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# SIBERIAN MINING GROUP COMPANY LIMITED 西伯利亞礦業集團有限公司\*

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 1142)

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

The board of directors (the "Board") of Siberian Mining Group Company Limited (the "Company") presents the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2012 together with the comparative figures as follows:

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 September 2012

				Six months ended	d 30 September		
		Continuing	operations	Discontinued operations		Total	
		2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
			(restated)		(restated)		
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	3	3,702	1,601	_	1,468	3,702	3,069
Cost of sales		(3,668)	(1,593)		(344)	(3,668)	(1,937)
Gross profit		34	8	_	1,124	34	1,132
Other income	3	15	30	_	289	15	319
Other gains and losses	3	(218,061)	_	_	(8,965)	(218,061)	(8,965)
Selling and distribution cos	ts	(175)	(208)	_	(1,217)	(175)	(1,425)
Administrative and other							
expenses		(63,909)	(86,913)	_	(7,441)	(63,909)	(94,354)
Finance costs	5	(4,982)	(16,013)		(103)	(4,982)	(16,116)
Loss before income tax	4	(287,078)	(103,096)	_	(16,313)	(287,078)	(119,409)
Income tax	6	(38)	48		135	(38)	183
Loss for the period		(287,116)	(103,048)		(16,178)	(287,116)	(119,226)

<sup>\*</sup> for identification purpose only

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 September 2012

		Continuing		Six months ended Discontinued		Tota	al
		2012 (unaudited)	2011 (unaudited)	2012 (unaudited)	2011 (unaudited)	2012 (unaudited)	2011 (unaudited)
		(unauunteu)	(unaudited) (restated)	(unaudited)	(unaudited) (restated)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
A 44	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Attributable to: Owners of the Company		(259,758)	(96,096)	_	(820)	(259,758)	(96,916)
Non-controlling interests		(27,358)	(6,952)		(15,358)	(27,358)	(22,310)
		(287,116)	(103,048)		(16,178)	(287,116)	(119,226)
							(restated)
Loss per share From continuing and discontinued							
operations	8						
Basic (Hong Kong cents)						(81.55)	(68.42)
Diluted (Hong Kong							
cents)						(81.55)	(68.42)
From continuing operations							
Basic (Hong Kong cents)						(81.55)	(67.84)
Diluted (Hong Kong							
cents)						(81.55)	(67.84)

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2012

		;	Six months ended	l 30 September		
	Continuing	operations	Discontinued operations		Total	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited) (restated)	(unaudited)	(unaudited) (restated)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss for the period	(287,116)	(103,048)	_	(16,178)	(287,116)	(119,226)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax:						
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements						
of foreign operations	(58,068)	(148,536)		481	(58,068)	(148,055)
Total comprehensive income						
for the period, net of tax	(345,184)	(251,584)		(15,697)	(345,184)	(267,281)
Attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	(312,019)	(229,336)	_	(532)	(312,019)	(229,868)
Non-controlling interests	(33,165)	(22,248)		(15,165)	(33,165)	(37,413)
	(345,184)	(251,584)	_	(15,697)	(345,184)	(267,281)

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

30 September 2012

	Notes	As at 30 September 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2012 (audited) HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Prepayments for acquisition of property,	9	15,362	20,668
plant and equipment Other intangible assets Exploration and evaluation assets	10 11	68 666,865 255,068	169 986,722 249,600
		937,363	1,257,159
Current assets Other receivables, deposits and prepayments Cash and cash equivalents		6,847 5,467	5,840 1,524
		12,314	7,364
Current liabilities Interest-bearing borrowings Other payables, accrued expenses and	12	21,485	_
trade deposits received Coal trading deposits received Purchase consideration payable	13	18,689 39,000	11,199 27,300
for additional acquisition Amount due to directors	14 18(b)	5,253 2,200	10,800
		86,627	49,299
Net current liabilities		(74,313)	(41,935)
Total assets less current liabilities		863,050	1,215,224
Non-current liabilities  Amount due to a related party/shareholder Promissory notes payables	18(a) 15	50,648 55,353	53,095 104,051
Provision for close down, restoration and environmental costs Deferred tax liabilities		1,938 125	1,971
		108,064	159,210
Net assets		754,986	1,056,014
Equity Share capital Reserves	16	70,489 638,340	45,614 930,553
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		708,829 46,157	976,167 79,847
Total equity		754,986	1,056,014

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2012 (the "Interim Financial Statements") have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

During the period, the Group incurred a loss of approximately HK\$287,116,000 and had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$74,313,000 as at 30 September 2012.

In preparing the Interim Financial Statements, the directors have given careful consideration to the future liquidity and financial positions of the Group in light of the conditions described in the preceding paragraph. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore, the Group may not be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

The directors are currently implementing the measures (i) and (ii) as set out below to improve the operating and financial position of the Group:

- (i) Actively seeking investors to inject funds into the Group to provide working capital. The Company has entered into a placing agreement, a supplemental agreement, a second supplemental agreement and a third supplemental agreement with a placing agent to place convertible bonds of up to an aggregate principal amount of US\$30,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$234,000,000) (the "CBs"). Conditions precedent facilitating the issue of the CBs pursuant to the second supplemental agreement must be fulfilled by 29 November 2012. The supplemental agreement and the second supplemental agreement were approved by shareholders of the Company in the extraordinary general meeting subsequent to the end of the reporting period. The third supplemental agreement to extend the date for fulfillment of conditions precedent from 29 November 2012 to 29 May 2013 and also the extension of the placing period from 6 December 2012 to 5 June 2013 is subject to approval by shareholders of the Company in an upcoming extraordinary general meeting; and
- (ii) Continue to exercise stringent cost control to reduce administrative and other expenses by further streamlining the Group operation.

In addition, the Group has obtained funding and financial support from the following parties:

- (a) Obtained a written undertaking from a director of a subsidiary of the Company and the Chairman of the Board to provide continuous financial support to the Group. Each of them has agreed to provide a loan facility of up to HK\$50,000,000 to the Group repayable on or before 20 February 2014.
- (b) A coal purchaser which is also a shareholder of the Company expressed its willingness to render continuous financial support to the Group for a two-year period ending 19 June 2014 for an aggregate amount of up to US\$6,000,000 by way of loans or advances at the market interest rate to be agreed mutually. No amount has been drawn as at 30 September 2012.
- (c) As set out in Note 18(a), with regard to amount due to a related company, Cordia Global Limited ("Cordia") has agreed not to demand for repayment of the amount due before 20 May 2015.

