

# 秦皇岛港股份有限公司 QINHUANGDAO PORT CO.,LTD.\*

(a joint stock limited liability company incorporated in the People's Republic of China)

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2014 Interim Report

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# **Corporate Information**

# OFFICIAL NAME OF THE COMPANY

秦皇島港股份有限公司

# **ENGLISH NAME OF THE COMPANY**

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Mr. WANG Lubiao (王錄彪)

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Mr. SHI Rongyao (師榮耀)

Ms. YU Shulian (余恕蓮)

Mr. ZHAO Zhen (趙振)

Mr. LI Man Choi (李文才)

# **BOARD COMMITTEES**

# (1) Audit Committee

Ms. YU Shulian (余恕蓮) (Chairman)

Mr. DUAN Gaosheng (段高升)

Mr. LI Man Choi (李文才)

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Mr. SHI Rongyao (師榮耀) (Chairman)

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# **Management Discussion and Analysis**

## (I) INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

During the Reporting Period, the PRC port throughput continued to maintain a stable increase; the throughput of coal and its products, metal ore and its products, oil and natural gas and their products, and container for coastal ports in China achieved approximately 756 million tonnes, 679 million tonnes, 341 million tonnes and 87,205,600 TEU, respectively, representing a year-on-year increase of approximately 4%, 10%, 5% and 7%, as compared with the corresponding period of 2013, respectively.

(Source: PRC Ministry of Transportation)

Benefiting from the growth of port industry in the PRC, in particular, the port industry in Bohai Rim (where the Group is located), the revenue of the Group for the Reporting Period recorded a stable growth.

# (II) RESULTS OF OPERATION AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### (1) Revenue

We provide one-stop integrated port services including stevedoring, stacking, warehousing, transportation and logistics services. We handle various types of cargo mainly including coal, metal ores, oil and liquefied chemicals, containers and general cargo. We also provide value-added services such as coal blending and providing a coal trading service platform.

During the Reporting Period, our revenue amounted to RMB3,481,201 thousand, representing an increase of RMB94,675 thousand or approximately 2.80% as compared to revenue of RMB3,386,526 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. The increase was mainly attributable to: (1) the Group's steady growth in the cargo throughput during the Reporting Period; and (2) the increase of coal handling fee in Qinhuangdao Port since 1 June 2013 resulted in a greater increase in our revenue as compared with the decrease of revenue resulting from the "Business Tax to VAT Policy" (i.e. replace business tax with value-added tax) since 1 August 2013. The following table sets forth the revenue generated from each type of cargo we serviced:

	F	or the six mont	h ended 30 June			
	201	<b>2014</b> 2013				
		Percentage		Percentage		
		of total		of total	Amount	Rate of
	Revenue	revenue	Revenue	revenue	of Changes	Changes
	(RMB'000)	(%)	(RMB'000)	(%)	(RMB'000)	(%)
Dry bulk	3,118,761	89.59%	3,067,769	90.59%	50,992	1.66%
- coal	2,776,713	79.76%	2,669,601	78.83%	107,112	4.01%
<ul> <li>Metal ore</li> </ul>	342,048	9.83%	398,168	11.76%	-56,120	-14.09%
Oil and liquefied chemicals	52,634	1.51%	59,551	1.76%	-6,917	-11.62%
Container	54,942	1.58%	41,743	1.23%	13,199	31.62%
General and other cargoes	107,533	3.09%	91,074	2.69%	16,459	18.07%
Others	147,331	4.23%	126,389	3.73%	20,942	16.57%
Total	3,481,201	100.00%	3,386,526	100%	94,675	2.80%

## (2) Costs of Sales

Our costs of sales primarily include labour costs, depreciation and amortization, power and fuel costs, repair and maintenance expenses, environmental protection and sewage charges and leasing expenses.

Our costs of sales for the Reporting Period amounted to RMB1,939,713 thousand, representing an increase of RMB79,517 thousand or 4.27% from RMB1,860,196 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. The increase was mainly due to (1) the increase in labour costs as a result of inflation and the competition in technician recruitment of the port industry; and (2) since the investments of the construction projects by Cangzhou Bohai have been gradually transferred as fixed assets, the Group has recorded a significant increase in depreciation and amortization.

## (3) Gross Profit Margin

During the Reporting Period, our gross profit amounted to RMB1,541,488 thousand, representing an increase of RMB15,158 thousand or 0.99% from RMB1,526,330 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. Our gross profit margin for the Reporting Period was 44.28% representing a decrease of approximately 0.79% as compared with 45.07% for the corresponding period of 2013. The decrease was mainly attributable to the slower growth of gross profit than that of revenue in the Reporting Period.

# (4) Segment Analysis<sup>1</sup> (Business Review)

During the Reporting Period, the Group achieved a total cargo throughput of 190.34 million tonnes<sup>1</sup>, representing an increase of 7.78 million tonnes or approximately 4.26%, as compared with the throughput of 182.56 million tonnes<sup>1</sup> for the corresponding period of 2013. The cargo throughput of each type of cargo we serviced are set out below:

For the six months ended 30 June							
	20	<b>2014</b> 2013					
		Percentage		Percentage			
		of total		of total	Amount of	Rate of	
	Throughput	throughput	Throughput	throughput	Changes	Changes	
	(million		(million		(million		
	tonnes)	(%)	tonnes)	(%)	tonnes)	(%)	
Dry bulk <sup>2</sup>	177.11	93.05%	171.09	93.72%	6.02	3.52%	
- Coal	121.16	63.66%	120.01	65.74%	1.15	0.96%	
- Metal ore	55.95	29.39%	51.08	27.98%	4.87	9.53%	
Oil and liquefied chemicals	3.49	1.84%	3.98	2.18%	-0.49	-12.31%	
Container <sup>3</sup>	4.88	2.56%	3.73	2.04%	1.15	30.83%	
General and other cargoes <sup>4</sup>	4.86	2.55%	3.76	2.06%	1.1	29.26%	
Total <sup>1</sup>	190.34	100%	182.56	100%	7.78	4.26%	

# (4) Segment Analysis<sup>1</sup> (Business Review) (continued)

During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded a steady growth of cargo throughput of 130.73 million tonnes<sup>5</sup> in Qinhuangdao Port, representing an increase of 0.53 million tonnes or approximately 0.41% from 130.20 million tonnes<sup>5</sup> for the corresponding period of 2013. Benefited from the substantial growth of iron ores business, the Group achieved the cargo throughput of 43.84 million tonnes<sup>6</sup> in Caofeidian Port, representing an increase of 7.52 million tonnes or 20.70% from 36.32 million tonnes<sup>6</sup> for the corresponding period of 2013. Affected by the release of the production capability of the neighbouring ports and the intensifying competition, the Group recorded the cargo throughput of 15.77 million tonnes<sup>7</sup> in Huanghua Port, representing a decrease of 0.27 million tonnes or 1.68% from 16.04 million tonnes<sup>7</sup> for the corresponding period of 2013. The steady growth of throughput of Qinhuangdao Port was benefited from the stable improvement of our coal handling business during the Reporting Period. The significant growth of throughput of Caofeidian Port was mainly attributed to the significant increase in the imported iron ores business. The throughputs generated from each of the ports which we operate are as follows:

	ı	or the six month	ns ended 30 Jun	e		
	20	<b>2014</b> 2013				
		Percentage of total		Percentage of total	Amount of	Rate of
	Throughput (million	throughput	Throughput (million	throughput	Changes (million	Changes
	tonnes)	(%)	tonnes)	(%)	tonnes)	(%)
Qinhuangdao Port⁵	130.73	<b>68.68</b> %	130.20	71.32%	0.53	0.41%
Caofeidian Port <sup>6</sup>	43.84	23.03%	36.32	19.89%	7.52	20.70%
Huanghua Port <sup>7</sup>	15.77	8.29%	16.04	8.79%	-0.27	-1.68%
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Total <sup>4</sup>	190.34	100%	182.56	100%	7.78	4.26%

#### (i) Dry bulk cargoes handling services

Our dry bulk cargoes handling services mainly include coal and metal ores handling services. During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded a total dry bulk throughput of 177.11 million tonnes, representing an increase of 6.02 million tonnes or 3.52% from 171.09 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2013.

