately RMB10,968,005,000, accounting for approximately 74% of the total assets, and representing an increase of approximately 18% as compared to approximately RMB9,329,288,000 as at 31 December 2011. As at 30 June 2012, total current assets were approximately RMB3,815,761,000, accounting for approximately 26% of the total assets, and representing a decrease of approximately 4% as compared to approximately RMB3,961,799,000 as at 31 December 2011.

### Net assets

As at 30 June 2012, the net assets of the Group were approximately RMB6,921,757,000, representing a decrease of approximately 1% as compared to approximately RMB6,997,447,000 as at 31 December 2011.

#### **Total liabilities**

As at 30 June 2012, the total liabilities of the Group were approximately RMB7,862,009,000, representing an increase of approximately 25% as compared to approximately RMB6,293,640,000 as at 31 December 2011. As at 30 June 2012, the gearing ratio (i.e., the net debt divided by the total equity plus net debt. Net debt includes interest bearing bank and other borrowings and corporate bond less balance of cash and cash equivalents) was approximately 38.4% (31 December 2011: 21.5%).

# Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2012, the contingent liabilities of the Group did not have any change as compared to those as at 31 December 2011.

#### Market risks

The Group is exposed to various types of market risks, including effects from fluctuation in gold prices, changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, and influences from inflation.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk relates primarily to the Group's cash holdings and interest bearing bank borrowings. The Group manages its exposure to interest rate risk on its cash holdings and bank borrowings through holding a combination of short term deposits with fixed and variable rates, and using a mix of fixed and variable rate debts.

During the Period, the Group had not used any interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk.

# Foreign exchange risk

All of the transactions conducted in the ordinary course of the Group are carried out in RMB. The fluctuation of the RMB/USD exchange rate may affect the international and local gold price, which in turn affects the Group's operating results.

During the Period, the Group had not entered into any hedging activities.

### Gold price and other commodities price risks

The Group's exposure to price risk relates principally to the fluctuations in the market price of gold, silver and copper, which may affect the Group's results of operations. In addition, the Group enters into contracts for the processing of gold and silver concentrates with the liabilities settled through physical delivery of predetermined quantities of gold and silver. Price fluctuations affect such liabilities which are denominated in RMB. The Group's policy aims to manage its exposure to price risks in relation to the tolling liabilities resulted from the above-mentioned processing by holding physical inventories of gold and silver for relevant settlement.

### Pledge

As at 30 June 2012, except for the following assets pledged for the bank borrowings of the Group, the Group had not pledged any assets: (1) property, plant and equipment and prepaid land lease payments with net carrying amount of approximately RMB108,258,000 (31 December 2011: RMB7,270,000); and (2) pledged deposits with the net carrying amount of RMB83,000,000 (31 December 2011: nil).

### VII. BUSINESS OUTLOOK

In the second half of the year, pursuant to the general requirements of making breakthroughs and improving and speeding up development, we will focus our efforts on the following aspects to smoothly achieve the Company's objectives set for the whole year.

### Enhance intrinsic safety capabilities to quarantee safe and steady development

In the second half of the year, the Company will adhere to the safety concept of "gold is precious but life is priceless" and the environmental protection concept of "prioritizing environmental protection over gold/silver mining", and exert all its strength to build an intrinsically safe and modernized mine. The Company will devote more efforts to improve safety and environmental protection and intends to invest RMB100,000,000 in this respect; comprehensively strengthen the construction of the "six major risks prevention systems" for safe operation of subsidiaries in and outside Zhaoyuan city; promote the work of building a national green mine and make efforts to improve the quality and level of development of safety and environmental protection. The Group will consolidate the fundaments of on-site safety management, carry out special safety rectification activities, improve and perfect emergency plans, and make efforts in staff safety training and education to strengthen staff's safety awareness and skills. At the same time, the Group will make an all-out effort to carry out the "four preventions (四防)" activity for summer time and be well-prepared for emergencies so as to ensure the safety production without accidents during the flood season.

# Make stringent production deployment and accelerate the progress of fundamental infrastructure construction and technology reform

In the second half of the year, the Company will seize favorable opportunities for gold production and continuously optimize production deployment; accelerate the construction of mining preparations to increase output and grade of ore, and realize breakthrough in gold production. Meanwhile, the Company will strive to make all its key projects running at full capacity and coming into operation as soon as possible, therefore, it will earnestly carry out project construction and on-site management and strengthen the implementation of the system of "providing specific assistance on the spot (蹲點包幫)" for key projects. In particular, the Group will carry out exploration work in deeper areas of Xiadian Gold Mine, Dayingezhuang Gold Mine, Hedong Gold Mine and Jinchiling Gold Mine. It will also accelerate the construction progress of mining and processing expansion projects in Zaozigou Gold Mine, Minxian Tianhao, Qinghe Mining and Zhaojin Baiyun, which will lay a solid foundation for further expansion of production capacity for the Company.

### Strengthen internal control to improve economic benefits

In the second half of the year, the Company will take refined management as a starting point and focus its efforts on improving the "five capabilities" (namely, the cost management capability, basic management capability of subsidiaries outside Zhaoyuan, financial management capability, marketing management capability and risk management capability), so as to comprehensively improve the quality of economic operation. It will continue to regulate the management of tender and bid, further

regulate market access system through implementation of transparent procurement process and parity procurement process to enhance procurement efficiency. It will also strengthen logistics management of subsidiaries outside Zhaoyuan and establish regionally centralized procurement organizations in the areas such as Xinjiang and Gansu, with an aim to maximize procurement benefit through centralized purchasing. Meanwhile, the Company will proactively promote mechanization and automation, thus actually reducing labor intensity and improving production efficiency by relying on mechanization.

