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# **XINCHEN CHINA POWER HOLDINGS LIMITED**

新晨中國動力控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1148)

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of Xinchen China Power Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") announces the unaudited consolidated interim financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") for the six months ended 30 June 2016 as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2016

	Six mont		hs ended	
		30.6.2016	30.6.2015	
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB '000	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Revenue	3	1,721,635	1,672,114	
Cost of sales		(1,488,327)	(1,413,547)	
Gross profit		233,308	258,567	
Other income and gain	4	49,915	43,169	
Selling and distribution expenses		(27,623)	(36,414)	
Administrative expenses		(66,144)	(61,985)	
Finance costs		(17,346)	(23,895)	
Other expenses and losses		(17,141)	(1,011)	
Share of result of a joint venture		(47)	(126)	
Profit before tax	5	154,922	178,305	
Income tax expense	6	(27,068)	(32,190)	
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		127,854	146,115	
Earnings per share – Basic (RMB)	8	0.100	0.113	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2016

	Notes	<b>30.6.2016</b> <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,686,371	1,410,030
Prepaid lease payments		93,135	94,306
Investment properties		222,444	226,090
Intangible assets	9	432,759	369,933
Investment in a joint venture		49,854	49,108
Deferred tax assets		6,078	6,078
		2,490,641	2,155,545
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		459,997	440,999
Prepaid lease payments		2,308	2,308
Trade and other receivables	10	634,555	597,888
Amounts due from related companies	11	1,389,113	1,337,400
Loan to a shareholder		31,512	30,862
Tax recoverable		-	5,450
Pledged/restricted bank deposits		124,626	295,857
Bank balances and cash		568,442	288,212
		3,210,553	2,998,976
TOTAL ASSETS		5,701,194	5,154,521
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	1,504,177	1,193,033
Amounts due to related companies	12	153,342	148,060
Bank borrowings due within one year		452,500	350,500
Income tax payables		5,647	
		2,115,666	1,691,593
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,094,887	1,307,383
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		3,585,528	3,462,928

	Notes	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i>	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000
		(unaudited)	(audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank borrowings due after one year		714,375	737,803
Deferred income		64,885	45,704
		779,260	783,507
NET ASSETS		2,806,268	2,679,421
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	14	10,457	10,466
Reserves		2,795,811	2,668,955
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TOTAL EQUITY		2,806,268	2,679,421
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# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2016

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 (HKAS 34) Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2016 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

In the current interim period, the Group has adopted and applied, for the first time, certain amendments to the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are mandatorily effective for the current interim period.

The application of these amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures set out in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods delivered or services provided.

#### Segment revenue and segment results

The Board reviews operating results and financial information on by product and/or service basis. Each individual engine product constitutes an operating segment. For certain operating segments that exhibit similar long-term financial performance as they have similar economic characteristics, which are produced by using similar production processes and are distributed and sold to similar classes of customers, their segment information is aggregated into a single reportable operating segment. The Group has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- (1) Gasoline engines;
- (2) Diesel engines; and
- (3) Engine components and service income.

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

	Segment	revenue	Segment	results
	Six months ended		Six months ended	
	30.6.2016	30.6.2015	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Gasoline engines	1,388,478	1,336,530	172,381	172,808
Diesel engines	105,795	175,982	11,495	27,657
Engine components and service income	227,362	159,602	49,432	58,102
Total segment and consolidated	1,721,635	1,672,114	233,308	258,567
Unallocated income			49,915	43,169
Unallocated expenses Selling and distribution expenses			(27,623)	(36,414)
Administrative expenses			(66,144)	(50,414) (61,985)
Finance costs			(17,346)	(01,985) (23,895)
Other expenses and losses			(17,141)	(1,011)
Share of result of a joint venture			(17,141) (47)	(1,011) (126)
Profit before tax			154,922	178,305
			134,722	178,505

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from sales of goods or service provision to external customers. There were no inter-segment sales during the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2016.

Segment results represent the profit earned by each segment before the allocation of selling and distribution expenses, administrative expenses, finance costs, other income and gain, other expenses and losses and share of result of a joint venture. This is the measure reported to the Board for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment.

#### Segment assets and liabilities

The assets and liabilities of the Group are regularly reviewed by the Board as a whole and no discrete financial information on segment assets and segment liabilities is available, therefore the measure of total assets and total liabilities by reportable operating segment is not presented.