In respect of coal, we mainly provide our coal handling services through 21 coal berths in Qinhuangdao Port. Two of our coal berths in Qinhuangdao Port are currently under renovation, which are expected to be completed by the second half of 2014; and other five coal berths in Caofeidian Port are under construction, the construction of which are expected to be completed by the second half of 2014.

During the Reporting Period, faced with a substantial increase in the hydropower supply in the South China, weakened market demand for the domestic coal and the impact of the imported coal the Group achieved a steady growth in coal throughput by further developing medium and large scale coal transportation customers and further expanding long term strategic cooperation with such customers. During the Reporting Period, the Group achieved a total coal throughput of 121.16 million tonnes, representing an increase of 1.15 million tonnes or approximately 0.96% for 120.01 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2013.

## (4) Segment Analysis<sup>1</sup> (Business Review) (continued)

(i) Dry bulk cargoes handling services (continued)

In respect of metal ores, we operate 17 general cargo berths in Qinhuangdao Port, 6 general cargo berths in Huanghua Port, as well as 4 ore berths and 2 general bulk berths in Caofeidian Port through our associate company, Caofeidian Shiye. Most of these berths (except for designated grain berths) are also able to handle metal ores. We are constructing two 200,000-tonne ore berths in Huanghua Port. As at 30 June 2014, the constructions were in smooth progress as scheduled and we expect to conduct a trial run in the second half of 2014.

During the Reporting Period, due to the sharp decrease in international iron ores spot price, China's iron ore imports surged significantly. Benefiting from such trend, during the Reporting Period, the Group achieved a total metal ores throughput of 55.95 million tonnes, representing a growth of 4.87 million tonnes or 9.53% from 51.08 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2013.

#### (ii) Oil and liquefied chemicals handling services

We operate four crude oil berths, one refined oil berth and two liquefied chemical berths in Qinhuangdao Port. Affected by factors including the decrease in total loading volume of crude oil from Daqing, further decline of business of marine oil and refined oil, as well as the overhaul of asphalt oil plant customers, the Group recorded a total oil and liquefied chemicals throughput of 3.49 million tonnes during the Reporting Period, representing a decrease of 0.49 million tonnes or approximately 12.31% from 3.98 million tones for the corresponding period of 2013.

#### (iii) Container services

We provide stevedoring and depot services to container shipping companies engaged in both international and domestic container trade. We operate 3 container berths in Qinhuangdao Port and 4 multipurpose berths in Huanghua Port which may handle containers.

By actively carrying out "dry bulk & general cargoes to containers" (i.e. transport dry bulk and general cargoes by containers), the Group successfully expanded grains container business during the Reporting Period. During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded 372,626 TEU, equivalent to the throughput of 4.88 million tonnes, representing significant increases in the number of containers and throughput of 108,282 TEU and 1.15 million tonnes (i.e. approximately 40.96% and 30.83%, respectively) as compared with the number of containers and throughput of 264,344 TEU and 3.73 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2013, respectively.

# (iv) General cargoes handling services

We operate 17 general cargo berths in Qinhuangdao Port and 6 general cargo berths in Huanghua Port, which can be used for handling general cargoes. Our associate company, Caofeidian Shiye, operates two general cargo berths in Caofeidian Port. During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded a total throughput of our general and other cargoes of 4.86 million tonnes, representing an increase of 1.1 million tonnes or approximately 29.26% from 3.76 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2013. The significant growth in general cargoes handling throughput was mainly benefited from the Group's optimization of the structure of cargo-source, which ensured synchronized growth in the throughput of various cargoes.

## (4) Segment Analysis<sup>1</sup> (Business Review) (continued)

(v) Ancillary port services and value-added services

We also provide a variety of ancillary port services and value-added services. Our ancillary port services include tugging, tallying, trans-shipping, and shipping agency services. Our value-added services mainly include coal blending, providing coal trading service platform and tariff-free warehouse and export supervisory warehouse services to be provided soon. During the Reporting Period, the revenue from our ancillary port services and value-added services was RMB147,331 thousand, representing an increase of 16.57% from RMB126,389 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013.

#### Notes:

- Throughput includes that of Caofeidian Shiye. Caofeidian Shiye operates terminals in Caofeidian Port and is a nonconsolidated associate company of, and 35% owned by the Company. The Company is the largest shareholder of
  Caofeidian Shiye. During the Reporting Period, the throughput of Caofeidian Shiye was 43.84 million tonnes, consisting
  of 1.94 million tonnes of coal, 41.76 million tonnes of metal ores and 0.14 million tonnes of general cargoes.
- 2. The dry bulk cargoes we handle mainly consist of coal and metal ores.
- 3. During the Reporting Period, using TEU as the measuring unit, the Group recorded a containers throughput of 372,626 TEU.
- 4. General and other cargoes include grain, fertilizer and other cargoes.
- 5. Includes containers throughput. Using TEU as the measuring unit, the Group recorded a containers throughput of 215,994 TEU in Qinhuangdao Port during the Reporting Period.
- 6. Representing throughput from Caofeidian Shiye.
- 7. Includes containers throughput. Using TEU as the measuring unit, the Group recorded containers throughput of 156,632 TEUs in Huanghua Port during the Reporting Period.

## (5) Fees and Costs

Selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses

The total selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses of the Group during the Reporting Period was RMB382,418 thousand, increased by RMB22,703 thousand, or approximately 6.31%, from RMB359,715 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013, which was mainly attributable to the increase in labour costs due to inflation and competition in technician recruitment of the port industry.

## Other expenses

Other expenses of the Group for the Reporting Period amounted to RMB11,538 thousand, decreased by RMB13,894 thousand, or approximately 54.63%, from RMB25,432 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013, which was mainly attributable to the provision for impairment made by the Company for the relocation of related properties, plants and equipment in the west port area of Qinhuangdao Port for the corresponding period of 2013.

# (6) Financial Income and Financial Costs

The financial costs of the Group for the Reporting Period amounted to RMB192,845 thousand, increased by RMB48,331 thousand, or approximately 33.44%, from RMB144,514 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013, which was mainly attributable to the increase in interest expenses resulting from the transfer to fixed assets of Canazhou Bohai construction projects.

With no financial income during the Reporting Period (the corresponding period of 2013: nil), the Group's net financial expenses for the Reporting Period and for the corresponding period of 2013 amounted to RMB192,845 thousand and RMB144,514 thousand, respectively.

# (7) Tax

Income tax expense of the Group increased by RMB26,493 thousand to RMB253,766 thousand for the Reporting Period from RMB227,273 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. The effective income tax rate of the Group increased to 21.37% for the Reporting Period from 15.90% as at the corresponding period of 2013. Such increase was mainly attributable to the decrease in income expenses during the corresponding period of 2013 as a result of the setoff of our taxations with partial loss incurred in the disposal of property, plant and equipment in the previous financial years as permitted by local tax authority in June 2013.

#### (8) Profit

For the Reporting Period, the net profit attributable to owners of the parent company amounted to RMB932,366 thousand, representing a decrease of RMB256,280 thousand or 21.56% from RMB1,188,646 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013, which was mainly attributable to an one-off government grants of RMB294,843 thousand received by Cangzhou Bohai for the transfer of public infrastructure in the corresponding period of 2013. If such factor were neglected, the net profit of the year attributable to the owners of the parent for the first half of 2014 would have been increased 2.9% as compared with that of the corresponding period of 2013.

The net profit margin of the Group for the Reporting Period was approximately 26.82%, representing a decrease of 8.68% from 35.50% for the corresponding period of 2013, which was mainly attributable to the same reason mentioned above.

#### (9) Earnings per Share

Earnings per Share are calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary Shares in issue during the Reporting Period. Earnings per Share of the Group for the Reporting Period amounted to RMB0.19, representing a decrease of 32.14% from RMB0.28 for the corresponding period of 2013. Please refer to Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements in this report for the calculation of earnings per Share.