# Implement achievement expansion project to achieve new breakthroughs in geological exploration

In the second half of the year, pursuant to the "four unified (四統一) requirements" (namely, unified planning, unified investment, unified construction and unified acceptance) and with the support by "fund guarantee, manpower guarantee, and appraisal/reward/punishment guarantee", the Company will adjust its working idea to achieve great development in mine exploration and reserve expansion. The Company will make further efforts on mine exploration and reinforce science guidance in order to make breakthrough in the "three areas" (namely, old area, new area and blank area). The comprehensive implementation of achievement expansion project will focus on Zhaoyuan region with an aim to achieve new breakthroughs in mine exploration within Zhaoyuan, promote the development of the Company's overall mine explorations, and ensure additional gold resources to be achieved to 80 tons or more.

# Seize opportunities to steadily expand to other regions

In the second half of the year, the Company will adhere to the principle of "low-cost exploration, high-level cooperation and large-scale operation" and seize favorable opportunities for resource integration, actively, steadily and effectively advance projects with favorable acquisition conditions, and put more efforts in negotiations and acquisitions, with a view to constructing a strategic pattern of "reinforcing its position in old areas, making breakthrough in new areas and developing in external regions". Focusing on our existing mines, we will exert full efforts to integrate resources in our surrounding areas. Setting up our subsidiaries outside Zhaoyuan in Xinjiang and Gansu as regional footholds, we will promote development in more areas by drawing upon experience gained at key points. We will speed up development symmetrically to build new quality mine resource bases for the Company. We intend to acquire gold resources of 50 tons.

### Continue to ride on technology advantages to promote scientific and technological innovation

In the second half of the year, the Group will make full use of the platform of technology center to conduct scientific and technological innovation, establish an expert library, a consulting institute and a think tank and focus on key research and development projects such as the research on scientific mine exploration, mining methods and recovery rate of refractory ores during processing, etc. We will organize the "scientific research activity" by combining joint research on major projects, independent research and development with introduction and utilization of new technologies to achieve breakthroughs in scientific and technological innovation. Meanwhile, the Group will keep abreast of latest technology development and latest research findings in the industry, and get high-end intellectual support, hence fundamentally changing the modes and systems of traditional scientific research.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

# I. CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND SHARE CAPITAL STRUCTURE

# 1. Number of shareholders

The details of the number of shareholders of the Company recorded in the register of members as at 30 June 2012 are as follows:

	Number of
Classification	shareholders
Domestic share	5
Overseas-listed foreign share – H share	2,007
Total number of shareholders	2,012

# 2. Substantial shareholders

To the best knowledge of the directors, supervisors and chief executives of the Company, as at 30 June 2012, the interests and short positions of substantial shareholders in the issued share capital of the Company which were required, pursuant to Section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), to be entered into the register referred to therein, or holding 5% or above in the issued share capital of the Company which were required to be notified to the Company were as follows:

	Name of shareholders	Class of shares	Capacity	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the registered capital of the Company	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total number of issued domestic shares of the Company %	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total number of issued H shares of the Company	Long position/ Short position/ Lending Pool
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1	Shandong Zhaojin Group Company Limited	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	1,086,514,000 (Note 1)	37.27	53.25	-	Long position
		H shares	Beneficial owner	16,510,000 (Note 1)	0.57	-	1.89	Long position
2	Shanghai Yuyuan Tourist Mart Co., Ltd.	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	742,000,000	25.46	36.36	-	Long position
		Domestic shares	Interest of controlled corporation	21,200,000 (Notes 1 & 2)	0.73	1.04	_	Long position

		Class of		Number of	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the registered capital of the	shares of the	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total number of issued H shares	Long position/ Short position/
	Name of shareholders	shares	Capacity	shares held	Company %	Company %	of the Company %	Lending Pool
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3	Shanghai Fosun Industrial Investment Co., Ltd.	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
4	Shanghai Fosun High Technology (Group) Company Limited	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
5	Fosun International Limited	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
6	Fosun Holdings Limited	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
7	Fosun International Holdings Ltd.	Domestic shares	Beneficial owner	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
8	Guo Guangchang	Domestic shares	Interest of controlled corporation	106,000,000 (Notes 1 & 3)	3.64	5.19	-	Long position
9.	Atlantis Capital Holdings Limited	H shares	Interest of controlled corporation	78,500,000 (Note 4)	2.69	-	8.98	Long position
10	Liu Yang	H shares	Interest of controlled corporation	78,500,000 (Note 4)	2.69	-	8.98	Long position

	Name of shareholders	Class of shares	Capacity	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the registered capital of the Company %	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total number of issued domestic shares of the Company %	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total number of issued H shares of the Company	Long position/ Short position/ Lending Pool
11	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	H shares	Beneficial owner	2,029,000 (Note 5)	0.07	-	0.23	Long position
		H shares	Beneficial owner	725,500 (Note 5)	0.02	-	0.08	Short position
		H shares	Investment manager	4,003,500 (Note 5)	0.14	-	0.46	Long position
		H shares	Custodian corporation/ approved lending agent	89,472,015 (Note 5)	3.07	-	10.23	Lending pool
12	BlackRock, Inc.	H shares	Interest of controlled corporation	45,307,314 (Note 6)	1.55	-	5.18	Long position
		H shares	Interest of controlled corporation	1,564,571 (Note 6)	0.05	-	0.17	Short position
13	Norges Bank	H shares	Beneficial owner	61,742,500	2.12	-	7.06	Long position