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation (Continued)

(d) On 27 June 2012, the Company also entered into a loan agreement with the coal purchaser who has agreed to make available an unsecured revolving loan facility to the Group of up to an aggregate amount of US\$3,000,000 repayable within three years from the date of drawdown. The loan facility so withdrawn bears interest at 6% per year. No amount has been drawn as at 30 September 2012.

With the successful implementation of the measures and funding and financial support obtained as set out above, and having regard to the terms of the trade deposits paid by the coal purchaser during the current period and the year ended 31 March 2012 as set out in Note 13, in the opinion of the directors, the Group will have sufficient funds to satisfy its future working capital and other financial commitments as and when they fall due. Accordingly, the directors are of the view that it is appropriate to prepare the interim financial statements on a going concern basis.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, the Group may not be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business, the effect of which has not yet been reflected in the interim financial statements. Adjustments may have to be made to write down assets to their recoverable amounts. In addition, the Group may have to provide further liabilities that might arise, and to reclassify non-current assets and liabilities as current assets and liabilities.

#### 1.2 Principal accounting policies

The Interim Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for certain financial instruments, which are carried at fair value.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted for preparation of the Interim Financial Statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2012 (the "Annual Financial Statements").

In the current period, the Group has applied, the following amendments to standards issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 April 2012.

**HKFRS 7 Amendments** 

Amendments to HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets

The adoption of these amendments has no significant impact on the Group's Interim Financial Statements.

#### 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group determines its operating segments based on the report received by the chief operating decision-maker that are used to make strategic decisions.

The Group's operating segments are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations, and the products and services they provide. Each of the Group's operating segments represents a strategic business unit that offers products and services which are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other operating segments. Details of the operating segments are summarised as follows:

- (i) Mining segment comprises holding mining and exploration rights of coal mines in Russia and will be engaged in the exploration and mining of coal.
- (ii) Mineral resources and commodities trading segment comprises the business of coal, aluminium and scrapped iron trading to the Republic of Korea ("Korea").
- (iii) Digital television technology services segment engaged in the provision of digital television technology services, including sale of cable video-on demand systems, information broadcasting systems and embedded television systems in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). During the year ended 31 March 2012, the Group disposed of its business of digital television technology services. Accordingly, the business segment of digital television technology services was classified as discontinued operation.
- (iv) The vertical farming segment engages in the provision of vertical farming projects in the PRC. During the year ended 31 March 2012, the Group disposed of its business of vertical farming. Accordingly, the business segment of vertical farming was classified as discontinued operation.

In determining the Group's geographical areas, revenues and results are attributed to the segments based on the locations of the customers, and assets are attributed to the segments based on the location of the assets.

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

### 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### (a) Reportable segments

The following tables present revenue, results and certain expenditure information for the Group's reportable segments for the six months ended 30 September 2012 and 2011.

		hs ended 30 Septer ontinuing operation	
	Mining (unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	Mineral resources and commodities trading (unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated total (unaudited) HK\$'000
Reportable segment revenue			
Revenue from external customers		3,702	3,702
Reportable segment loss	(280,063)	(79)	(280,142)
Impairment loss on other intangible assets	(215,577)	_	(215,577)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(4,948)	_	(4,948)
Depreciation	(37)	(1)	(38)
Amortisation of other intangible assets	(45,331)		(45,331)

	Six months ended 30 September 2011							
	Continui	ng operations (res	stated)	Discontin	ued operations (re	estated)		
•				Digital				
	M	lineral resources		television				
	an	d commodities		technology	Vertical		Consolidated	
	Mining	trading	Subtotal	service	farming	Subtotal	total	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
							(restated)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Reportable segment revenue Revenue from								
external customers		1,601	1,601	1,457	11	1,468	3,069	
Reportable segment loss	(83,096)	(318)	(83,414)	(3,287)	(12,923)	(16,210)	(99,624)	
Impairment loss on								
other intangible assets	_	_	_	_	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)	
Depreciation	(64)	(2)	(66)	(36)	(186)	(222)	(288)	
Amortisation of other								
intangible assets	(63,071)	_	(63,071)	_	(1,694)	(1,694)	(64,765)	
Allowance for doubtful								
trade receivables				(965)		(965)	(965)	

### 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### (a) Reportable segments (Continued)

Reconciliation of reportable segment revenues, profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

	Six months endo	ed 30 September
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue		
Reportable segment revenue and consolidated revenue	3,702	3,069
	Six months endo	ed 30 September
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
		(restated)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss before income tax expenses from continuing and discontinued operations		
Reportable segment loss	(280,142)	(99,624)
Interest income	_	1
Other gains and losses	2,464	_
Unallocated corporate expenses	(4,418)	(3,670)
Finance costs	(4,982)	(16,116)
Consolidated loss before income tax expenses		
from continuing and discontinued operations	(287,078)	(119,409)
	As at	As at
	30 September 2012	31 March 2012
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Assets		
Reportable segment assets	945,812	1,263,082
Unallocated corporate assets	3,865	1,441
Consolidated total assets	949,677	1,264,523

#### 2. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

### (a) Reportable segments (Continued)

Reportable segments (Communea)		
	As at	As at
	30 September 2012	31 March 2012
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Liabilities		
Reportable segment liabilities	(81,389)	(66,646)
Unallocated corporate liabilities	(113,302)	(141,863)
Consolidated total liabilities	(194,691)	(208,509)

#### (b) Geographical areas

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue from external customers and non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets (the "Specific non-current assets"):

	Revenue from ex	ternal customers	Specific non-current assets		
	Six months	Six months			
	ended	ended	As at	As at	
	30 September	30 September	30 September	31 March	
	2012	2011	2012	2012	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Continuing operations					
Russia	_	_	937,353	1,257,144	
Korea	3,702	1,601	10	11	
Others	_	_	_	4	
	3,702	1,601	937,363	1,257,159	
Discontinued operations					
PRC	_	1,468	_	_	
-					

#### (c) Information about major customers

For the six months ended 30 September 2012, the sole customer of the mineral resources and commodities trading segment contributed all the Group's revenue of HK\$3,702,000.