# (10) Capital Structure, Cash Flows and Financial Resources

The Group's funds are mainly used for investment, operating costs, construction of building berths and repayment of loans. As stated in the Prospectus, the Group has mainly relied on funds generated from operations and bank loans for our working capital requirement.

During the Reporting Period, the net cash inflows of the Group amounted to RMB63,300 thousand, representing an increase of approximately RMB1,012,377 thousand from RMB-949,077 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. Such increase was mainly attributable to the increase in loans and no dividend has been paid during the Reporting Period (we have paid dividend in the corresponding period of 2013).

# (10) Capital Structure, Cash Flows and Financial Resources (continued)

Net cash inflow generated from operating activities was RMB1,274,767 thousand, representing a decrease of RMB127,801 thousand, or 9.11%, from RMB1,402,568 thousand for the corresponding period of 2013. The decrease was mainly attributable to the tax increased compared with the corresponding period of 2013.

The net cash outflows from investing activities was RMB2,039,222 thousand, which mainly reflected the construction fees of terminals paid by Cangzhou Huanghuagang Mineral Port Co., Ltd., Tangshan Caofeidian Coal Port Co., Ltd. and Cangzhou Bohai.

The net cash inflow from financing activities was RMB827,755 thousand, including the net increase in loans of RMB1,592,376 thousand, payment of dividend and interests of RMB336,042 thousand, and payment of reduction of state-owned shares and expense of Global Offering of RMB438,604 thousand, representing an increase of RBM2,008,704 thousand from RMB-1,180,949 as compared with the corresponding period of 2013. The increase was mainly attributed to the sharp increase in the borrowings which were used for the construction of the piers and terminals in Canazhou ores project.

Based on the above, as at 30 June 2014, the Group held a balance of cash and cash equivalents of RMB5,600,657 thousand, representing an increase of RMB63,300 thousand or 1.14% from RMB5,537,357 thousand as compared with that as at 31 December 2013.

As at 30 June 2014, the gearing ratio (total liabilities divided by total assets) of the Group was 58.49%, increased by 3.44% as compared with the gearing ratio 55.05% as at 30 June 2013, which was mainly attributed to the outstanding payment of the declared dividend of RMB1.609 billion and the increase in borrowings for Cangzhou ores project, resulting in an increase in liabilities.

The table below sets forth the summary of the statement of consolidated cash flow of the Group for the Reporting Period:

		For the six months ended 30 June		
	2014 (RMB'000)	2013 (RMB'000)		
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,274,767	1,402,568		
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(2,039,222)	(1,170,696)		
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	827,755	(1,180,949)		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	63,300	(949,077)		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period/year	5,537,357	3,336,887		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of				
period/year	5,600,657	2,387,810		
Loans	12,355,835	10,127,302		
Assets gearing ratio	58.49%	55.05%		

#### (11) Exchange Rate Risks

The operations of the Group mainly locate in China, and substantially all of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are settled in RMB, while debts denominated in foreign currencies are mainly composed of incurred fees of overseas professional parties. As such, the Group has not made any foreign exchange hedging arrangement.

## (12) Bank Loans and Other Borrowings

As of 30 June 2014, details of bank loans and other borrowings of the Group are set out in Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements in this report.

## (13) Pledge of Assets and Contingent Liabilities

The Group has no pledge of assets and contingent liabilities during the Reporting Period.

## (14) Capital Commitment

Details of the capital commitment of the Group for the Reporting Period are set out in Note 20 to the financial statements in this report.

# (15) Management of Working Capital

	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
Current ratio	0.81	0.63
Quick ratio	0.79	0.59
Turnover days of trade and bills receivables	14.63	12.33
Turnover days of trade payables	7.42	7.30

As at 30 June 2014, the current ratio of the Group was 0.81, representing an increase as compared with the current ratio of 0.63 as at 30 June 2013, which was mainly due to the retained proceeds from Global Offering resulting in a significant growth in current assets. The turnover days of trade and bill receivables for the Reporting Period were 14.63 days, representing an increase of 2.30 days from 12.33 days as compared with the corresponding period of 2013, whereas the turnover days of trade payables were 7.42 days, representing an increase of 0.12 day from 7.30 days as compared with the corresponding period of 2013.

## (16) Overview of Investments

During the Reporting Period, the Group made the several investments in its subsidiaries or associated companies, including:

- 1. On 11 April 2014, the Company entered into the Articles of HPG Finance with HPG for the establishment of HPG Finance, a joint venture. According to the Articles of HPG Finance, the total registered capital of HPG Finance is RMB500 million, among which, RMB200 million and RMB300 million, are contributed by the Company and HPG, respectively. The Company and HPG hold 40% and 60% of equity interests in HPG Finance, respectively. HPG Finance was established on 10 July 2014;
- 2. On 15 April 2014, the Group entered into the Cooperation Agreement of the Sixth Coal Terminal Project of 50 million Tonnes in Tangshan Caofeidian Port Area (《唐山曹妃甸港區第六個5,000萬噸煤炭碼頭項目合作協議書》), with Tangshan Caofeidian Port Co., Ltd. (唐山曹妃甸港口有限公司), and agreed to establish a project company for construction of the sixth 50-million tonnes coal terminal project in Tangshan Caofeidian Port area. The initial registered capital of the project company was RMB50 million, of which RMB49.50 million should be paid by the Group. Upon establishment, 99% of equity interests in the project company are held by the Group. The project company has been established on 7 August 2014; and

# (16) Overview of Investments (continued)

3. On 22 April 2014, the Group entered into "the Cooperation Agreement of the Crude Oil Terminal Project in the Bulk Cargo Area of Huanghua Port (《黃驊港散貨港區原油碼頭項目合作協議書》)" with Cangzhou Port Group Ltd. (滄州港務集團有限公司), and agreed to establish a project company for the construction project of crude oil in the bulk cargo area of Huanghua Port. The initial registered capital of the project company was RMB50 million, of which RMB32.50 million should be paid by the Group who held 65% of its interest. The project company was established on 25 April 2014.

# (III) PROSPECTS

The Group will further develop the Group's business in the second half of 2014. For major business segments, our business plans are as follows:

## I. In respect of coal:

- 1. To achieve interaction and connection of Qinhuangdao Port with Caofeidian Port, the Group will strengthen business communication with the relevant railway departments, increase the proportion of bulky railway cargoes among the cargoes we handle and will strive to promote the management model of "Qinhuangdao-Caofeidian integration", while catering the demands of small and medium-size customers. On such basis, and through reinforcing coordination and the unified command over the two ports, the Group will better achieve the complementary advantages between Qinhuangdao Port and Caofeidian Port, so as to enhance the Group's market share in the ports of the North.
- 2. Our Group will continue to improve customer satisfaction by establishing a comprehensive logistical service platform and providing high quality "one on one" services to our customers. Meanwhile, taking into account of the harbor freight quality and environmental protection requirements, we promoted the development of "green and low-carbon" of the port, so as to enhance our industry reputation and status.
- 3. The Group intends to actively promote capital market transactions and services for coal related financial derivative products and carry out electronic trading and medium to long term coal futures trading. We strive to build Qinhuangdao Seaborne Coal Trading Market into the most influential coal trading market in Northern China with the most comprehensive functions and a focus on logistical services.

#### II. In respect of other business segment:

- 1. The early phase of construction of the eastward expansion of Qinhuangdao Port has fully commenced on 16 June 2014. Following the completion of renovation project of "relocation operation of the western port", our Group will take full advantage of the specified equipment and facilities as well as the service platform for the eastward expansion of the ports, to strengthen mechanism of cargo collection, perfect management system, intensify service concepts, and facilitate the achievement of growth in throughput of general cargoes and containers.
- 2. We implement refined management system on business soliciting and production planning. By refining the specific circumstances of various categories of cargoes and their owners through making judgments on market trends of cargoes resources and based on the solid existing cargoes resources, the Group intends to further compete for cargoes resources (especially by refining the local market of logistics resources) and introducing targeted measures to expand advantages in the competitive position for local logistics resources. By taking the operating company as the main body of operation, the Group will implement refined management on the operation processes of handling by single vessel as well as the operation processes of cargo collection and distribution. The Group will master accurate knowledge of the whole process of job information, achieve well inter-connection among trucks, vessels and cargoes and reasonable deployment of space and positions, in order to optimize the organization of production and operation process, as well as improve the operational efficiency and service quality.