#### Notes:

- (1) Pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, the shareholders of the Company are required to file disclosure of interests forms when certain criteria are fulfilled and the full details of the requirements are available on SFO's official website. When a shareholder's shareholding in the Company changes, it is not necessary for the shareholder to notify the Company and the Stock Exchange unless certain criteria are fulfilled, therefore substantial shareholders' latest shareholding in the Company may be different to the shareholding filed with the Company and the Stock Exchange.
- (2) Shanghai Yuyuan Tourist Mart Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Yuyuan") holds 95% equity interests in Shanghai Laomiao Gold Co., Ltd. ("Laomiao Gold"), therefore the 21,200,000 domestic shares held by Laomiao Gold in the Company is shown as long position of Shanghai Yuyuan.
- (3) The 106,000,000 shares represent the same block of shares.
- (4) The 78,500,000 shares represent the same block of shares.
- (5) JPMorgan Chase & Co. holds equity interest in the shares of the Company through the companies controlled or indirectly controlled by it.
- (6) BlackRock, Inc. holds equity interest in the shares of the Company through the companies controlled or indirectly controlled by it.

As at 30 June 2012, apart from the above disclosure and to the best knowledge of the Directors, supervisors and chief executives of the Company, no person had any interests and short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be entered into the register referred to therein, or held 5% or above in the issued share capital of the Company which was required to be notified to the Company.

# II. DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES OR DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 June 2012, none of the Directors, supervisors and chief executives of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) which were required to be entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or which were required to notify the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") (for such purposes, the relevant provisions in the SFO were also construed as applicable to the supervisors).

# III. RIGHTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS

At no time during the Period had the Directors or supervisors held any shares of the Company. None of the Directors and supervisors had any interests in the share capital or debt securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in the SFO). None of the Directors, supervisors and their spouses and children below eighteen years old was granted rights to subscribe for the interests in the share capital or debt securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations and there was no exercise of any of such rights by any of such persons.

At no time during the Period had the Company or any of its subsidiaries, holding companies or any fellow subsidiaries entered into any arrangements which enable the Directors and supervisors to have the rights to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares or debentures in the Company or any other legal entities.

### IV. SUFFICIENT PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information available to the Company and so far as the Directors were aware, the Company confirmed that during the Period and up to the date of this interim report, sufficient public float of the shares of the Company was maintained.

# V. 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 listed securities of the Company.

# VI. CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES, SHARE OPTIONS, WARRANTS OR SIMILAR RIGHTS

During the Period, the Company did not issue any convertible securities, share options, warrants or similar rights.

During the Period and up to the date of this interim report, the Group has no share option scheme.

# VII. EMPLOYEES

The Group remunerates its employees according to their performance, experience and prevailing industry practices. Other benefits offered to the employees include retirement benefits plans, medical benefits plans and housing fund plans. The Group also provides opportunities for further education and training to its employees. The Group offers competitive remuneration packages to its employees and reviews employee remuneration annually with reference to the prevailing labour market and human resources market trends and laws.

### **VIII. IMPORTANT EVENTS**

- 1. On 29 May 2012, the 2011 annual general meeting considered and passed, among other things, the following resolutions:
  - (1) the Company's profit distribution proposal for the year ended 31 December 2011 to distribute a cash dividend of RMB0.21 (before taxation) per share to all shareholders. On 29 June 2012, the Company distributed the 2011 cash dividend of RMB0.21 (before taxation) per share to all shareholders;
  - (2) electing Mr. Li Xiuchen as an executive Director of the Company, and Messrs. Ye Kai and Kong Fanhe as non-executive Directors of the Company, respectively;
  - (3) considering and approving the proposed connected transaction in respect of the issue of the consideration shares, and approving the acquisition by the Company of 100% equity interest in Jin Han Zun Mining, a subsidiary of Zhaojin Non-Ferrous, and the exploration right in the gold mine in Hou Cang District, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province, which will be satisfied by the issue of 50,967,195 domestic shares at a price of RMB11.73 (equivalent to approximately HKD14.46) per share to Zhaojin Non-Ferrous. The gold reserve resulting from such acquisition totalled 26,199.82 kg;
  - (4) authorizing the Board to allot, issue and deal with shares of up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution;
  - (5) authorizing the Board to repurchase shares of up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution;
  - (6) authorizing the Board to issue corporate bonds in the PRC with an aggregate principal amount of no more than RMB1.4 billion to replace the banking borrowings, replenish liquidity, adjust and optimize the financial structure of the Company;
  - (7) amending Article 3.5 and Article 3.8 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which are mainly related to capital structure and registered capital.

Relevant details are set out in the circular, notice, supplemental notice and announcement of the Company dated 13 April 2012, 11 May 2012 and 29 May 2012 respectively, on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

- 2. On 29 May 2012, the domestic shares class meeting and H shares class meeting respectively considered, among other things, the following proposals:
  - (1) considering and approving the proposed connected transaction in respect of the issue of the consideration shares, and approving the acquisition by the Company of 100% equity interest in Jin Han Zun Mining, a subsidiary of Zhaojin Non-Ferrous, and the exploration right in the gold mine in Hou Cang District, Zhaoyuan City, Shandong Province, which will be satisfied by the issue of 50,967,195 domestic shares at a price of RMB11.73 (equivalent to approximately HKD14.46) per share to Zhaojin Non-Ferrous. The gold reserve resulting from such acquisition totalled 26,199.82 kg;
  - (2) authorizing the Board to allot, issue and deal with shares of up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution; and
  - (3) authorizing the Board to repurchase shares of up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution.