#### Geographical information

The majority of the Group's operations and non-current assets are located in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"); and all of the Group's revenue from external customers is generated in the PRC, which is the country of domicile of Mianyang Xinchen Engine Co., Ltd.\* (綿陽新晨動力機械有限公司) ("Mianyang Xinchen") and its subsidiary.

<sup>\*</sup> English name for reference only

#### 4. OTHER INCOME AND GAIN

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
	RMB'000	RMB '000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Bank interest income	6,531	5,495
Government grants (Note)	31,002	27,757
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(50)	(175)
Rental income under operating lease, net outgoing expenses	12,183	10,210
Others	249	(118)
	49,915	43,169

*Note:* During the six months ended 30 June 2016, included in the government grants is RMB26,133,000 representing subsidies for the compensating expenses already incurred.

# 5. **PROFIT BEFORE TAX**

Profit before tax has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
	RMB'000	RMB '000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Employee benefits expenses (including directors):		
- salaries and other benefits	80,766	72,821
<ul> <li>retirement benefit scheme contributions</li> </ul>	14,018	10,701
Total staff costs	94,784	83,522
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	69,711	46,210
Depreciation of investment properties	3,646	3,693
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	1,171	1,109
Amortisation of intangible assets (included in cost of sales)	10,157	4,942
Total depreciation and amortisation	84,685	55,954
Exchange gain (loss), net (included in other expenses and losses)	(13,299)	2,755

#### 6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months	Six months ended	
	30.6.2016	30.6.2015	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Tax expense comprises: Current tax expense Deferred tax expense		32,190	
	27,068	32,190	

Mianyang Xinchen was subject to 15% enterprise income tax rate for the period ended 30 June 2016 (six months ended 30 June 2015: 15%), which is lower than the standard tax rate of 25%. According to the announcement of the State Administration of Taxation on issues concerning Enterprise Income Tax Related with enhancing the Western Region Development Strategy, Mianyang Xinchen was registered with the local tax authority to be eligible to the reduced 15% enterprise income tax rate from 2011 to 2020. The preferential enterprise income tax rate is subject to assessment and approval by the local tax authority on annual basis.

#### 7. DIVIDENDS

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company during both period ended 30 June 2016 and 2015, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period.

#### 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2016	30.6.2015
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		
for the purpose of basic earnings per share (RMB'000)	127,854	146,115
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares		
for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,282,300,683	1,287,407,794

No diluted earnings per share are presented as there was no dilutive potential ordinary share outstanding during the periods or as at the end of reporting periods.

#### 9. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the current interim period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment, other than construction in progress, amounting to approximately RMB122,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB916,000) for the purpose of upgrading its manufacturing capacity of the Group. The Group has also disposed of certain plant and equipment with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB275,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB191,000) for proceed of approximately RMB225,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB16,000), resulting in a loss on disposal of approximately RMB50,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB16,000).

In addition, during current interim period, the Group had approximately RMB346,205,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB424,206,000) addition to construction in progress, primarily for scaling up the Group's production facilities and capacity. Included in the total addition is approximately RMB7,000,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB1,024,000) interests capitalised but no new assets were acquired (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB353,000,000) through business acquisition.

During the current interim period, the Group capitalised development costs of technical know-how of new automotive engines amounting to approximately RMB72,983,000 (six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB48,578,000) for the purpose of expanding its products range of gasoline and diesel engines.

#### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables comprise the following:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Trade receivables	168,979	179,020
Less: Allowance for doubtful debts	(885)	(885)
Trade receivables, net	168,094	178,135
Bills receivable	301,651	259,235
Total trade and bills receivables	469,745	437,370
Prepayments for purchase of raw materials and engine components	2,556	9,289
Other receivables*	162,254	151,229
-	634,555	597,888

\* Included in the balance is value added tax recoverable of RMB138,495,000 (year ended 31 December 2015: RMB125,004,000).