## (III) PROSPECTS (continued)

## II. In respect of other business segment: (continued)

- 3. The Group intends to optimize stevedoring process by streamlining the operation process and arranging machinery and human resources in advance, planning preparatory work before operation and reducing non-production operation hours, so as to improve productivity and operational efficiency in all manner of ways.
- 4. In addition, the Group proposes to further intensify awareness of service, and strive to provide better services to each of our customers. The Group will regularly solicit opinions and suggestions from customers, analyse problems found in quality management in a prudent manner, and take improvement of efficiency and service as the central task of quality management, fully implement the commitments and safeguard the interests of customers.

# (IV) USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE GLOBAL OFFERING

The H Shares of the Company have been listed and traded on the Stock Exchange since 12 December 2013. After deducting related expenses, the net proceeds of the Company from the Global Offering amounted to HKD3, 820 million. During the Reporting Period, the use of proceeds was in line with the usage disclosed in the Prospectus.

# (V) EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 7 August 2014, the Company entered into the Joint Venture Contract ("JV Contract") of Bohai Jin-Ji Port Investment and Development Company Limited\* (渤海港口投資發展有限公司) ("Bohai Port Investment") with Tianjin Port (Group) Co., Ltd.\* (天津港 (集團) 有限公司) ("Tianjin Port Group"), for the establishment of Bohai Jin-Ji Port Investment and Development Company Limited. Pursuant to the requirements of JV Contract, the total registered capital of Bohai Port Investment will be RMB2 billion. Each of the Company and Tianjin Port Group will contribute RMB1 billion, representing 50% of the total registered capital of Bohai Port Investment, respectively. Upon the establishment of Bohai Port Investment, the Company and Tianjin Port Group will hold 50% and 50% equity interests in Bohai Port Investment, respectively. Bohai Port Investment will be accounted for as a jointly controlled entity in the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Bohai Port Investment was established on 8 August 2014. Details of other important matters after the Reporting Period were disclosed in Note 24 to the financial statements of this report.

In addition, as at 30 June 2014, the Company had a preliminary discussion with the major developers (on behalf of HPG) for the compensation issue for the closure of the third port branch of the Company and relocation of operations in the western zone. For further information, please refer to the announcement dated 2 July 2014 of the Company.

# (VI) EMPLOYEES, REMUNERATION POLICY AND PENSION SCHEME

Staff costs of the Group during the Reporting Period amounted to RMB969,088 thousand. Please refer to Note 5 to the financial statement for the details of the Group's employees, remuneration policy and pension scheme.

# **SHARE CAPITAL**

As of 30 June 2014, the total issue share capital of the Company amounted to RMB5,029,412,000, which divided into 5,029,412,000 Shares with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, including:

Class of Shares	Number of Shares	Approximate proportion to total issued share capital of the Company
Domestic Shares H Shares	4,199,559,000 829,853,000	83.50% 16.50%
Total	5,029,412,000	100%

There is no change in share capital of the Company during the Reporting Period.

# INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHERS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2014, so far as the Directors are aware and according to the notice received by the Company, other than the Directors, Supervisors and chief executives of the Company and their respective associates, the following persons had or were deemed to have an interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures which was recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholders	Number of Shares held	Capacity in which the Shares were held	Class of Shares	Percentage of the total number of same class of issued share capital of the Company	Percentage of the total number of issued share capital of the Company	Long position/ short position
Hebei Provincial People's Government State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission	3,104,314,204 (Note 1)	Interest of controlled corporation	Domestic Shares	73.92%	61.72%	Long position
HPG	3,104,314,204 (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	Domestic Shares	73.92%	61.72%	Long position
Qinhuangdao Municipal People's Government State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission	629,824,026	Beneficial owner	Domestic Shares	15.00%	12.52%	Long position
Hebei Construction & Investment Communications Investment Co., Ltd	212,692,830	Beneficial owner	Domestic Shares	5.06%	4.23%	Long position
Turiya Advisors Asia Limited	70,332,500	Investment manager	H Shares	8.48%	1.40%	Long position

Name of Shareholders	Number of Shares held	Capacity in which the Shares were held	Class of Shares	Percentage of the total number of same class of issued share capital of the Company	Percentage of the total number of issued share capital of the Company	Long position/ short position
Credit Suisse Group AG	66,317,000 (Note 2)	Interest of controlled corporation	H Shares	7.99%	1.32%	Long position
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Credit Suisse Investments (UK)	66,317,000 (Note 2)	Interest of controlled corporation	H Shares	7.99%	1.32%	Long position
Credit Suisse Investment Holdings (UK)	66,317,000 (Note 2)	Interest of controlled corporation	H Shares	7.99%	1.32%	Long position
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	66,317,000 (Note 2)	Beneficial owner	H Shares	7.99%	1.32%	Long position
China Shipping (Group) Company	44,296,500 (Note 3)	Interest of controlled corporation	H Shares	5.34%	0.88%	Long position
China Shipping (H.K.) Holdings Co., Ltd.	44,296,500 (Note 3)	Interest of controlled corporation	H Shares	5.34%	0.88%	Long position
China Shipping Terminal Development (H.K.) Co., Ltd.	44,296,500 (Note 3)	Beneficial owner	H Shares	5.34%	0.88%	Long position

#### Notes:

- 1. Hebei Provincial People's Government State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission is the controlling shareholder of HPG, therefore, was deemed to be interested in 3,104,314,204 Shares of the Company under the SFO;
- 2. Each of Credit Suisse Group AG (being the direct controlling shareholder of Credit Suisse AG), Credit Suisse AG (being the direct controlling shareholder of Credit Suisse Investment (UK), Credit Suisse Investment (UK) (being the direct controlling shareholder of Credit Suisse Investment Holdings (UK)) and Credit Suisse Investment Holdings (UK) (being the direct controlling shareholder of Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited) was deemed to be interested in 66,317,000 Shares of the Company under the SFO; and
- 3. Each of China Shipping (Group) Company (being the direct controlling shareholder of China Shipping (H.K.) Holdings Co., Ltd.) and China Shipping (H.K.) Holdings Co., Ltd. (being the direct controlling shareholder of China Shipping Terminal Development Co., Ltd.) was deemed to be interested in 44,296,500 Shares of the Company respectively under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2014, to the best knowledge of the Directors, none of other persons (other than Directors, Supervisors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates) had, or was deemed to have, any interests and short positions in Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company which will be required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

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

To the best knowledge of the Directors and according to the notice received by the Company, as at 30 June 2014, none of the Directors, Supervisors or the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates had, or was deemed to have, any interest or short positions in Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and any other of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which will be required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO; or which will be required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

# REPURCHASE, DISPOSAL, REDEMPTION OR TRANSFER OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the Reporting Period, the Company did not repurchase, dispose of, redeem or transfer any shares of the Company.

# **CHANGES IN DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

Changes in Directors and Supervisors During the Reporting Period

Mr. Zhao Zhen and Mr. Li Jianping were appointed as an independent non-executive Director and a non-executive Director, respectively; while Mr. Nie Yuzhong, Mr. Wang Yashan and Mr. Liu Simang were appointed as Supervisors at the annual general meeting for the year 2013 held on 6 June 2014 (the "AGM"). Mr. Nie Yuzhong was elected as the chairman of the Supervisory Committee. The term of service of Mr. Zhao Zhen and Mr. Li Jianping will be ended on the expiry date of the term of the Board. The term of service of Mr. Nie Yuzhong, Mr. Wang Yashan and Mr. Liu Simang will be ended on the expiry date of the term of the Supervisory Committee. The remuneration of Mr. Zhao Zhen as an independent non-executive Director is RMB100,000 per annum; each of Mr. Li Jianping, Mr. Nie Yuzhong, Mr. Wang Yashan and Mr. Liu Simang do not receive any remuneration (excluding their remuneration received due to other position(s) in the Group) as Director or Supervisor.