All the above three proposals were approved at the domestic shares class meeting. However, only the proposals set out in 2.(1) and 2.(3) above were approved at the H shares class meeting, and the proposal set out in 2.(2) above was not approved at the H shares class meeting.

Relevant details are set out in the circular, notice, supplemental notice and announcement of the Company dated 13 April 2012, 11 May 2012 and 29 May 2012 respectively, on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

### 3. Changes in Senior Management

The Company held the sixteenth meeting of the third session of the Board on 5 March 2012, at which the Company agreed to release Mr. Shi Wenge from his position as the vice president of the Company due to the changes in work allocation, with effect from 29 January 2012, and Mr. Cong Peizhang was appointed at the meeting as the vice president of the Company, with effect from 5 March 2012.

# 4. Changes in Composition of the Board

The Company held the seventeenth meeting of the third session of the Board on 23 March 2012, at which the Company agreed Mr. Wu Zhongqing to resign from his position as a non-executive director, agreed Mr. Chen Guoping to resign from his positions as a non-executive director and a member of the Audit Committee and agreed Mr. Wang Peifu to resign from his position as a non-executive director and member of Safety and Environmental Protection Committee due to reallocation of work arrangement, all with effect from 23 March 2012. Mr. Wu, Mr. Chen and Mr. Wang confirmed that they have no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter relating to Mr. Wu's, Mr. Chen's and Mr. Wang's resignations that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. In accordance with the requirements of the

Articles of Association of the Company, the Board appointed Mr. Li Xiuchen as an executive director of the Company and a member of Safety and Environmental Protection Committee, appointed Mr. Ye Kai as a non-executive director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee, and appointed Mr. Kong Fanhe as a non-executive director of the Company. Details of the changes in the composition of the Board are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 23 March 2012 on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

# IX. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Board is of the view that the Company has complied with all the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (formerly set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules) for the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012 and the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the new edition of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices, which is applicable to financial reports covering a period after 1 April 2012) during the period from 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012. No Director is aware of any information that reasonably reveals that there is any non-compliance with the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices and Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules by the Company during any time of the relevant periods as mentioned above.

# X. COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' and supervisors' securities dealings.

After making specific enquiries with the Directors and supervisors, all Directors and supervisors of the Company have fully complied with the standards required according to the Model Code during the Period.

# XI. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the third session of the Board of the Company comprises two independent non-executive directors, namely Ms. Chen Jinrong and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo, and one non-executive director, namely Mr. Ye Kai. Ms. Chen Jinrong acts as the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has adopted a written terms of reference which is in compliance with the Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. It is mainly responsible for the matters concerning the internal control and financial reporting, reviewing with the management of the accounting principles, accounting standards and methods adopted by the Company. The Audit Committee has discussed internal control affairs and reviewed the Company's unaudited interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2012, and the committee is of the view that the unaudited interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2012 is prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, rules and regulations, and appropriate disclosures have been duly made.

On 23 March 2012, the 17th meeting of the third session of the Board of Directors of the Company approved the resignation of Mr. Chen Guoping as a member of the Audit Committee and appointed Mr. Ye Kai as a member of the Audit Committee.

# XII. INVESTOR RELATIONS

For years, the Company's Investor Relations Division has been unswervingly endeavoring to provide the most effective and direct means of communication for the shareholders and investors, which has deepened investors' understanding and knowledge of the business development, operating strategy, industry conditions and development prospects of the Company.

During the Period, in addition to the publication of annual report, the Company also organized large scale press conference following the results announcement and met with fund managers and analysts. The Company also carried out a series of roadshow activities in countries and regions such as Hong Kong and Singapore under the leadership of our Chairman, Mr. Lu Dongshang, to visit the shareholders and investors of the Company. Through various meetings, the Company explained the development of the Company to the shareholders in details, and at the same time, received the opinions and advice of the shareholders on the development of the Company. Moreover, press releases are regularly published through the Company's website and other media to maintain the Company's coverage in various media so that investors can obtain the latest updates on the Company in a timely manner. In addition, during the Period, the management of the Company actively participated in investor conferences and forums held by a number of investment banks such as Standard Chartered Bank, BOCI, Lyons Securities to explain to overseas and local investors on the business development and financial conditions of the Company through the conferences.

The Company, by strictly observing the requirements of Hong Kong Stock Exchange, discloses information on significant events in a timely manner and makes announcements on a regular basis. Following the publication of each announcement, the Company will bring the same to analysts' attention by e-mail. The Company has long maintained close relationship and effective communication with institutional investors and research analysts and provided detailed answers to the inquiries raised by the investors about the Company through emails, telephone conferences or meetings. In addition, the Company also arranged analysts and fund managers to make site visits to mine subsidiaries of the Group to deepen their understanding of the scale of operation, business mode and production procedures of the Company.

Having been devoted to collecting investors' opinions and recommendations on the Company for long, the Investors Relations Division of the Company maintains good communication with the investors. Such opinions and recommendations regularly collected were reported in writing to the management, the Supervisory Committee and the Board of Directors so as to continuously optimize the corporate governance structure and improve the corporate governance level. During the Period, the Company was again awarded the Gold Award for Corporate Social Responsibility & Investor Relations by The Asset magazine, an encouragement from the professionals and investors in recognition of the outstanding performance of the Company.