For the six months ended 30 September 2011, two customers of the mineral resources and commodities trading segment with revenue of HK\$1,005,000 and HK\$506,000 respectively, each contributed to more than 10% of the Group's revenue.

### 3. TURNOVER, OTHER INCOME AND OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Six months ended 30 September							
	Continuing	operations	Discontinue	d operations	Total			
_	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011		
(1	unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	(unaudited) HK\$'000						
<b>Turnover:</b> Trading of mineral								
resources and	2 704	4 604			2 704	4 604		
commodities	3,702	1,601	_	_	3,702	1,601		
Provision of digital television technology								
services	_	_	_	1,457	_	1,457		
Sales of goods	_	_	_	11	_	11		
	3,702	1,601		1,468	3,702	3,069		
Other income:								
Interest income	_	30	_	2	_	32		
Sundry income	15			287	15	287		
	15	30	_	289	15	319		
						317		
Other gains and losses:								
Allowance for doubtful								
trade receivables	_	_	_	(965)	)	(965)		
Impairment loss on property, plant and								
equipment (Note 9)	(4,948)	_	_	_	(4,948)	_		
Impairment loss on other								
intangible assets	(215 555)			(0,000)	(215 555)	(0,000)		
(Note 10) Gain on partial settlement	(215,577)	_	_	(8,000)	(215,577)	(8,000)		
of the Modified PN								
(as defined in <i>Note 15(a)</i> )								
in exchange for new share								
of the Company	2,464				2,464			
	(218,061)	_	_	(8,965)	(218,061)	(8,965)		

### 4. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

		Six	x months ende	ed 30 Septem	ıber	
	Continuing	operations	<b>Discontinued operations</b>		Total	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss before income tax						
has been arrived at						
after charging:						
Amortisation of other						
intangible assets						
— Mining rights	45,331	63,071		_	45,331	63,071
— Technical know-how	_	_		1,694	_	1,694
Depreciation	42	76		222	42	298

#### 5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 September								
	Continuing	operations	Discontinue	d operations	Total				
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011			
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000			
Interest expenses on:									
Other loans, wholly									
repayable within five year	rs <b>363</b>		_		363				
Loan from a related party									
(Note 18(a))	976	1,090	_		976	1,090			
Imputed interest on promissory notes									
(Note 15)	3,595	14,897		97	3,595	14,994			
	4,934	15,987	_	97	4,934	16,084			
Bank charges	48	26		6	48	32			
	4,982	16,013		103	4,982	16,116			

#### 6. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 September						
	Continuing	<b>Continuing operations</b>		<b>Discontinued operations</b>		Total	
	2012	2011	2012	<b>2012</b> 2011	2012	2011	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Current tax – PRC	_	_	_	(135)	_	(135)	
Deferred tax	38	(48)	) <u> </u>		38	(48)	
	38	(48)	)	(135)	38	(183)	

No provision had been made for Hong Kong profits tax as the Hong Kong subsidiaries of the Group sustained losses for taxation purposes for both the current and prior periods. Taxes on profits assessable in the PRC was calculated at the rates of 25% on the estimated assessable profits in the prior year. Taxation for the Russian and other foreign operations are similarly charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant countries.

#### 7. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2012 (2011: Nil).

#### 8. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted loss per share for the period is based on the loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, as used in the basic loss per share calculation, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise or conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

As the Company's outstanding share options had an anti-dilutive effect to the basic loss per share calculation for the current and prior periods, the conversion of the above potential dilutive shares was therefore not assumed in the computation of dilutive loss per share for the current and prior periods.

#### 8. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

### From continuing and discontinued operations

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended	
	30 Septe	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss		
Loss attributable to the owners of the Company, used in the basic		
and diluted loss per share	(259,758)	(96,916)
	Six months	
	30 Septe	
	2012	2011
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for		
basic and diluted loss per share calculation	318,512,132	141,648,249

#### From continuing operations

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share from continuing operations is based on the following data:

1	<i>C</i> 1	C
	Six month	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss attributable to the owners of the Company from continuing		
operations, used in the basic and diluted loss per share	(259,758)	(96,096)

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for calculating basic and diluted loss per share from continuing and discontinued operations.

#### From discontinued operations

Basic loss per share amount from discontinued operations is Nil Hong Kong cents and 0.58 Hong Kong cents per share for the six months ended 30 September 2012 and 2011 respectively, based on the loss for the current and prior periods from discontinued operations of HK\$Nil and HK\$820,000, respectively. The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for basic and diluted loss per share from continuing and discontinued operations.

### 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 September 2012, the Group acquired items of property, plant and equipment with total cost of HK\$902,000 (30 September 2011: HK\$199,000) and did not have any significant disposal of property, plant and equipment. An impairment loss for property, plant and equipment was recognised during the period. Details are set out in Note 10(a).

#### 10. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Mining rights	Customer base	Technical know-how	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Note a)	(Note b)	(Note c)	2227
Cost:				
At 1 April 2011	3,451,893	43,966	22,638	3,518,497
Disposal of subsidiaries	_	(45,506)	(23,260)	(68,766)
Exchange realignments	(118,387)	1,540	622	(116,225)
At 31 March 2012 and 1 April 2012				
(audited)	3,333,506	_	_	3,333,506
Exchange realignments	(198,093)			(198,093)
At 30 September 2012 (unaudited)	3,135,413			3,135,413
Accumulated amortisation and				
impairment losses:				
At 1 April 2011	2,041,861	43,966	9,577	2,095,404
Charge for the year	121,526		1,875	123,401
Impairment loss	253,012		8,000	261,012
Disposal of subsidiaries	_	(45,506)	(19,743)	(65,249)
Exchange realignments	(69,615)	1,540	291	(67,784)
At 31 March 2012 and 1 April 2012				
(audited)	2,346,784	_	_	2,346,784
Charge for the period	45,331		_	45,331
Impairment loss (Note 3)	215,577		_	215,577
Exchange realignments	(139,144)			(139,144)
At 30 September 2012 (unaudited)	2,468,548			2,468,548
Net carrying value				
At 30 September 2012 (unaudited)	666,865			666,865
At 31 March 2012 (audited)	986,722		<u> </u>	986,722

#### 10. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

#### (a) Mining rights

The mining rights relating to the cash generating unit of coal mining (the "Coal Mining CGU") acquired in prior periods.