The Group generally allows a credit period of 30 to 60 days from the invoice date for trade receivables and a further 3 to 6 months for bills receivable to its external customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for doubtful debts, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Within 1 month	120,939	63,343
Over 1 month but within 2 months	5,722	37,863
Over 2 months but within 3 months	8,116	24,560
Over 3 months but within 6 months	8,027	24,685
Over 6 months but within 1 year	19,690	13,021
Over 1 year	5,600	14,663
	168,094	178,135

The following is an aged analysis of bills receivable presented based on the bills issue date at the end of the reporting period:

	<b>30.6.2016</b> <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Within 3 months	186,969	178,585
Over 3 months but within 6 months	104,438	80,080
Over 6 months but within 1 year	10,244	570
	301,651	259,235

#### 11. AMOUNTS DUE FROM RELATED COMPANIES

Analysed as:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Trade related Non-trade related	1,388,042 1,071	1,335,547
	1,389,113	1,337,400

The amounts due from related companies are trade related with details as follows:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Huachen Group <sup>#</sup> Shenyang Brilliance Power Train Machinery Co., Ltd.* ("Shenyang Brilliance") 瀋陽華晨動力機械有限公司	877 018	627 720
潘 陟 華 辰 助 刀 酸 微 有 陝 公 可     Mianyang Huarui Automotive Company Limited*     ("Mianyang Huarui")	822,918	627,720
綿陽華瑞汽車有限公司 Mianyang Huaxiang Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd*	86,288	94,268
綿陽華祥機械製造有限公司	104,799	97,664
Huachen Automotive Group Holdings Company Limited* ("Huachen Automotive") 華晨汽車集團控股有限公司	13,391	22,254
-	1,027,396	841,906
Brilliance China Group <sup>##</sup>		
Shenyang XingYuanDong Automobile Component Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽興遠東汽車零部件有限公司 BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd.*	179,879	256,708
("BMW Brilliance Automotive") 華晨寶馬汽車有限公司 Shenyang Brilliance JinBei Automobile Co., Ltd.*	110,732	64,972
("Shenyang JinBei") 瀋陽華晨金杯汽車有限公司	8,204	146,325
-	298,815	468,005
Wuliangye Group### Mianyang Xinhua Internal Combustion Engine Joint-Stock		
Company Limited* ("Xinhua Combustion Engine") 綿陽新華內燃機股份有限公司 Mianyang Jianmen Real Estate Development and Construction	60,619	24,469
Limited Liability Company* ("Mianyang Jianmen RE") 綿陽劍門房地產開發建設有限責任公司	1,212	
-	61,831	24,469
Dongfeng JV <sup>####</sup>	_	1,167
-		
Analysed as:		
Trade receivables Bills receivable	1,209,021 117,200	1,047,815 263,263
Prepayment	61,821	24,469
=	1,388,042	1,335,547

Amounts due from related companies are unsecured, interest free and with a credit period of 3 months from the invoice date and a further 3 to 6 months for bills receivable. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months Over 6 months but within 1 year Over 1 year	646,442 305,647 249,922 7,010	689,339 55,068 234,714 68,694
	1,209,021	1,047,815

The following is an aged analysis of bills receivable presented based on the bills issue date at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Trade related:		
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months	79,900 37,300 117,200	200,188 63,075 263,263
Non-trade related:		
Huachen Group, Brilliance China Group and Wuliangye Group	1,071	1,853

The non-trade related amounts are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

- \* English name for reference only
- *Huachen Automotive and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as "Huachen Group"*
- ## Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited ("Brilliance China", Brilliance China and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as "Brilliance China Group")
- ### Sichuan Province Yibin Wuliangye Group Co., Ltd.\* 四川省宜賓五糧液集團有限公司 ("Wuliangye", Wuliangye and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as "Wuliangye Group")
- #### Changzhou Dongfeng Xinchen Engine Co., Ltd.\* (常州東風新晨動力機械有限公司) ("Dongfeng JV")

#### 12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables comprise the following:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Trade payables	739,153	501,850
Bills payable	371,442	380,796
Total trade and bills payables	1,110,595	882,646
Accrued purchase of raw materials	297,692	192,183
Construction payables	6,349	17,921
Payroll and welfare payables	26,239	44,838
Advances from customers	6,922	11,315
Provision for warranty (Note)	4,006	4,006
Retention money	51,924	33,977
Other payables	450	6,147
	1,504,177	1,193,033

The credit period of trade payables and bills payable is normally within 3 months and 3 to 6 months, respectively. The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Within 3 months	507,382	282,651
Over 3 months but within 6 months	151,293	181,570
Over 6 months but within 1 year	60,645	27,105
Over 1 year but within 2 years	19,833	10,524
	739,153	501,850

*Note:* The balance of provision for warranty represents management's best estimate of the Group's liability under the one year warranty granted on the sale of automotive engines and automotive engine components, based on prior experience and industry average for defective products at the end of the reporting period.