By order of the Board

Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited

LU Dongshang

Chairman

Zhaoyuan, the PRC, 17 August 2012

### REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To the board of directors of

# **Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited**

(A joint stock company established in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial information set out on pages 26 to 42 which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as at 30 June 2012 and the related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with HKAS 34. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

# Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with HKAS 34.

# **Ernst & Young**

Certified Public Accountants 22nd Floor, CITIC Tower, 1 Tim Mei Avenue, Central, Hong Kong

17 August 2012

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2012

# For the six-month period ended 30 June

		period ended	l 30 June
		2012	2011
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
REVENUE	4	1,950,196	2,499,756
Cost of sales		(841,623)	(1,192,113)
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Gross profit		1,108,573	1,307,643
Other revenue and gains		40,747	40,154
Selling and distribution costs		(32,406)	(26,454)
Administrative expenses		(321,777)	(252,552)
Other expenses		(37,158)	(45,175)
Finance costs		(96,890)	(38,551)
Share of profit of an associate		6,045	4,617
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		667,134	989,682
Income tax expense	5	(141,933)	(243,480)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		525,201	746,202
Other comprehensive income:			
Exchange differences on translation			
of foreign operations		124	(916)
Other comprehensive income for the period,			
net of tax		124	(916)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR			
THE PERIOD		525,325	745,286
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Profit attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		495,398	720,129
Non-controlling interests		29,803	26,073
			746.000
		525,201	746,202

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (continued)

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2012

# For the six-month period ended 30 June

		2012	2011
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Votes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
			_
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
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Owners of the parent		495,522	719,213
Non-controlling interests		29,803	26,073
		525,325	745,286
EARNINGS PER SHARE			
ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY			
EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT			
Basic and diluted			
– For profit for the period (RMB)	7	0.17	0.25

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 30 June 2012

		30 June	31 December
		2012	2011
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	5,607,374	4,926,700
Prepaid land lease payments		234,615	236,604
Goodwill		745,595	586,674
Other intangible assets	8	3,271,548	2,591,403
Investment in an associate		48,265	42,220
Long term deposits		24,953	24,856
Deferred tax assets		184,838	159,196
Other long term assets	9	850,817	761,635
Total non-current assets		10,968,005	9,329,288
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		2,363,476	2,131,257
Trade and notes receivables	10	110,546	45,620
Prepayments and other receivables		667,780	520,951
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		19,958	8,732
Derivative financial instruments		3,403	9,367
Pledge deposits		83,000	_
Cash and cash equivalents		567,598	1,245,872
Total current assets		3,815,761	3,961,799
CURRENT LIABILITIES	, ,	4 000 700	4 507 005
Trade payables	11	1,088,522	1,537,825
Other payables and accruals		814,036	501,170
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	12	3,273,888	1,510,160
Tax payable		103,118	341,913
Provisions		11,411	19,827
Total current liabilities		5 200 075	2 010 905
Total Current Habilities		5,290,975	3,910,895
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		(1,475,214)	50,904
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,492,791	9,380,192

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)**

As at 30 June 2012

		30 June	31 December
		2012	2011
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	12	115,701	158,109
Corporate bond	12	1,491,858	1,491,047
Deferred income		154,132	149,672
Deferred tax liabilities		635,562	476,190
Provisions		76,179	77,727
Other long term liability		97,602	30,000
Total non-current liabilities		2,571,034	2,382,745
			6 007 447
NET ASSETS		6,921,757	6,997,447
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Issued share capital		2,914,860	2,914,860
Reserves		3,463,029	3,056,674
Proposed final dividend		_	612,121
		6,377,889	6,583,655
Non-controlling interests		543,868	413,792
TOTAL EQUITY		6,921,757	6,997,447

Lu Dongshang

(Director)

Weng Zhanbin

(Director)

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2012

			Attributabl	e to owners of	f the parent				
	Issued share capital RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Statutory and distributable reserves RMB'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Proposed final dividend RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000	Non- controlling interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
At 1 January 2011	1,457,430	1,506,551	333,055	(6,292)	1,659,362	437,229	5,387,335	388,309	5,775,644
Profit for the period Other comprehensive loss for the period: Exchange differences on translation of foreign	-	-	-	-	720,129	-	720,129	26,073	746,202
operations		_	_	(916)			(916)	_	(916)
Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period	-	-	-	(916)	720,129	-	719,213	26,073	745,286
Partial acquisition of an equity interest of a subsidiary from non-controlling shareholders Partial disposal of an equity interest of a subsidiary to	-	(20,102)	-	-	-	-	(20,102)	(25,898)	(46,000)
non-controlling shareholders Increase of share capital by	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
way of a bonus issue	1,457,430	(728,715)		-	(728,715)	-	-	-	-
Transfer to reserves Dividends – 2010 final paid		-	57,796	-	(57,796)	(437,229)	(437,229)		(437,229)
At 30 June 2011 (Unaudited)	2,914,860	757,734	390,851	(7,208)	1,592,980	_	5,649,217	391,484	6,040,701
At 1 January 2012	2,914,860	751,447*	464,956*	(7,932)*	1,848,203*	612,121	6,583,655	413,792	6,997,447
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income for the period: Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	124	495,398	-	495,398 124	29,803	525,201 124
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	124	495,398	-	495,522	29,803	525,325
Partial acquisition of an equity interest of a subsidiary from a non-controlling shareholder Dividends paid to non-	-	(1,860)	-	-	-	-	(1,860)	(7,140)	(9,000)
controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(41,490)	(41,490)
Capital contribution from a non-controlling shareholder Acquisition of a subsidiary Commitment of profit distribution to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,325 118,578	30,325 118,578
non-controlling shareholders Dividends – 2011 final paid	-	(87,307) -	-	-	-	- (612,121)	(87,307) (612,121)	-	(87,307) (612,121)
At 30 June 2012 (Unaudited)	2,914,860	662,280*	464,956*	(7,808)*	2,343,601*	-	6,377,889	543,868	6,921,757