In performing the impairment test for current period, the directors of the Company have engaged Cushman & Wakefield Valuation Advisory Services (HK) Limited ("Cushman"), an independent firm of professional valuer in determining the recoverable amount of the Coal Mining CGU which is the higher of the Coal Mining CGU fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Given the current development status of the Coal Mining CGU, the directors have determined the fair value less costs to sell to be its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is derived by using a discounted cash flow ("DCF") analysis. The DCF analysis has incorporated assumptions that a typical market participant would use in estimating the Coal Mining CGU's fair value.

The key assumptions used in the DCF analysis in current period include:

- (i) Cash flow projection is determined for a period of 13 years up to 2024 (31 March 2012: a period of 13 years up to 2024) with the first year of production taken to be from year 2015 (31 March 2012: 2015) based on the senior management's current best estimated production plan.
- (ii) The post-tax discount rate applied to the cash flow projection is 19.93% (31 March 2012: 20.72%).
- (iii) Coal sales prices used in the DCF in the current and prior periods are determined with reference to current market information of the respective valuation dates, which show a decrease of approximately 19% when compared to that of the year ended 31 March 2012.
- (iv) The directors have assumed the average increment in coal sales prices for the first four years is 5% p.a. (31 March 2012: 5% p.a. for the first four years), which is in line with the comparable market information. The average increment in coal sales prices in the remaining revenue-generating years is assumed to be 3% p.a. (31 March 2012: 3% p.a.).
- (v) The exchange rate for US Dollars ("US\$") to Russian Rubles ("RUB") with reference to the approximate spot rate as of 30 September 2012 is taken to be 1.00 US\$ to 31.180 RUB (31 March 2012: 1.00 US\$ to 29.347 RUB).
- (vi) The inflation rate on operating costs is 3% p.a. (31 March 2012: 3% p.a.).

#### 10. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

#### (a) Mining rights (Continued)

(vii) The Group is able to renew the relevant licence for the mining rights upon its existing expiry date.

Apart from the changes in parameters for the major assumptions in the DCF analysis for items (ii), (iii) and (v) mentioned above, other major assumptions used in the DCF analysis in current period, such as estimated production volumes, operation costs structure and relevant taxation rate, remained unchanged when compared with that used for the year ended 31 March 2012.

The directors of the Company are of the opinion that based on the valuation, the Coal Mining CGU was impaired by HK\$220,525,000; the mining rights and the property, plant and equipment attributable to the Coal Mining CGU were impaired by HK\$215,577,000 (31 March 2012: HK\$253,012,000) and HK\$4,948,000 (31 March 2012: HK\$5,283,000), respectively, as compared with its respective carrying values as at 30 September 2012. The impairment loss is mainly attributable to the decrease of approximately 19% in the market prices of coking coals and steam coals during the current period as compared to the year ended 31 March 2012. Changes in parameters for items (ii) and (v) above do not have material impacts on the resultant impairment loss when compared with that of coal prices decreases.

Details of the Group's mining rights are as follows:—

Intangible assets	Locations	Expiry date
Mining rights		
Lapichevskaya Mine	Industrial area,	31 December 2014
	Kemerovo district,	
	Kemerovo region, 650906, Russian Federation	

#### (b) Customer base

Customer base relates to the cash generating unit of digital television technology services ("DTV CGU") and was acquired as part of the acquisition of DTVChina, Inc. ("DTVChina") and its subsidiary (collectively referred to as the "DTV Group"). During the year ended 31 March 2012, customer base attributable to the DTV CGU was derecognised upon the disposal of the DNC Group.

#### (c) Technical know-how

Technical know-how on cash generating unit of vertical farming (the "Vertical Farming CGU") was acquired as part of the acquisition of the 70% equity interest in the SOFOCO Development Limited and its subsidiary (collectively referred to as the "SOFOCO Group") in prior year.

During the year ended 31 March 2012, technical know-how attributable to the Vertical Farming CGU was derecognised upon the disposal of the SOFOCO Group.

#### 11. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

Exploration and evaluation assets are partial considerations paid for the acquisition of the exploration and mining rights located adjacent to the Lapichevskaya Mine (the "New Exploration and Mining Licence").

Movement during the period represented costs directly attributable to exploration drilling of HK\$5,431,000 capitalised. During the period, an exchange realignment of HK\$37,000 was recorded on the exploration and evaluation assets.

The Group has adopted HKFRS 6 "Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources" which requires the Group to assess if there is any indicator for impairment at each reporting date. The directors of the Company are of the opinion that there are no indicators of impairment in respect of the New Exploration and Mining Licence as at 30 September 2012 and 31 March 2012.

#### 12. INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS

	Notes	As at 30 September 2012 (unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2012 (audited) <i>HK</i> \$'000
Interest-bearing borrowings which are wholly repayable within one year are as followings:			
Other Loan 1 (as defined below)	(a)	19,000	_
Other Loan 2 (as defined below)	<i>(b)</i>	2,485	
		21,485	

Notes:

(a) Other loans in the aggregate amount of HK\$19,000,000 ("Other Loan 1") were received from an independent third party ("Lender 1"). Other Loan 1 is interest-bearing at 10% per annum and repayable after 12 months from the date of drawdown, subject to extension as agreed by Lender 1. Cordia has (i) pledged part of its interests in the Modified PN in the amount of approximately US\$7,251,000 (approximately HK\$56,558,000); and (ii) assigned partially its advances due by the Company in amount of US\$2,000,000 (approximately HK\$15,600,000) to Lender 1 as securities for the Other Loan 1. Other Loan 1 is also secured by guarantees given by each of Cordia and a director of a subsidiary of the Company.

Interest on Other Loan 1 is payable every six months after the drawdown date. Interest expenses incurred during the current period was amounted to HK\$284,000, and was classified as current liabilities and included in other payables, accrued expenses and trade deposits received as at 30 September 2012.