Meanwhile, the following resignations were effective from the date of the AGM:

- (i) Mr. Hong Shanxiang resigned as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Strategy Committee;
- (ii) Mr. Zheng Yunming resigned as a non-executive Director and a member of the Nomination Committee;
- (iii) Mr. Ge Ying resigned as a Supervisor and the chairman of the Supervisory Committee;
- (iv) Mr. Chen Shaojun resigned as a Supervisor; and
- (v) Mr. Ning Zhongyou resigned as a Supervisor.

#### Changes in Director and Senior Management After the Report Period

Mr. HE Shanqi ("Mr. He") has tendered his resignation to the Board from the positions as (1) an executive Director, a member of the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee and a member of the Strategy Committee and (2) the general manager of the Company due to his age. Mr. He's resignation as (1) an executive Director, a member of the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee and a member of the Strategy Committee will become effective from the date of the approval of the appointment of Mr. Tian Yunshan ("Mr. Tian") as a Director being approved by the Shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM"); and (2) the general manager of the Company was effective from 22 August 2014. On 22 August 2014, a Board meeting was convened to approve the following businesses:

- (i) Mr. Tian was nominated as the executive Director. If Mr. Tian is appointed as the Director by the Shareholders at the EGM, the Company will enter into a service contract with him, with a term commencing from the date of him being appointed as an executive Director until the expiry of the term of the current session of the Board, and he will be appointed as a member of the Remuneration and Appraisal Committee and a member of the Strategy Committee;
- (ii) Mr. Tian was appointed as the general manager of the Company, with effect from 22 August 2014; and
- (iii) Mr. Guo Xikun and Mr. Yang Wensheng were appointed as the deputy general managers of the Company, with effect from 22 August 2014.

#### CHANGES OF DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

Changes of Directors' Information upon the issue of 2013 annual report of the Company are set out below pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules:

On 9 January, 2014, the independent non-executive Director Mr. LI Man Choi was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Beijing Digital Telecom Co., Ltd. (listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, Stock Code: 6188).

#### MATERIAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION

So far as the Directors are aware and save as disclosed in the Prospectus, the Company was not engaged in any other material litigation, arbitration or claim, and no litigation, arbitration or claim of material importance was pending or threatened against the Company during the Reporting Period.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

During the Reporting Period, the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code. So far as the Directors are aware, there has been no deviation from the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE**

During the Reporting Period, the Company has adopted the Model Code as the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors and Supervisors to regulate the securities transactions made by the Directors and Supervisors. Upon specific enquiries made to each Director and Supervisor, all the Directors and Supervisors confirmed that they have complied with the requirements under the provisions of the Model Code during the Reporting Peroid.

#### **INTERIM DIVIDENDS**

The Board did not recommend the payment of interim dividends for the six months ended 30 June 2014.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has established the Audit Committee with written terms of reference in accordance with the provisions of Corporate Governance Code. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited interim financial report of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2014.

# **Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

For the six months ended 30 June 2014

The Board announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the Reporting Period prepared pursuant to the related requirements of the Listing Rules, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period of 2013.

		For the six months ended	
		30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(unaudited)	(audited)
DEVENUE	4	0.404.004	0.000.500
REVENUE Cost of sales	4	3,481,201 (1,939,713)	3,386,526 (1,860,196)
Oost of sales		(1,303,710)	(1,000,130)
Gross profit		1,541,488	1,526,330
Other income and gains	4	126,124	369,477
Selling and distribution expenses		(5)	(15)
Administrative expenses		(382,413)	(359,700)
Other expenses		(11,538)	(25,432)
Finance costs	6	(192,845)	(144,514)
Share of profits and losses of:		100 101	00.005
Associates Joint ventures		106,494 112	63,385
Joint Ventures		112	(46)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	5	1,187,417	1,429,485
Income tax expense	7	(253,766)	(227,273)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		933,651	1,202,212
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		_	_
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		933,651	1,202,212
Attributable to:		000 000	1 100 010
Owners of the parent		932,366	1,188,646
Non-controlling interests		1,285	13,566
		933,651	1,202,212
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT			
Basic and diluted	9	RMB0.19	RMB0.28

Details of the dividends payable and proposed for the interim period are disclosed in note 8 to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

# **Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2014

		30 June	31 December
		2014	2013
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(unaudited)	(audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	10	20,492,714	20,138,010
Prepaid land lease payments		522,338	528,710
Other intangible assets		116,413	120,653
Goodwill		59	59
Investments in joint ventures		4,868	4,994
Investments in associates		1,005,654	1,034,206
Investment properties		4,124	4,171
Available-for-sale investments		711,670	681,624
Long-term prepayments	11	250,141	59,776
Deferred tax assets		147,916	163,649
			00 705 050
Total non-current assets		23,255,897	22,735,852
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	12	189,331	190,336
Trade and bills receivables	14	296,304	261,886
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	13	246,963	90,220
Prepaid land lease payments		12,745	12,745
Tax recoverable		16,226	5,438
Cash and cash equivalents	15	5,824,455	5,945,267
Pledged deposits	15	215	-
r loaged deposite	, ,		
Total current assets		6,586,239	6,505,892
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES		70.007	70.000
Trade payables	4.0	79,624	78,083
Other payables and accruals	16	4,588,479	4,837,577
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	17	3,311,457	3,395,367
Tax payable		133,284	203,307
Total current liabilities		8,112,844	8,514,334
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(1,526,605)	(2,008,442)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		21,729,292	20,727,410

# Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (continued)

As at 30 June 2014

	Notes	30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
NON OURDENT LARRIETE			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	17	0.044.270	7 269 000
Interest-bearing bank borrowings  Government grants	17 18	9,044,378 297,252	7,368,092 310,392
dovernment grants	70	231,232	010,002
Total non-current liabilities		9,341,630	7,678,484
Total Horr current liabilities		3,041,000	7,070,404
Net assets		12,387,662	13,048,926
EQUITY EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE PARENT Issued capital Reserves Proposed final dividend		5,029,412 6,175,640 –	5,029,412 5,243,304 1,609,412
		11,205,052	11,882,128
Non-controlling interests		1,182,610	1,166,798
Total equity		12,387,662	13,048,926

# **Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement** of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2014

			Attri	butable to ow	ners of the pa	rent				
	Issued capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Special reserve RMB'000	Statutory surplus reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Proposed dividend RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Non- controlling interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
At 1 January 2014 Profit for the period Other comprehensive income for the period	5,029,412 - -	4,498,136 - -	7,918 - -	27,638 - -	683,390 - -	26,222 932,366 -	1,609,412 - -	11,882,128 932,366	1,166,798 1,285	13,048,926 933,651
Total comprehensive income for the period Final 2013 dividend declared Dividends declared and paid to non-	:	Ī	į	į	:	932,366	_ (1,609,412)	932,366 (1,609,412)	1,285	933,651 (1,609,412)
controlling interests Contribution from non-controlling interests Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,003) 17,500	(3,003) 17,500
by injection to a subsidiary  Net increase in special reserve	-	-	(30)	-	-	-	-	(30)	30	-
for the period	-	-	-	19,226	-	(19,226)	-	-	-	-
At 30 June 2014 (unaudited)	5,029,412	4,498,136*	7,888*	46,864*	683,390*	939,362*	-	11,205,052	1,182,610	12,387,662
At 1 January 2013 Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	4,275,000 -	2,240,185	9,229	17,545 -	544,743 -	1,096,886 1,188,646	1,090,125	9,273,713 1,188,646	1,155,812 13,566	10,429,525 1,202,212
for the period	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	
Total comprehensive income for the period Final 2012 dividend declared	-	-	_	-	-	1,188,646	(1,090,125)	1,188,646 (1,090,125)	13,566	1,202,212 (1,090,125)
Proposed additional 2012 dividend Net increase in special reserve	-	-	-	-	-	(1,090,125)	1,090,125	(1,090,120)	-	(1,090,120)
for the period Acquisition of non-controlling interests by injection to a subsidiary	_	-	(1,341)	20,958	-	(20,958)	-	(1,341)	1,341	
At 30 June 2013 (audited)	4,275,000	2,240,185*	7,888*	38,503*	544,743*	1,174,449*	1,090,125	9,370,893	1,170,719	10,541,612

These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of RMB6,175,640,000 in the consolidated statements of financial position as at 30 June 2014 (30 June 2013: RMB4,005,768,000).