The following is an aged analysis of bills payable, presented based on bills issue date at the end of the reporting period:

	<b>30.6.2016</b> <i>RMB'000</i> 31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months	240,704         243,080           130,738         137,716
	<b>371,442</b> 380,796
13. AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED COMPANIES	
	<b>30.6.2016</b> <i>RMB'000</i> 31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)(unaudited)(audited)
Trade related:	
Huachen Group Huachen Automotive Shenyang Brilliance Mianyang Huarui	1,0591,01810,09010,44544
	<b>11,153</b> 11,467
Brilliance China Group BMW Brilliance Automotive Mianyang Brilliance Ruian Automotive Components Co., 綿陽華晨瑞安汽車零部件有限公司 Shenyang ChenFa Automobile Components Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽晨發汽車零部件有限公司 Shenyang Jinbei Vehicle Dies Manufacturing Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽金杯汽車模具製造有限公司	Ltd.* - 7,703 39,120 26,096 1,315 1,080 <u>84</u> - 40,519 34,879
<ul> <li>Wuliangye Group</li> <li>Sichuan Yi Bin Pushi Automotive Components Co., Ltd* 四川省宜賓普什汽車零部件有限公司</li> <li>Sichuan An Shi Ji Logistics Co., Ltd.* ("An Shi Ji") 四川安仕吉物流有限公司</li> <li>Mianyang Jianmen RE</li> <li>Mianyang Xinhua Automobile Sales and Service Co., Ltd 綿陽新華汽車銷售服務有限公司</li> <li>Xinhua Combustion Engine</li> <li>Mianyang Xinhua Trading Co., Ltd.* 綿陽新華商貿有限公司</li> <li>Sichuan Yi Bin Wuliangye Group An Ji Logistics Co.* 四川省宜賓五粮液集團安吉物流公司</li> </ul>	5,731       6,218         897       628         2,742       1,088         150       196         89,672       90,480         6       6         1,173       253         100,371       98,869         152,043       145,215

\* English name for reference only

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Non-trade related:		
Huachen Group Huachen Automotive	338	338
Brilliance China Group Brilliance China	813	739
<b>Wuliangye Group</b> Xinhua Combustion Engine An Shi Ji Mianyang Jianmen RE	27 100 21	836 100 832
	148	1,768
	1,299	2,845
	153,342	148,060
Trade related balances analysed as:		
Trade payables	49,659	44,882
Bills payable	95,164	92,631
Accrual	7,220	7,702
	152,043	145,215

The aging of trade related amounts due to related companies presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB</i> '000 (audited)
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months Over 6 months but within 1 year	39,569 6,388 3,702	38,622 4,432 462
Over 1 year	49,659	1,366 44,882

The bills payable are guaranteed by banks in the PRC and have maturities of 3 to 6 months. The following is an aged analysis of bills payable (trade related) presented based on the bills issue date at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Within 3 months Over 3 months but within 6 months	77,164 18,000	12,255 80,376
	95,164	92,631

The trade related amounts are interest-free, unsecured and with credit period of 3 to 6 months.

The non-trade related amounts are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

#### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised: 1 January 2015, 30 June 2015, 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2016	8,000,000,000	80,000,000
Issued and fully paid: At 31 December 2014	1,287,407,794	12,874,078
Repurchase of shares: Repurchase of shares on 31 August 2015 Repurchase of shares on 1 September 2015 Repurchase of shares on 2 September 2015 Repurchase of shares on 4 September 2015 Repurchase of shares on 7 September 2015	(1,066,000) (1,000,000) (927,000) (1,000,000) (203,000)	(10,660) (10,000) (9,270) (10,000) (2,030)
At 31 December 2015	1,283,211,794	12,832,118
Repurchase of shares: Repurchase of shares on 19 January 2016	(1,000,000)	(10,000)
At 30 June 2016	1,282,211,794	12,822,118
	30.6.2016 <i>RMB'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2015 <i>RMB'000</i> (audited)
Share capital presented in condensed consolidated statement of financial position	10,457	10,466

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

### **Business review**

In the first half of 2016, the Group achieved total unaudited revenue of approximately RMB1,721.64 million, representing an increase of approximately 3.0% compared to approximately RMB1,672.11 million for the corresponding period last year. The increase in revenue was mainly due to an increase in the sales of XCE branded gasoline engines and crankshaft. The increase in the sales of the Group's small gasoline engines was driven by the stimulus policy of cutting the purchase tax in PRC and an increase in the sales of crankshaft was mainly due to full half year contribution of crankshaft business in the first half of 2016.