#### 12. INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(b) Other loan in the amount of RUB10,000,000 (approximately HK\$2,485,000) ("Other Loan 2") was received from a Russian, who was a former shareholder of the Group's Russian subsidiary (the "Russian Lender"). Other Loan 2 is interest-bearing at 13% per annum and was repayable before 31 August 2012. On 31 August 2012, the Russian Lender agreed to extend the repayment terms of Other Loan 2 to 31 October 2012 and the interest rate was increased to 16% per annum.

Subsequent to the end of reporting period, the Russian Lender agreed to further extend the repayment terms of Other Loan 2 such that amounts of RUB1,000,000, RUB2,000,000 and RUB7,000,000 are repayable on 31 October 2012, 1 December 2012 and 15 January 2013, respectively. The interest rate of Other Loan 2 was increased to 17% per annum. Up to the date of this announcement, the Group had settled RUB1,000,000 which was repayable on 31 October 2012.

Interest on Other Loan 2 is payable every month after the drawdown date and interest expenses incurred during the period had been fully settled by the Group.

#### 13. COAL TRADING DEPOSITS RECEIVED

As at 30 September 2012, coal trading deposits received represented two deposits of approximately US\$1,500,000 (the "1st Deposit") and US\$3,500,000 (the "2nd Deposit") (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,700,000 and HK\$27,300,000) (31 March 2012: a deposit of approximately US\$3,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$27,300,000)) received from the then independent third party (the "Coal Purchaser") for future supply of coal by the Group. The Group is required to supply each year (i) a certain quantity of coal of Russian origin to the Coal Purchaser over a period of three years starting not later than one month from 1 December 2014 in relation to the 1st Deposit; and (ii) a certain quantity of coal of Russian origin to the Coal Purchaser over a period of five years starting not later than one month from 1 November 2014 in relation to the 2nd Deposit. Both the 1st Deposit and the 2nd Deposit are unsecured and non-interest bearing, except interest of 5% per annum will be applied and the full amount of the deposits are refundable if the Group cannot supply coal of Russian origin to the Coal Purchaser within one month from 1 December 2014 for the 1st Deposit and 1 November 2014 for the 2nd Deposit, respectively.

During the current period, pursuant to a supplementary agreement, the Coal Purchaser reduced the quantity of coal of Russian origin to be supplied by the Group and the amount of the 1st Deposit already paid was reduced from US\$3,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$27,300,000) to US\$1,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,700,000). Accordingly, the Group refunded US\$2,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$15,600,000) of the 1st Deposit to the Coal Purchaser.

The Coal Purchaser is also a strategic shareholder of the Company which, to the best knowledge of the Company, holds approximately 3.12% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this announcement.

### 14. PURCHASE CONSIDERATION PAYABLE FOR ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION

Pursuant to the sales and purchases agreement dated 23 November 2009, Langfeld, a 90% indirectly owned subsidiary of the Company, acquired the remaining 30% equity interest in LLC "Shakhta Lapichevskaya" ("Lapi") held by three Russians for a consideration of US\$9,490,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$74,027,000) to be satisfied by payment of cash in four stages (the "Additional Acquisition"). The first and second stages of payments in aggregate amount of US\$4,095,300 (equivalent to approximately HK\$31,943,000) were made before 31 March 2010. The remaining consideration payable on the Additional Acquisition will be settled in two stages upon the fulfilment of the certain conditions as follow: (i) an amount of US\$4,095,300 (equivalent to approximately HK\$31,943,000) when the Group obtain the New Exploration and Mining Licence (the "3rd Adjusted Consideration") and (ii) an amount of US\$1,300,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$10,140,000) which is only payable as and when the Group obtains the confirmation from the relevant tax authority in Russia of the taxation liabilities of Lapi (the "4th Adjusted Consideration").

During the year ended 31 March 2012, the Group settled an aggregate amount of US\$2,710,700 (equivalent to approximately HK\$21,143,000) of the 3rd Adjusted Consideration, the remaining balance of the 3rd Adjusted Consideration of US\$1,384,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$10,800,000) was fully settled by the Group during the current period.

During the period, the Group had recognised US\$673,400 (equivalent to approximately HK\$5,253,000) as purchase consideration payable for the acquisition of additional 30% equity interest in Lapi. HK\$4,728,000 out of the balance payable was debited directly to other reserve in equity.

The Directors consider that the remaining balance of US\$626,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,887,000) out of the 4th Adjusted Consideration is only payable as and when the Group obtains the confirmation from the relevant tax authority in Russia.

#### 15. PROMISSORY NOTES PAYABLES

	Notes	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2011 (audited)		
— Modified PN		154,757
— Others		1,913
Repaid during the year		
— Modified PN		(23,400)
Imputed interest charged		
— Modified PN		20,395
— Others		200
Converted to equity and utilised to settle purchase consideration	1	
— Modified PN		(47,701)
Disposal of subsidiaries		
— Others		(2,113)
At 31 March 2012 and 1 April 2012 (audited)		104,051
Repaid during the period		
— Modified PN		(200)
Imputed interest charged		
— Modified PN	5	3,595
Converted to equity		
— Modified PN	(a)	(52,093)
At 30 September 2012 and included in		
non-current liabilities (unaudited)		55,353

Note:

(a) During the prior periods, three unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of US\$35,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$273,000,000) ("Modified PN") were issued by the Company to Cordia as a result of a conditional modification deed entered into between the Company and Cordia. The Modified PN initially recognised at HK\$161,973,000 is non-interest-bearing and payable in one lump sum on maturity date of 25 May 2015.

The effective interest rate of the Modified PN is determined to be 10.5% per annum.

As at the end of the reporting period, the carrying amount of the Modified PN was HK\$55,353,000 (31 March 2012: HK\$104,051,000), and is classified as non-current liabilities and carried at amortised costs until extinguished on redemption.

#### 15. PROMISSORY NOTES PAYABLES (Continued)

*Note* (a) (Continued)

During the year ended 31 March 2012, Cordia transferred part of the Modified PN with principal amounts of US\$4,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$35,100,000), US\$3,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,400,000) and US\$1,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,700,000) respectively to the then three independent third parties (collectively referred to as the "Three New PN Holders"). Each of the Three New PN Holders entered into a subscription agreement with the Company for the subscription of 62,036,055, 41,357,370 and 20,678,685 new ordinary shares of the Company respectively, at the subscription price of HK\$0.5658 per share (the "Subscriptions"), the total aggregate nominal consideration for the Subscriptions was US\$9,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$70,200,000).