# **Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the six months ended 30 June 2014

	Note	For the six m 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	onths ended 30 June 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
		(	(5.5.5.65 5.)
Net cash flows from operating activities		1,274,767	1,402,568
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(2,039,222)	(1,170,696)
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		827,755	(1,180,949)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		63,300	(949,077)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		5,537,357	3,336,887
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD		5,600,657	2,387,810
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and cash equivalents as stated in the consolidated statements of financial position	15	5,824,455	2,524,072
Less: Time deposits with original maturity of more than three months	15	(223,798)	(136,262)
Cash and cash equivalents as stated in the consolidated statements			
of cash flows		5,600,657	2,387,810

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#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company was established as a joint stock company with limited liability on 31 March 2008 in the People's Republic of China. The Company's "H" shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 12 December 2013. The registered office of the Company is located at 35 Haibin Road, Qinhuangdao, Hebei Province, the PRC.

The Group was principally engaged in the provision of integrated port services including stevedoring, stacking, warehousing, transportation and logistics and handling various types of cargo including coal, metal ores, oil, liquefied chemicals, containers and general cargo.

In the opinion of the directors, the holding company and the ultimate holding company of the Company is Hebei Port Group Co., Ltd. ("HPG"), which is a state-owned enterprise established on 28 August 2002 in the PRC.

# 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND CHANGES TO THE GROUP'S ACCOUNTING POLICIES Basis of consolidation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2014 have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34").

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 2013.

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

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013, except in relation to the following new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs", which also include IASs and interpretations) that are adopted for the first time for the current period's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, the adoption of these new and revised IFRSs has had no significant impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 (2011)

IAS 27 (2011) Amendments – Investment Entities

IAS 32 Amendments Amendments to IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation –

Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

IAS 36 Amendments to IAS 36 Impairment of Assets - Recoverable Amount

Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets

IAS 39 Amendments to IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and

Measurement - Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge

Accounting

IFRIC 21 Levies

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

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# 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group has one reportable operating segment: provision of integrated port services. Management monitors the operating results of its business units as a whole for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment.

# **Geographical information**

During this period, more than 90% of the Group's revenue is generated from customers located in Mainland China and all of the non-current assets of the Group were located in Mainland China.

# Information about major customers

During this period, there were two single customers who contributed over 10% of the Group's revenue individually.

	Six months e	Six months ended 30 June		
	2014 RMB'000	2013 RMB'000		
	(unaudited)	(audited)		
Customer A	454,603	393,266		
Customer B	468,804	505,806		

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# 4. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the value of services rendered, the invoiced value of goods sold and the gross rental income received during the period.

An analysis of revenue, other income and gains from continuing operations is as follows:

	Note	Six months en 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	ded 30 June 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Revenue			
Integrated port services Sale of goods Gross rental income Other comprehensive services		3,333,870 24,268 841 122,222	3,260,135 12,554 83 113,754
		3,481,201	3,386,526
Other income and gains			
Other income  Bank interest income  Dividend income from available-for-sale investments  Government grants  Foreign exchange differences, net	18	6,940 62,805 21,148 29,632	10,112 45,000 298,424 –
		120,525	353,536
Gains Reversal of impairment of trade and other receivables, net Others		5,444 155 5,599	13,701 2,240 15,941
	_	126,124	369,477

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# 5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

		Six months ended 30 June		
	Note	2014 RMB'000	2013 RMB'000	
	TVULE	(unaudited)	(audited)	
			(11111)	
Cost of services provided		1,939,713	1,860,196	
Depreciation	10	542,144	484,787	
Amortisation of other intangible assets		4,238	3,575	
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments		4,765	4,813	
Amortisation of investment properties		47	65	
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment		12,250	13,325	
Government grants recognised as income	18	(21,148)	(298,424)	
Employee benefit expense (including directors'				
and supervisors' remuneration):				
Wages, salaries and bonuses		813,562	773,657	
Pension scheme contributions and other employee benefits		155,526	146,101	
		969,088	919,758	
Reversal of impairment of trade and other receivables		(5,444)	(13,701)	
Provision for impairment of items of property,				
plant and equipment	10	-	11,577	
Dividend income from available-for-sale investments		(62,805)	(45,000)	
Minimum lease payments under operating leases of				
items of property, plant and equipment		79,134	84,284	
Auditors' remuneration		17	125	
Bank interest income		(6,940)	(10,112)	
Foreign exchange differences, net		(29,632)	47	
Rental income on investment properties		841	83	

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# 6. FINANCE COSTS

An analysis of finance costs is as follows:

	Six months end	
	2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	2013 RMB'000 (audited)
laterest on bonds borrowings		
Interest on bank borrowings  - wholly repayable within five years	169,089	157,428
- wholly repayable over five years	165,742	140,508
	334,831	297,936
Less: Interest capitalised	(141,986)	(153,422)
	192,845	144,514

# 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The provision for Mainland China current income tax is based on a statutory rate of 25% of the assessable profits of the Group as determined in accordance with the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law which became effective on 1 January 2008.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong for the period.

	Six months ended 30 June		
	<b>2014</b> 201		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(unaudited)	(audited)	
Current - Mainland China			
Charge for the period	238,033	275,219	
Deferred	15,733	(47,946)	
Total tax Change for the period	253,766	227,273	

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# 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (continued)

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit before tax at the statutory tax rate applicable in Mainland China to the tax expense at the Group's effective tax rate is as follows:

	Six months end	Six months ended 30 June		
	2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	2013 RMB'000 (audited)		
Profit before tax	1,187,417	1,429,485		
Tax at the statutory tax rate	296,854	357,371		
Expenses not deductible for tax	3,178	9,426		
Tax losses not recognised	7,344	4,121		
Income not subject to tax	(15,701)	(11,250)		
Profits and losses attributable to joint ventures and associates  Non-deductible expenses from previous periods	(26,652)	(15,834)		
confirmed deductible by tax authority	_	(110,558)		
Utilised deductible temporary difference not recognised	-	(6,003)		
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	(11,257)	_		
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	253,766	227,273		

# 8. DIVIDENDS

On 6 June 2014, a dividend of RMB0.32 per share amounting to RMB1,609,412,000 in aggregate (for the six months ended 30 June 2013: RMB0.255 per share amounting to RMB1,090,125,000 in aggregate for the additional 2012 final dividend) was declared as the final dividend for 2013.

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2014 (six months ended 30 June 2013: Nil).

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

The calculation of basic earnings per share amounts is based on the profits attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 5,029,412,000 and 4,275,000,000 in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2014 and 2013, respectively.

	Six months ei 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	nded 30 June 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Earnings Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent used in the basic earnings per share calculation	932,366	1,188,646
	Six months e	nded 30 June
	2014 '000 (unaudited)	2013 '000 (audited)
Shares Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period used in the basic earnings per share calculation	5,029,412	4,275,000

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the six months ended 30 June 2014 and 2013 in respect of a dilution as the Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

# 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Carrying amount at the beginning of period/year	20,138,010	16,344,421
Additions	914,230	4,834,670
Disposals	(15,224)	(209,772)
Transfer to intangible assets	(53)	(4,514)
Depreciation charge for the period/year (Note)	(544,249)	(818,139)
Impairment charge for the period/year	_	(8,656)
Carrying amount at the end of period/year	20,492,714	20,138,010

Note: Included in the depreciation provided for the six months period ended 30 June 2014, RMB2,105,000 (2013: RMB2,244,000) was directly related to the construction in progress and was capitalised and RMB542,144,000 (2013: RMB982,458,000) was charged to profit or loss for the period.