Sales volume of engines increased by approximately 14.2%, from approximately 123,700 units in the first half of 2015 to approximately 141,300 units in the first half of 2016, mainly due to an increase in demand for the Group's gasoline engines for domestic branded autos. Sales volume of XCE branded engines increased from approximately 102,300 units in the first half of 2015 to approximately 124,900 units in the first half of 2016. The increase in the sales volume of gasoline engines was partially offset by a decrease in the sales volume of diesel engines. The sales volume of N20 engines decreased from approximately 21,400 units in the first half of 2015 to approximately 16,400 units in the first half of 2016.

With respect to the engines business segment, the Group recorded approximately 1.2% decrease in the segment revenue, from approximately RMB1,512.51 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB1,494.27 million in the first half of 2016. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the sales of N20 engines and XCE branded diesel engines.

With respect to the engine components and service income segment, the Group recorded approximately 42.5% increase in the segment revenue, from approximately RMB159.60 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB227.36 million in the first half of 2016. The increase was mainly due to an increase in the sales of crankshaft in the first half of 2016. The Group sold approximately 113,200 units of crankshaft in the first half of 2016, representing approximately 363.9% increase compared to approximately 24,400 units for the corresponding period of 2015. The increase in the sales of crankshaft was mainly due to full half year contribution in 2016, whereas the Group only recognized two month sales of crankshaft in the first half of 2015 following the acquisition of the crankshaft line completed in April 2015. The Group sold approximately 24,800 units of connection rods in the first half of 2016, representing approximately 22.8% decrease compared to approximately 580,500 units for the corresponding period of 2015. The decrease in the sales of connection rods was mainly due to a decrease in demand for N20 connection rods in response to the replacement of N20 engines with new engines by the Group's customer.

The unaudited cost of sales amounted to approximately RMB1,488.33 million in the first half of 2016, representing an increase of approximately 5.3% compared to approximately RMB1,413.55 million for the corresponding period last year. The increase was generally in line with the increase in the Group's total unaudited revenue.

The gross profit margin of the Group decreased from approximately 15.5% in the first half of 2015 to approximately 13.6% in the first half of 2016. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in the sales volume of diesel engines, which affected the profitability of the Group's diesel engines products and a decrease in the selling price and sales volume of connection rods.

The unaudited other income and gain increased from approximately RMB43.17 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB49.92 million in the first half of 2016, representing an increase of approximately 15.6%. The increase was mainly due to an increase in government grant recognised during the period under review.

The unaudited selling and distribution expenses decreased by approximately 24.1%, from approximately RMB36.41 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB27.62 million in the first half of 2016, representing approximately 2.2% and approximately 1.6% of the revenue in the first half of 2015 and 2016 respectively. The decreases in terms of value and percentage were mainly due to a decrease in delivery costs as a result of more engines were produced and delivered by the Group's production plant in Shenyang, which is closer to its customer(s) as compared with the Group's production plant in Mianyang.

The unaudited administrative expenses increased by approximately 6.7%, from approximately RMB61.99 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB66.14 million in the first half of 2016, representing approximately 3.7% and approximately 3.8% of the revenue in the first half of 2015 and 2016 respectively. The increase was mainly due to an increase in depreciation expenses and staff costs.

The unaudited finance costs decreased by approximately 27.4%, from approximately RMB23.90 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB17.35 million in the first half of 2016. The decrease was mainly due to less short term financing by discounting bills.

The unaudited other expenses and losses increased by approximately 1,597.0%, from approximately RMB1.01 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB17.14 million in the first half of 2016. It was because we recognised an unrealised foreign exchange translation loss in the first half of 2016, while we recognised an unrealised foreign exchange translation gain in the same period in 2015.

The Group's unaudited profit before tax decreased by approximately 13.1%, from approximately RMB178.31 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB154.92 million in the first half of 2016.