<sup>\*</sup> These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of RMB3,463,029,000 (31 December 2011: RMB3,056,674,000) in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2012

# For the six-month period ended 30 June

	2012 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2011 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(79,967)	774,826
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(1,366,849)	(851,238)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	768,226	(174,610)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(678,590)	(251,022)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,245,872	786,441
Effects of foreign exchange rate changes, net	316	359
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	567,598	535,778
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash and bank balances	567,598	530,915
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired	-	310
Cash and cash equivalents attributable to assets of a disposal group classified as held-for-sale investments	-	4,553
	567,598	535,778

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#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was established as a joint stock limited liability company under the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 16 April 2004. It is principally engaged in the businesses of the mining, processing, smelting of gold and the sale of gold, silver and copper products.

In December 2006, the Company issued 198.7 million H shares to the public at a price of Hong Kong Dollar ("HKD") 12.68 per share (equivalent to approximately RMB12.74 per share) and the H shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "IPO"). In addition, 19.8 million H shares converted from certain domestic shares were transferred to the National Council for the Social Security Fund.

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2012 (the "Period"), the Company and its subsidiaries were principally engaged in the exploration, mining, processing, smelting of gold, the sale of gold products and the mining, processing of copper and sale of copper products in Mainland China. In addition, the Company processed and sold silver in Mainland China. The registered office of the Company is located at 299 Jinhui Road, Zhaoyuan, Shandong, the PRC.

Prior to the IPO, the parent and ultimate controlling party of the Company was Shandong Zhaojin Group Company Limited ("Zhaojin Group"), a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC. Subsequent to the IPO, the Company does not have a parent or ultimate controlling party. However, Zhaojin Group is in a position to exercise significant influence over the Company.

#### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 2.1 Basis of presentation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, which comprise the interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2012 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the Period, have been prepared in accordance with HKAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

### 2.2 New standards, interpretations and amendments, adopted by the Group

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011, except for the adoption of revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS", which also include HKASs and Interpretations) as of 1 January 2012 noted below:

HKFRS 1 Amendments Amendments to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of Hong Kong

Financial Reporting Standards - Severe Hyperinflation and

Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters

HKFRS 7 Amendments Amendments to HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments:

Disclosures - Transfers of Financial Assets

HKAS 12 Amendments Amendments to HKAS 12 Income Taxes – Deferred

Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets

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### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 2.2 New standards, interpretations and amendments, adopted by the Group (continued)

The adoption of these revised HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

#### 3. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group's operations are not subject to seasonality.

#### 4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) The gold operations segment consists of the gold mining and smelting operation;
- (b) The copper operations segment consists of the copper mining and smelting operation; and
- (c) The "others" segment comprises, principally, the Group's other investment activities.

Management monitors the results of the Group's operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit/(loss), which is a measure of adjusted profit/(loss) before tax. The adjusted profit/(loss) before tax is measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax except that interest income, finance costs, as well as corporate expenses are excluded from such measurement.

Segment assets exclude cash and cash equivalents, pledged deposits, deferred tax assets and other unallocated corporate assets as these assets are managed on a group basis.

Segment liabilities exclude interest-bearing bank and other borrowings, a corporate bond, deferred tax liabilities and other unallocated corporate liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

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# 4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

The Group's operation by business segment is as follows:

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2012 (Unaudited)

	Gold	Copper		
	operations	operations	Others	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Segment revenue				
Revenues from external customers	1,540,773	409,423		1,950,196
	0.5.5.4	440.400	(0.004)	400
Segment results	617,541	146,196	(6,334)	757,403
Reconciliation: Interest income				6 604
Finance costs				6,621
Finance costs				(96,890)
Profit before tax				667,134
Segment assets	11,888,935	2,037,241	22,154	13,948,330
Reconciliation:				
Corporate and other unallocated assets				835,436
Total assets				14,783,766
Segment liabilities	2,185,256	145,209	14,535	2,345,000
Reconciliation:				
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities				5,517,009
Total liabilities				7,862,009
Other segment information		450.050		
Capital expenditure*	1,367,927	452,958	89	1,820,974
Investment in an associate	48,265	(740)	-	48,265
Impairment losses in profit or loss	1,697	(712)	-	985
Share of profit of an associate	6,045	-	470	6,045
Depreciation and amortisation	250,872	23,315	470	274,657
Exploration assets written off	70			70

<sup>\*</sup> Capital expenditure consists of additions to property, plant and equipment, goodwill, other intangible assets and prepaid land lease payments, including assets from the acquisition of a subsidiary.