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# 11. LONG-TERM PREPAYMENTS

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Prepayments for purchase of items of property, plant and equipment Prepayments for acquisition of equity investment	16,811 233,330 250,141	9,776 50,000 59,776

# **12. INVENTORIES**

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Raw materials Spare parts and consumables Finished goods	96,460 90,864 2,007	97,160 90,158 3,018
	189,331	190,336

# 13. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Propovemente	10,599	12,350
Prepayments Receivable in respect of electricity fee	80,649	68,273
Dividend receivables	106,027	1,027
Accumulated deductible value-added taxes	42,820	3,822
Others	6,868	4,748
	246,963	90,220

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# 14. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Trade receivables Bills receivable	246,699 49,605 296,304	189,188 72,698 261,886

The Group normally requires payment in advance from its customers and allows credit terms of not more than 90 days to certain established customers. Customers with a good track record could be granted a longer credit period. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control policy to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of the trade receivables, based on the invoice date, as at the end of reporting period is as follows:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Within 3 months	123,128	99,873
3 to 6 months	36,771	25,604
6 to 12 months	56,253	52,294
Over 12 months	47,444	24,275
	263,596	202,046
Provision for impairment	(16,897)	(12,858)
	246,699	189,188

#### 15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND PLEDGED DEPOSITS

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Cash and bank balances Time deposits	5,600,872 223,798	5,537,357 407,910
Less: Pledged deposits	5,824,670 (215)	5,945,267 –
Cash and cash equivalents	5,824,455	5,945,267

As at 30 June 2014, the Group's cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currencies amounted to RMB1,009,190,000 (31 December 2013: RMB2,473,087,000). The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies. However, under Mainland China's prevailing rules and regulations over foreign exchange, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short-term time deposits are made for varying periods of between seven days and six months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short-term time deposit rates. Time deposits with original maturity of more than three months earn interest at fixed interest rates for varying periods of between three months and one year. The bank balances and pledged deposits are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

# 16. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Payables for purchase of items of property, plant and equipment	2,110,568	3,452,076
Advances from customers	592,981	614,578
Other taxes and surcharges payables	91,122	119,266
Dividends payable	1,609,412	1,918
Port construction fee payables	3,697	3,697
Payables for staff costs	90,489	122,525
National Council for social security fund	· –	312,138
Others	90,210	211,379
	4,588,479	4,837,577

Other payables are unsecured and non-interest-bearing.

# 17. INTEREST-BEARING BANK BORROWINGS

		At 30 June 201	4	At	31 December 20	013
	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000 (unaudited)	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000 (audited)
Current						
Bank loans – unsecured	5-7	2014-2015	3,311,457	5-7	2014	3,395,367
Non-current						
Bank loans – unsecured	6-7	2015-2030	9,044,378	6-7	2015-2030	7,368,092
			12,355,835			10,763,459

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Analysed into:		
Within one year or on demand In the second year In the third to fifth years, inclusive Beyond five years	3,311,457 1,306,300 3,062,996 4,675,082	3,395,367 807,431 2,587,496 3,973,165
	12,355,835	10,763,459

# **18. GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Government grants	297,252	310,392

Government grants received by the Group as financial subsidies were mainly for environment-protection projects and certain research and development activities and were recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grants on a systematic basis to the costs that they were intended to compensate.

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# 18. GOVERNMENT GRANTS (continued)

The movements in government grants during the year are as follows:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
At the beginning of period/year Additions Recognised as income during the period/year	310,392 8,008 (21,148)	225,544 394,240 (309,392)
At the end of period/year	297,252	310,392

# 19. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

# As lessee

The Group leases certain of its property, plant and equipment under operating lease agreements, with leases negotiated for terms ranging from one to nine years.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Within one year In the second to fifth years, inclusive	68,917 161,665 230,582	121,100 169,517 290,617

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# **20. COMMITMENTS**

In addition to the operating lease commitments details in note 19 above, the Group had the following capital commitments at the end of the reporting period:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Capital expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment:		
<ul> <li>Contracted, but not provided for</li> </ul>	943,540	770,356
<ul> <li>Authorised, but not contracted for</li> </ul>	456,102	396,642
	1,399,642	1,166,998
Capital expenditure in respect of capital injection in existing joint ventures and associates:		
<ul> <li>Contracted, but not provided for</li> </ul>	160,000	170,000
- Authorised, but not contracted for	60,000	260,000
	220,000	430,000
	1,619,642	1,596,998

# 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the period:

	Six months end 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	ded 30 June 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Integrated port service income received from: Subsidiaries of HPG	42,518	19,822
Associates	777	19,022
Other related parties	16,107	20,987
out of rolated parties	10,101	20,00.
	59,402	40,809
Other comprehensive service income received from:		
HPG	3,512	5,652
Subsidiaries of HPG	2,033	1,701
Associates	235	1,063
A joint venture	10	12
Other related parties	4,215	3,011
	10,005	11,439

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# 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the period (continued):

	Six months e	Six months ended 30 June		
	2014	2013		
	RMB'000 (unaudited)	RMB'000 (audited)		
Other comprehensive services provided by:		05.500		
HPG	27,547	25,530		
Subsidiaries of HPG	2,353	45		
Other related parties	1,019	639		
	30,919	26,214		
Rental expense paid to HPG	64,586	64,647		
Construction and maintenance services provided by:				
Subsidiaries of HPG	72,376	67,578		
Project management services provided by:				
A subsidiary of HPG	23,018	3,415		
Loading and unloading services provided by:		54.004		
A joint venture	23,623	54,621		

Other related parties represent the joint ventures and associates of HPG.

The above related party transactions were conducted in accordance with the terms/agreements mutually agreed between the parties.

# 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

**(b)** Outstanding balances with related parties:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Trade and bills receivables: HPG Subsidiaries of HPG Associates Other related parties	451 20,565 10 7,714 28,740	9,731 - 1,655
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables: HPG Subsidiaries of HPG Other related parties	376 22,332 -	528 - 283
Dividends receivable:    Associates  Long-term prepayments:	106,027	1,027
Subsidiaries of HPG  Trade payables: HPG Subsidiaries of HPG A joint venture	4,398 10,934 1,473	3,641 140
Other payables and accruals:	16,805	3,781 44,362
Subsidiaries of HPG Associates Other related parties	52,670 66,062 1,028 5,688	44,362 73,414 5 15
Dividends payable: HPG	993,381	-

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# 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(c) Commitments with related parties:

#### As lessee

As at the end of the reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases with a related party as at the end of the reporting period as follows:

	2014 RMB'000	At 31 December 2013 RMB'000
HPG	(unaudited) 230,041	(audited) 290,568

#### **Construction services**

As at the end of the reporting period, the Group entered into certain agreements with subsidiaries of HPG for the construction of terminal facilities, plant and machinery. The total future payments regarding these agreements as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	At 30 June	At 31 December
	2014	2013
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Subsidiaries of HPG	159,179	56,323

# (d) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	At 30 June 2014 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 30 June 2013 RMB'000 (audited)
Short-term employee benefits Pension scheme contributions	1,819 414	1,498 418
	2,233	1,916

#### (e) Joint investment

On 11 April 2014, the Company entered into the Articles of Hebei Port Group Finance Co., Ltd. ("HPG Finance") with HPG for the establishment of HPG Finance with registered capital of RMB500 million. The Company and HPG hold 40% and 60% equity interests of HPG Finance, respectively.