The Subscriptions were completed on 21 May 2012 and was settled in full by discharging the equivalent carrying amount of the Modified PN held by the Three New PN Holders in the aggregate amount of US\$6,678,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,093,000). The difference of HK\$2,464,000 between the market value of the shares of the Company issued for the Subscription in the aggregate amount of HK\$49,629,000 and carrying amount of the Modified PN of US\$6,678,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,093,000) discharged was credited to the profit or loss during the current period.

#### 16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Nominal value
	As at	As at
	30 September	30 September
Ordinary shares of	2012	2012
HK\$0.2 each:	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
		HK\$'000
Authorised:	5,000,000,000	1,000,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At beginning of the period	228,070,653	45,614
Issue of shares on exercise of share options		
(Note (i))	300,000	60
Issue of shares on partial settlement of the		
Modified PN (Note (ii))	124,072,110	24,815
At end of the period	352,442,763	70,489

All shares issued by the Company rank pari passu with the then existing shares in all respects.

### 16. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) During the period ended 30 September 2012, 300,000 new ordinary shares of par value HK\$0.2 each were issued at subscription price of HK\$0.355 each on exercise of 300,000 share options at an aggregate consideration of HK\$106,000, of which HK\$60,000 was credited to share capital and the remaining balance of HK\$46,000 was credited to the share premium. In addition, an amount attributable to the related share options of HK\$32,000 has been transferred from equity-settled share option reserve to the share premium.
- (ii) During the period ended 30 September 2012, an aggregate of 124,072,110 new ordinary shares at par value of HK\$0.2 each were issued at subscription price of HK\$0.5658 to the Three New PN Holders, to discharge part of the Modified PN with aggregate principal amount of approximately US\$9,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$70,200,000). The fair value of the 124,072,110 new ordinary shares of the Company issued was HK\$49,629,000 determined with reference to the market share price of HK\$0.4 per share on the issuance date, of which HK\$24,815,000 was credited to share capital and HK\$24,477,000 (net of issue expenses) was credited to share premium. Please refer to Note 15 for further details.

#### 17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Details of the capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the Interim Financial Statements are as follows:

	As at	As at
	30 September 2012	31 March 2012
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Exploration related contracts	465	_
Property, plant and equipment	5,071	1,026

#### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Save for those related party transactions disclosed elsewhere in these interim financial statements, details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below.

(a) During the period, the Group had the following transactions with related parties, which in the opinion of the directors, were conducted at arm's length and on normal commercial terms:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	2011
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest expenses on loans from a related party (Note i)	976	1,090
Consultancy fee paid to Mr. Choi Sung Min (Note ii)		900

Notes:

(i) During the period, Cordia, which was a shareholder at the beginning of the reporting period, disposed of all of its shares of the Company. Cordia was therefore not a shareholder of the Company at end of the reporting period. Amount due to a related company (31 March 2012: Amount due to a shareholder) represents loans from Cordia which are unsecured, interest-bearing at rates of 6-8% per annum and Cordia has agreed not to demand for repayment of the amount due before 20 May 2015.

During the period, before Cordia disposed of all its shares of the Company, Cordia agreed to waive a portion of the interest charged in the total of US\$1,400 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,000) on the amount due in view of the early settlement on part of the principal loan. The amount of interest waived in substance constituted a contribution from an equity participant of the Company and was credited directly to capital reserve within equity of the Company.

After Cordia ceased to be a shareholder of the Company, Cordia also agreed to waive a portion of the interest charged in the total of US\$27,800 (equivalent to approximately HK\$217,000) on the amount due in view of the early settlement on part of the principal loan. Such amount of interest waived was credited to the profit or loss during the current period.

- (ii) In accordance with a consultancy agreement entered into by Mr. Choi Sung Min ("Mr. Choi"), the sole shareholder of Cordia in the prior period, Mr. Choi was entitled to a monthly consultancy fee of HK\$150,000 for providing, inter alia, business development advice and exploring business opportunities in relation to the current business of the Group and any other business that may be developed by the Group, in particular to solicit the business of coal mining in Russia and coal trading all over the world. The consultancy agreement expired on 31 December 2011 and was not renewed.
- (b) The amounts due to directors are unsecured, interest-free and repayable within 1 year from the end of the reporting period.

#### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2012	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Directors' remuneration		
— Executive directors	2,212	2,138
— Non-executive director	60	60
— Independent non-executive directors	348	228
	2,620	2,426

#### 19. LITIGATIONS

#### (i) Legal Proceedings Taken By a Former Shareholder of a Russian Subsidiary Against the Group

As disclosed in Note 14, the 3rd Adjusted Consideration had been fully paid by the Group during the current period, thus the three legal claims in respect of the 3rd Adjusted Consideration had been fully settled.

In March 2012, a former shareholder of Lapi, Tannagashev Ilya Nikolaevich (the "Claimant"), submitted a claim for his share in the 4th Adjusted Consideration for the payment of US\$673,400 (equivalent to HK\$5,253,000) (the "Claim"). The Russian court in August 2012 passed a judgment in favour of the Claimant in respect of the Claim, yet the Group in September 2012 launched appeals against the said judgment.

As disclosed in Note 14, the Group has fully provided for the full amount of the Claim.

#### (ii) Civil Proceedings Taken by the Company Against Three Former Directors of the Company

As set out in the Company's announcement dated 25 November 2008, inter alia, the Securities and Futures Commission commenced proceedings in the High Court to seek a disqualification order and a compensation order against three former executive directors of the Company in entering into certain transactions during the period between late 2002 and late 2005 for and on behalf of the Group. The financial impacts on the Group in relation to these transactions had already been provided for and reflected in the previous financial results of the Group and they shall have no further adverse effects on the existing financial position of the Group.

As set out in the Company's announcement dated 22 March 2010, the judgment of the High Court delivered on 18 March 2010, inter alia, (i) directed the Company to commence civil proceedings against these three former executive directors of the Company to recover loss attributable to their mismanagement of the Company in entering into certain transactions for and on behalf of the Group during the period between late 2002 and late 2005; and (ii) ordered that any settlement of this civil action by the Company should be subject to the court's approval.