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### 4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

### For the six-month period ended 30 June 2011 (Unaudited)

	Gold operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Copper operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Others <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
So amount valuable				
Revenues from external customers	2,228,547	271,209	_	2,499,756
	060 500	4.60, 420	(42.604)	4 025 424
Segment results	869,593	169,439	(13,601)	1,025,431
Reconciliation: Interest income				2,802
Finance costs				(38,551)
				000 603
Profit before tax				989,682
Segment assets	8,556,839	616,055	9,402	9,182,296
Reconciliation:	3,333,333	0.0,000	37.02	37.027230
Corporate and other unallocated assets				739,861
Total assets				9,922,157
Segment liabilities	950,564	71,679	7,505	1,029,748
Reconciliation:				
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities				2,851,708
Total liabilities				3,881,456
				<u> </u>
Other segment information				
Capital expenditure*	755,064	77,308	5,902	838,274
Investment in an associate	43,352	_	_	43,352
Impairment losses reversed in profit or loss	(858)	(4,649)	_	(5,507)
Share of profit of an associate	4,617	_		4,617
Depreciation and amortisation	222,215	10,334	727	233,276
Exploration assets written off	4,237			4,237

<sup>\*</sup> Capital expenditure consists of additions to property, plant and equipment, goodwill, other intangible assets and prepaid land lease payments, including assets from the acquisition of a jointly-controlled entity.

### Geographical information

As over 99% of the assets of the Group are located in Mainland China and over 99% of the sales are made to customers in Mainland China, no further geographical segment information has been presented.

# Information about a major customer

During the Period, revenue of approximately RMB1,174,719,000 (30 June 2011: RMB1,903,940,000) was derived from sales by the gold operations segment to a single customer.

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#### 5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

# For the six-month period ended 30 June

	-	
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current – Mainland China		
– Charge for the Period	163,170	277,391
Deferred tax	(21,237)	(33,911)
Total tax charge for the Period	141,933	243,480

#### 6. DIVIDENDS

The proposed 2011 final dividend of RMB0.21 per share (tax included), RMB612,121,000 in aggregate, was approved by the shareholders on 29 May 2012 and paid on 29 June 2012. No interim dividend is proposed for the Period (2011: Nil).

#### 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent for the Period of RMB495,398,000 (for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011: RMB720,129,000) by the number of ordinary shares in issue during the Period of 2,914,860,000 (for the six-month period ended 30 June 2011: 2,914,860,000).

Diluted earnings per share amounts are equal to basic earnings per share amounts for the Period and six-month period ended 30 June 2011, as no diluting events existed during these periods.

### 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the Period, the Group purchased property, plant and equipment with a cost of RMB755,430,000 (2011: RMB454,131,000) and other intangible assets with a cost of RMB72,062,000 (2011: RMB33,910,000). In addition, the acquisition of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets during the Period through the acquisition of a subsidiary is disclosed in Note 13.

During the Period, depreciation for property, plant and equipment was RMB223,366,000 (2011: RMB183,796,000) and amortisation for other intangible assets was RMB45,458,000 (2011: RMB45,179,000).

During the Period, property, plant and equipment with a net book value of RMB19,281,000 (2011: RMB37,796,000) were disposed of by the Group resulting in a net loss on disposal of RMB4,432,000 (2011: RMB742,000).

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### 9. OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS

		30 June	31 December
		2012	2011
		RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Advance and deposits paid for purchases of subsidiaries			
and exploration rights and assets	(i), (ii)	659,000	524,000
Advance payment for purchases of property,			
plant and equipment	(ii)	191,817	237,635
		850,817	761,635

(i) The balance as at 30 June 2012 includes the advance payments of RMB500,000,000 and RMB100,000,000 made by the Group to third party individual shareholders to acquire an aggregate of 100% equity interests in Shandong Ruiyin Mining Industry Co., Ltd. and the gold mine exploration right and assets in North Kubusu, Qinghe County, Xinjiang.

The deposit of RMB506,000,000 paid in 2011 for the acquisition of an aggregate of 79% equity interests in Baicheng County Di Shui Copper Mine Development Co., Ltd. ("Dishui") has been settled after the completion of the transaction during the Period (Note 13).

(ii) The outstanding commitments in relation to the above acquisitions are disclosed in Note 15.

# 10. TRADE AND NOTES RECEIVABLES

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade receivables	91,638	29,174
Notes receivable	18,908	16,446
	110,546	45,620

An ageing analysis of trade and notes receivables, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Outstanding balances within 90 days	110,546	45,620

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# 10. TRADE AND NOTES RECEIVABLES (continued)

Trade and notes receivables are non-interest-bearing. There were no receivables that were overdue or impaired. Based on past experience, the board is of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of the receivables as they have no history of default. In addition, 87% (2011: 93%) of total gold sales for the Period were made through the Shanghai Gold Exchange. The credit term given to other customers is generally 30 days.