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# 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

- (f) In April 2011, the Port Construction Command Office of Shanxi Province in Qinhuangdao ("Shanxi Port Construction Command", established to manage the relevant investments made by the Planning Committee of Shanxi Provincial Government), a third party, initiated a civil lawsuit in the Higher People's Court of Hebei Province against the Company and HPG, as co-defendants, claiming that the port investment agreement between the Planning Committee of Shanxi Provincial Government and the Qinhuangdao Port Management Bureau of the Ministry of Transport of the PRC (the predecessor of HPG) had been terminated and the Company and HPG should return Shanxi Provincial Government approximately RMB144,884,000, which includes the investment principal provided by Shanxi Port Construction Command, accrued interest and management fees. HPG issued a commitment letter on 16 April 2012 whereby HPG committed to reimburse the Company for all losses in connection with the lawsuit. As at the date of this report, the court proceedings are still ongoing and no ruling has been made by the Higher People's Court of Hebei Province. The directors are of the opinion that the lawsuit has no significant impact on the Group's financial statements.
- (g) China Ocean Shipping Agency Qinhuangdao and Penavico QHD Logistics Co., Ltd. (the "Agencies") acted as an agent of certain non-related shipping companies to accept the integrated port services provided by the Group, and pay the relevant integrated port service fee on behalf of these shipping companies to the Group. The relevant service fee paid by the Agencies on behalf of the shipping companies amounted to RMB12,368,000 and RMB9,776,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2013: RMB10,779,000 and RMB6,313,000), respectively.
- (h) In December 2008, the Company entered into an agreement with HPG pursuant to which the Company had the right to use HPG's trademark for free with a term of ten years commencing on 31 March 2008.
- (i) The Group enters into extensive transactions including purchases or sales of goods, property, plant and equipment and other assets and the receipt or provision of services with some state-owned enterprises, in the normal course of business on terms comparable to those with non-state owned enterprises. The transactions with these state-owned enterprises are individually not significant.
- (j) The related party transactions with HPG and companies owned by HPG also constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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# 22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

# **Financial assets**

	At 30 June 2014		At	31 December 20	13	
	Loans and receivables RMB'000	Available- for-sale investments RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Loans and receivables RMB'000	Available- for-sale investments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Available-for-sale investments	-	711,670	711,670	-	681,624	681,624
Trade and bills receivables	296,304	_	296,304	261,886	-	261,886
Financial assets included in prepayments,						
deposits and other receivables	193,544	_	193,544	74,048	_	74,048
Pledged deposits	215	_	215	_	_	_
Cash and cash equivalents	5,824,455	_	5,824,455	5,945,267	_	5,945,267
	6,314,518	711,670	7,026,188	6,281,201	681,624	6,962,825

# **Financial liabilities**

	Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
	30 June 31 Decem		
	2014	2013	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(unaudited)	(audited)	
Trade payables	79,624	78,083	
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	3,813,887	3,981,208	
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	12,355,835	10,763,459	
	16,249,346	14,822,750	

#### 23. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts and fair values of the Group's financial instruments, other than those with carrying amounts that reasonably approximate to fair values, are as follows:

	Carrying	amounts	Fair values		
	30 June 2014	31 December 2013	30 June 2014	31 December 2013	
Financial assets					
Available-for-sale investments	711,670	681,624	711,670	681,624	
Financial liabilities					
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	12,355,835	10,763,459	12,355,835	10,763,459	

Management has assessed that the fair values of cash and cash equivalents, trade and bills receivables, trade and bills payables, financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables, financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals approximate to their carrying amounts largely due to the short term maturities of these instruments.

The Group's corporate finance team headed by the finance manager is responsible for determining the policies and procedures for the fair value measurement of financial instruments. The corporate finance team reports directly to the chief financial officer and the audit committee. At each reporting date, the corporate finance team analyses the movements in the values of financial instruments and determines the major inputs applied in the valuation.

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

The fair values of the interest-bearing bank borrowings have been calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows using rates currently available for instruments on with similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities. The Group's own non-performance risk for interest-bearing borrowings as at 30 June 2014 was assessed to be insignificant.

Unlisted available-for-sale equity investments are stated at cost less impairment because the investments do not have a quoted market price in an active market and the range of reasonable fair value estimates is so significant that in the opinion of the directors, the fair value cannot be measured reliably.

#### Fair value hierarchy

All financial assets and liabilities for which fair value was measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period. Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy refers to fair value determined based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly.

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## 24. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Pursuant to the resolution at the sixth meeting of the Company's second session of the board of directors held on 31 May 2013, the Company entered into the Articles of Hebei Port Group Finance Co., Ltd. ("HPG Finance") with HPG on 11 April 2014 for the establishment of HPG Finance. Pursuant to the approval of China Banking Regulatory Commission ("CBRC") Hebei Authority on 1 July 2014, HPG Finance was officially established on 10 July 2014. HPG Finance is principally engaged in finance and related service which was approved by CBRC in accordance with relevant laws, acts and regulations. According to the articles of association of HPG Finance, the Company injected capital of RMB200 million and held 40% equity interests in HPG Finance.

Pursuant to the resolution at the fourteenth meeting of the Company's second session of the board of directors held on 1 August 2014, the Company entered into an investment agreement with Tianjin Port (Group) Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin Port Group") for the establishment of Bohai Jin-Ji Port Investment and Development Co., Ltd. ("Bohai Port Investment") on 7 August 2014. Bohai Port Investment is principally engaged in the investment and development of port projects in the regions of Tianjin and Hebei, with the business scope of port projects investment operation and management. The registered capital of Bohai Port Investment will be RMB2 billion, each of the Company and Tianjin Port Group will contribute RMB1 billion and hold 50% and 50% equity interests in Bohai Port Investment, respectively.

# 25. APPROVAL OF THE UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 22 August 2014.

# **Definitions and Glossary of Technical Terms**

"Berth" area for mooring of vessels on the shoreline. A berth means one designated

place for a vessel to moor

"Board" the board of directors of the Company

"Cangzhou Bohai" Cangzhou Bohai Port Co., Ltd.\* (滄州渤海港務有限公司), a company

incorporated in the PRC with limited liability on 31 October 2007, with

95.93% of its equity interest held by the Company

"Caofeidian Port" Caofeidian Port Zone in Tangshan Port, Tangshan City, Hebei Province

"Caofeidian Shiye" Tangshan Caofeidian Shiye Port Co., Ltd.\* (唐山曹妃甸實業港務有限公司), a

company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability on 4 September 2002,

with 35% of its equity interest held by the Company

"Company" Qinhuangdao Port Co., Ltd.\* (秦皇島港股份有限公司), a joint stock limited

liability company incorporated under the laws of the PRC on 31 March 2008

"Corporate Governance Code" the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules

"corresponding period

of 2013"

the six months ended 30 June 2013

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Domestic Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of the capital of the Company, with a nominal value of

RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in RMB

"Dry bulk" solid commodity cargo comprised of major dry bulk (coal, metal ore and

grain) and other dry bulk commodities such as sugar, cement and fertilizer

"Global Offering" the issuance of H Shares of the Company by way of Hong Kong public

offering and international offering in 2013

"Group", "us" or "we" the Company and all of its subsidiaries (unless the context otherwise

requires)

"Harbor" a port of haven where ships may anchor

"HK\$" or "Hong Kong dollar" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"HPG" Hebei Port Group Co., Ltd. (河北港口集團有限公司), a limited liability

company incorporated under the laws of the PRC and the controlling

shareholder of the Company

"HPG Finance" Hebei Port Group Finance Company Limited (河北港口集團財務有限公司), a

limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the PRC, and a joint venture held as to 40% and 60% by the Company and HPG respectively

## **Definitions and Glossary of Technical Terms**

"Articles of HPG Finance" Articles of HPG Finance (河北港口財務章程)

"H Share(s)" overseas listed foreign invested ordinary share(s) in the ordinary share capital

of the Company, with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are to be subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars and listed and to deal in, on

the Stock Exchange

"Huanghua Port" Huanghua Port in Cangzhou City, Hebei Province

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as

amended from time to time

"Model Code" Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out

in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules

"PRC" or "China" the People's Republic of China, for the purpose of this report, excludes

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC, Macau Special

Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan

"RMB" the lawful currency of the PRC

"Prospectus" the prospectus of the Company dated 29 November 2013 in connection with

the Global Offering

"Qinhuangdao Port" Qinhuangdao Port in Qinhuangdao City, Hebei Province

"Share(s)" share(s) in the share capital of the Company, with a nominal value of

RMB1.00 each, including Domestic Share(s) and H Share(s)

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the Shares

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Supervisor(s)" the supervisor(s) of the Company

"Terminal" a major construction of a harbor which is designated for mooring vessels,

loading and unloading cargoes and boarding travelers

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Law of Hong

Kong)

"TEU" a box made of aluminum, steel or fiberglass and used to transport by ship,

rail or barge. The standardized dimension (i.e one TEU) is 20 feet in length,

eight feet six inches in height and eight feet in width

"Reporting Period" the six months ended 30 June 2014

"Throughput" a measure of the volume of cargo handled by a port. Where cargoes are

transshipped, each unloading and loading process is measured separately as

part of throughput