### 19. LITIGATIONS (Continued)

#### (ii) Civil Proceedings Taken by the Company Against Three Former Directors of the Company (Continued)

On 15 April 2010, the Company commenced civil proceedings against these three former executive directors to claim damages in the total sum of approximately HK\$18,980,000. In pursuing the proceedings, mediation has been sought with a view to settle the matter according to the Civil Justice Reform. Senior Counsel has advised the Company to consider negotiations for a settlement for the sake of saving time and legal costs, provided that the ultimate settlement amount is desirable and acceptable. Any settlement arrangement shall be subject to approval by the court.

However, no settlement arrangement has been reached and the Company proceeds further with the action against these three former directors. As at the date of this announcement, the Company is in the course of proceeding with case management summons and conference.

#### 20. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

- (a) On 17 August 2012, the Company entered into the second supplemental agreement with a placing agent in relation to the placing of the CBs of up to an aggregate principal amount of US\$30,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$234,000,000). The allotment and issue of new convertible shares in the capital of the Company was approved by the shareholders on 19 October 2012. Conditions precedent facilitating the issue of the CBs must be fulfilled by 29 November 2012. Details are set out in the Company's announcements dated 17 August 2012 and 19 October 2012, and circular dated 4 October 2012.
- (b) On 27 November 2012, the Company entered into the third supplemental agreement with the placing agent in relation to the placing of the CBs, pursuant to which the Company and the placing agent agreed to extend the placing period from 6 December 2012 to 5 June 2013 and also to extend the date for fulfillment of conditions precedent from 29 November 2012 to 29 May 2013. Details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 27 November 2012. The third supplemental agreement is subject to approval by shareholders of the Company in an upcoming extraordinary general meeting. Details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 28 November 2012.

#### EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is an extract of the independent auditor's review report on the Group's interim financial information for the six months ended 30 September 2012:

#### **Conclusion**

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

#### **Emphasis of matter**

Without qualifying our conclusion, we draw attention to Note 2.1 to the interim financial information which indicates that the Group incurred a net loss of HK\$287,116,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2012 and, as of that date, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by HK\$74,313,000. These conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2.1 indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the six months ended 30 September 2012, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$3,702,000 (2011: HK\$3,069,000), representing an increase of approximately 20.6% as compared to the corresponding period in last year. During the period under review, the Group commenced its trading in aluminium and generated a turnover of approximately HK\$3,702,000 (2011: nil), and no turnover was recorded for scrapped iron trading (2011: HK\$1,601,000). As a result of business rationalization implemented in previous year, vertical farming business and digital television technology services business had been discontinued since last year end date, hence no turnover was recorded during the period under review in respect of vertical farming business (2011: HK\$1,000) and digital television technology services business (2011: HK\$1,457,000).

As cost control measures gradually took effects coupled with decreases in amortization of mining rights, overall administrative and other expenses for period under review demonstrated a 32.3% drop to approximately HK\$63,909,000 (2011: HK\$94,354,000). Imputed interest on promissory notes reduced as a result of decreases in outstanding amount of promissory notes, thus contributing to the overall decrease in finance costs by 69.1% to approximately HK\$4,982,000 (2011: HK\$16,116,000) for the period under review.

For the six months ended 30 September 2012, the loss before income tax of the Group was approximately HK\$287,078,000 (2011: HK\$119,409,000), representing an increase of 140.4% as compared to the corresponding period in last year. The increase in loss was mainly attributable to the impairment loss of approximately HK\$215,577,000 (2011: nil) on the carrying amount of the mining rights of the Russian coal mines primarily due to the decrease in international coal prices.

#### **OPERATION REVIEW**

#### **Mineral Resources and Commodities Trading**

The international coal prices have kept lowering due to uncertainties in world economic recovery and the Group continued to implement a prudent approach in coal trading and thus no turnover in coal trading was recorded. No turnover in scrapped iron was recorded since soft demand in scrapped iron had caused extremely keen price competition. Hence, the Group started aluminium trading during the period under review.

#### **Coal Mining**

Since the commencement of the first phase of exploration drilling in Lot 2 of the Russian coal mines ("Lot 2") in late April 2012, the progress had been rather smooth. The first phase drilling was completed by late August 2012 which was one month earlier than originally targeted, with a total drilled length of approximately 3,270 metres for a total of six boreholes. Analysis of fieldwork data and laboratory studies of coal samples obtained from drilling had been commenced.

As mentioned in 2011 Interim Report, due diligence on the target coal mines in Colombia by SK Networks Co., Ltd. ("SK Networks") was performed. Due to unforeseeable changes in world economic recovery, both the Group and SK Networks decided not to proceed with the establishment of the target joint venture company for potential future acquisition of the target coal mines in Colombia. Accordance to the terms and conditions of the memorandum of understanding ("MOU") dated 11 August 2011 entered into by the Group and SK Networks, the MOU would be automatically terminated as no definitive agreement was entered into after 45 days upon completion of due diligence, as disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 11 August 2011. Hence, the MOU had then become null and void upon termination.

#### **PROSPECTS**

#### **Mineral Resources and Commodities Trading**

The Group will maintain its prudent approach in coal trading and will continue to seek for long-term strategic partners. Scrapped iron and aluminium trading will be the prime contributor to the Group's turnover in the foreseeable future.

#### **Coal Mining**

The Group will start the second phase of drilling in Lot 2 in first half of 2013 when the climate there is less harsh, and to comply with the requirements of the New Mining License, a total length of 6,000 metres will be drilled by October 2013.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30 September 2012, the Group had net current liabilities of HK\$74,313,000 (31 March 2012: HK\$41,935,000). The Group's current ratio, taken as the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, was 14.2% (31 March 2012: 14.9%) and the Group's gearing ratio, the ratio of total interest-bearing borrowings to total assets, was 5.69% (31 March 2012: 2.95%).

The Group generally finances its operations with internally generated cash flows, the facilities provided by Cordia Global Limited ("Cordia"), a related party of the Company and through the capital market available to listed companies in Hong Kong. The facility letter from Cordia dated 25 May 2009 was revised on 21 October 2009.