### 11. TRADE PAYABLES

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Trade payables	897,859	729,377
Payable under tolling arrangements	190,663	808,448
	1,088,522	1,537,825

An ageing analysis of trade payables, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within one year	1,081,942	1,524,780
Over one year but within two years	3,370	9,009
Over two years but within three years	1,433	1,954
Over three years	1,777	2,082
	1,088,522	1,537,825

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#### 12. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	30 June 2012 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2011 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Unsecured:		
– Short-term bond	698,600	697,200
– Bank loans	2,225,938	685,000
– Bank loan entrusted by Zhaojin Group	255,000	255,000
– Other borrowings	22,861	23,569
	3,202,399	1,660,769
Secured:		
– Bank loans*	187,190	7,500
Total	3,389,589	1,668,269
Portion classified as:		
– Current	3,273,888	1,510,160
– Non-current	115,701	158,109

Except for a new bank loan of HKD100,000,000 obtained by the Group during the Period, the remaining interest-bearing bank and other borrowings are denominated in Renminbi. The bank loans bear interest at an effective interest rate of 6.30% (2011: 4.99%) per annum. The other borrowings bear interest at an effective interest rate of 2.19% (2011: 2.53%) per annum. During the Period, the Group borrowed and repaid interest-bearing bank and other borrowings of RMB2,300,590,000 (2011: RMB601,278,000) and RMB759,270,000 (2011: RMB333,858,000), respectively. In addition, the acquisition of bank borrowings and other borrowings during the Period through the acquisition of a subsidiary is disclosed in Note 13.

- \* Certain of the Group's bank loans are secured by:
  - (i) As at 30 June 2012, the Group's bank loan of RMB105,000,000 (31 December 2011: RMB7,500,000) was secured by the property, plant and equipment and prepaid land lease payments of the Group, which had an aggregate carrying value at the end of the reporting period of approximately RMB108,258,000 (31 December 2011: RMB7,270,000).
  - (ii) As at 30 June 2012, the Group's bank loan of HKD100,000,000 (equivalent to RMB82,190,000) (31 December 2011: Nil) was secured by the pledged deposits of the Group, which had an aggregate carrying value at the end of the reporting period of RMB83,000,000 (31 December 2011: Nil).

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#### 13. BUSINESS COMBINATION

The acquisition of a subsidiary during the Period is as follows:

On 5 January 2012, the Group acquired 79% equity interests in Dishui, an unlisted company engaged in the mining, processing and sale of copper, at a consideration of RMB605,000,000, satisfied by cash. The acquisition was made as part of the Group's strategy to expand the copper business in Mainland China.

The Group elected to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquiree at the proportionate share of its interest in the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Fair value

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of Dishui at the date of acquisition were:

recognised on acquisition RMB'000 (Unaudited) Assets Inventories 108,698 14.335 Cash and cash equivalents 12,766 Prepayments 11,815 Other receivables Property, plant and equipment 177,106 Other intangible assets 647,464 <u>6,</u>146 Prepaid land lease payments 978,330 Liabilities Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings (180,000)Trade payables (13,532)Other payables and accruals (61,698)Deferred income (3,476)Deferred tax liabilities (154,967)(413,673)Net assets 564,657 Non-controlling interest (21% of net assets fair value) (118,578)Total net assets acquired 446,079 Goodwill on acquisition 158,921 Satisfied by cash

The fair value of other receivables as at the date of acquisition amounted to RMB11,815,000. The gross contractual amount of other receivables was RMB11,815,000, of which none of these other receivables are expected to be uncollectible.

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### 13. BUSINESS COMBINATION (continued)

An analysis of the cash flows in respect of the acquisition of a subsidiary is as follows:

	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)
Cash consideration	(605,000)
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	14,335
Payables as at 30 June 2012	5,000
Payment of a cash deposit made in the year ended 31 December 2011	506,000
Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents included in cash flows from investing activities	(79,665)

Since the acquisition, the above subsidiary contributed RMB94,605,000 to the Group's turnover and RMB10,767,000 to the Group's profit for the Period.

Had the combination taken place at the beginning of the Period, the revenue and the profit of the Group for the Period would have been RMB1,950,196,000 and RMB525,201,000, respectively.

The Group incurred no transaction costs for this acquisition.

None of the goodwill recognised is expected to be deductible for income tax expenses.

### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2012, the contingent liabilities of the Group did not have any change as compared to those as at 31 December 2011.

### 15. COMMITMENTS

# Capital commitments

	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Contracted, but not provided for:		
– Property, plant and equipment	353,535	115,965
<ul> <li>Prepayment for potential acquisitions</li> </ul>	138,000	118,000
	491,535	233,965
Authorised, but not contracted for:		
<ul> <li>Property, plant and equipment</li> </ul>	1,070,264	1,485,330
– Exploration and evaluation assets	81,380	205,320
	1,151,644	1,690,650

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### 15. COMMITMENTS (continued)

### Operating lease commitments

The Group leases certain of its land and offices under operating lease arrangements, which are negotiated for terms ranging between two and sixteen years.

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	30 June 2012 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2011 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Within one year In the second to fifth years, inclusive Beyond five years	6,311 11,032 11,500	5,326 9,666 –
	28,843	14,992

#### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the Period, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties:

# For the six-month period ended 30 June

		2012 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2011 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
Natu	re of relationships/transactions		
(i)	Zhaojin Group, a party which can exercise significant influence over the Group		
	Sale of silver	-	40,382
	Expenses:  — Payment of rental of land use rights  — Gold exchange commission fee	4,583 160	3,827 534
	Other transactions:  – Payment of interest expense	8,591	_
(ii)	Subsidiaries of Zhaojin Group		
	Sale of silver	69,402	-
	Expenses:  – Fees for refining services	5,100	2,252
	Capital transactions:  – Purchase of exploration services  – Purchase of digital mine construction technology services	45,387 767	_ 3,161

In addition, certain guarantees for securing the Group's indemnity in relation to certain government levies and funding arrangements predating the Company's IPO were provided free of charge by Zhaojin Group.

# 17. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No events occurring after the end of the reporting period that need to be disclosed were noted.

# 18. APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 17 August 2012.