During the period under review, the Group recorded a net cash inflow of approximately HK\$3,943,000 (2011: cash outflow of HK\$3,882,000), while its total cash and cash equivalents increased to HK\$5,467,000 (2011: decreased to HK\$5,757,000) as at 30 September 2012.

The management will endeavour to further enhance the Group's financial strengths so as to tackle the net current liabilities of the Group as at 30 September 2012. Cost control measures have already been in place to monitor the day-to-day operational and administrative expenses. The management will continue to closely review the Group's financial resources in a cautious manner and explore opportunities in potential financial institutions financing and equity funding. As a matter of fact, the Company had successfully completed the allotments of new shares in May 2012 to generate net proceeds of approximately HK\$70 million which was applied to direct set off of liabilities of the Company, as disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 21 May 2012. As of 28 November 2012, the Company has secured standby financial support totalling HK\$100 million from the following two connected persons: (i) undertaking of financial support up to HK\$50 million from Mr. Choi Sung Min who is currently the sole shareholder of Cordia and also a director of a subsidiary of the Company; (ii) undertaking of financial support up to HK\$50 million from Mr. Lim Ho Sok who is currently the Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director of the Company. Another standby financial support up to US\$6 million (equivalent to HK\$46.8 million) is obtained from an independent third party.

#### EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATION IN EXCHANGE RATES AND RELATED HEDGES

The Group's turnover, expenses, assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD"), United States dollars ("USD"), Russia rubles ("RUB") and Korean won ("KRW"). The exchange rates of USD against HKD remained relatively stable during the period under review. Certain expenses of the Group are dominated in RUB and KRW which fluctuated in a relatively greater range in the period. Therefore, shareholders should be aware that the exchange rate volatility of RUB and KRW against HKD may have favourable or adverse effect on the operating results of the Group.

Taking into consideration the amount of revenue and expenses involved, the Group at present has no intention to hedge its exposure from foreign currency exchange rate risk involving RUB and KRW. However, the Group will constantly review exchange rate volatility and will consider using financial instruments for hedging when necessary.

#### **CONTINGENT CONSIDERATIONS**

As of 30 September 2012, the Group had a contingent consideration payable for the acquisition of Lot 2 of LLC "Shakhta Lapichevskaya" ("Lapi") to be settled by the issuance of another convertible note with the principal amount to be determined by an agreed formula which, inter alia, takes into account the proven reserves and probable reserves of Lot 2 of the Coal Mine to be confirmed in a technical report to be issued by a technical expert. It is expected that the principal amount of this convertible note will range from the minimum amount of US\$255,150,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1,990,170,000) to the maximum amount of US\$550,800,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$4,296,240,000).

#### **LITIGATIONS**

During the period under review and up to the date of this announcement, the Group has been involved in (i) legal proceedings taken by one former shareholder of a Russian subsidiary against the Group; and (ii) civil proceedings taken by the Company against three former directors of the Company.

Details of the litigations are set out in Note 19 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Details of capital commitments of the Group as at 30 September 2012 as disclosed in Note 17 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 30 September 2012, the Group had approximately 28 staff in Hong Kong and the Russia Federation (31 March 2012: 30).

The Group's remuneration policy is reviewed periodically and determined largely based on industry practice, company performance and individual qualifications and performance. Remuneration packages comprise salary, commissions and bonuses based on individual performance. Share options may also be granted to eligible employees of the Group.

#### PLEDGE OF ASSETS

The Group has not pledged any of its assets for bank facilities as at 30 September 2012 or 31 March 2012.

#### PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

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

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2012 (for the six months ended 30 September 2011: Nil).

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Code on Corporate Governance Practices**

During the period under review, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code effective from 1 April 2012 (the "Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except the deviations as described below:

- (i) Under code provision A.2.1 of the Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer ("CEO") should be segregated and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Lim Ho Sok assumed the roles of both the chairman and CEO of the Company, which constitutes a deviation from the code provision A.2.1 during the period. Whilst the Company is looking for suitable replacement for the post of CEO, the Board believes that the vesting of the roles of chairman and CEO in the same person provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership during this transitional period.
- (ii) Under code provision A.4.1 of the Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election. However, three of the independent non-executive directors ("INEDs"), namely Mr. Tam Tak Wah, Mr. Liew Swee Yean and Mr. Young Yue Wing Alvin, have not been appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election pursuant to the Company's articles of association. As such, the Board considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure that the Company's corporate governance is no less exacting than those in the Code.

(iii) Under code provision A.6.7 of the Code, independent non-executive directors and other non-executive directors should attend the general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. Mr. Cho Min Je and Mr. Young Yue Wing Alvin, INEDs of the Company, and Mr. Pang Ngoi Wah Edward, a non-executive director ("NED") of the Company, were unable to attend the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 14 May 2012 due to other overseas commitments or other prior business engagements. Mr. Young Yue Wing Alvin, an INED of the Company, and Mr. Pang Ngoi Wah Edward, a NED of the Company, were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 31 August 2012 due to other prior business engagements. Mr. Cho Min Je, an INED of the Company, and Mr. Pang Ngoi Wah Edward, a NED of the Company, were unable to attend the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 19 October 2012 due to other overseas commitments or other prior business engagements.

#### **Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. Following specific enquiry by the Company, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the period under review.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee of the Company ("Audit Committee") consists of three INEDs of the Company, chaired by Mr. Tam Tak Wah and the other two members are Mr. Liew Swee Yean and Mr. Young Yue Wing Alvin. The unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2012 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee with no disagreement.

#### **REVIEW ON INTERIM RESULTS**

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group have been reviewed by the Company's auditor, BDO Limited, 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. An extract from the report on review with modified opinion is shown hereinabove under the heading of "Extract from Report on Review of Interim Financial Information" on page 27. The report on review will be included in the interim report for distribution to shareholders.

By Order of the Board
Siberian Mining Group Company Limited
Lim Ho Sok
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 November 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Lim Ho Sok and Mr. Choi Jun Ho as executive directors, Mr. Pang Ngoi Wah Edward as non-executive director, and Mr. Cho Min Je, Mr. Liew Swee Yean, Mr. Tam Tak Wah and Mr. Young Yue Wing Alvin as independent non-executive directors.

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