The unaudited income tax expenses decreased by approximately 15.9%, from approximately RMB32.19 million in the first half of 2015 to approximately RMB27.07 million in the first half of 2016.

In the first half of 2016, the Group achieved unaudited net income attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately RMB127.85 million, representing a decrease of approximately 12.5% compared to approximately RMB146.12 million for the corresponding period of 2015.

# Liquidity and financial resources

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had approximately RMB568.44 million in bank balances and cash (31 December 2015: approximately RMB288.21 million), and approximately RMB124.63 million in pledged/restricted bank deposits (31 December 2015: approximately RMB295.86 million).

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had trade and other payables of approximately RMB1,504.18 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB1,193.03 million), bank borrowings due within one year in the amount of approximately RMB452.50 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB350.50 million), and bank borrowings due after one year in the amount of approximately RMB714.38 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB737.80 million).

# **Pledge of assets**

As at 30 June 2016, the Group pledged certain of its buildings, plant and machinery with a total value of approximately RMB145.21 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB153.86 million) to certain banks to secure certain credit facilities granted to the Group.

As at 30 June 2016, the Group also pledged bank deposits of approximately RMB70.00 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB112.18 million) to certain banks to secure certain credit facilities granted to the Group.

# Gearing ratio

As at 30 June 2016, the Debt-to-Equity ratio of the Group, computed by dividing total liabilities by total equity attributable to the equity owners of the Company, was approximately 1.03 (31 December 2015: approximately 0.92).

As at 30 June 2016, the gearing ratio, computed by dividing bank borrowings by total equity attributable to owners of the Company, was approximately 42% (31 December 2015: approximately 41%). Both Debt-to-Equity ratio and gearing ratio increased, which were mainly due to an increase in total bank borrowings for financing the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

# **Contingent liabilities**

During the period under review, the Group (i) endorsed certain bills receivable for the settlement of trade and other payables; and (ii) discounted certain bills receivable to banks for raising cash. The Group considered that the risk of the default in payment of the endorsed and discounted bills receivable was low because all endorsed and discounted bills receivable were issued and guaranteed by reputable PRC banks.

# Material acquisition and disposal

On 6 April 2016, Mianyang Xinchen (including its branches) entered into the assets transfer agreement with BMW Brilliance Automotive for the acquisition of enhancement equipment and facilities and the related consumables in connection with the operation of the Group's crankshaft production line. The assets transfer was completed in the first half of 2016.

Details of the transaction were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 6 April 2016. Save as disclosed, there were no major acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies undertaken by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2016.

# Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had capital commitments of approximately RMB490.66 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB786.42 million), of which contracted capital commitments amounted to approximately RMB177.16 million (31 December 2015: approximately RMB138.33 million), which is primarily related to the capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment, and new engine development.

# Foreign exchange risks

The Group's functional currency is RMB. Since the Group has certain assets and liabilities, such as receivables, payables, cash and bank borrowings, denominated in foreign currencies, such as United States Dollar and Hong Kong Dollar, the Group is exposed to foreign currency translation risk.

The Group will monitor its foreign exchange risks and may consider hedging its foreign currency exposure, if and when necessary. There were no hedging transactions outstanding as at 30 June 2016.

# **Employees and remuneration policy**

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had approximately 1,930 employees (30 June 2015: approximately 1,640). Employee costs amounted to approximately RMB94.78 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (2015: approximately RMB83.52 million). The Group will endeavor to ensure that the employees' salary levels are in line with industry practice and prevailing market conditions and that employees' remuneration is based on their performance.

# Outlook

In the first half of 2016, the growth of the passenger vehicles segment of the automotive sector in the PRC gained momentum and recorded a high single digit growth on year-on-year basis while the growth of the commercial vehicles segment remained weak. The growth of the passenger vehicles segment was mainly driven by an increase in demand for SUVs and MPVs and the stimulus policy in relation to purchase tax cut in PRC which remained effective.

In the first half of 2016, the Group recorded a significant growth in the sales of its small gasoline engines due to an increase in demand for SUVs and the impact of the favorable purchase tax cut policy. However, the slowdown of the economic activities in the PRC adversely affected the sales of the Group's diesel engines and large gasoline engines which were installed in light commercial vehicles. In response to the weak demand for the large gasoline engines and diesel engines, the Group has been working with its customers to explore the possibilities of realigning the product portfolio and applying same engines for different car models in order to achieve economies of scale, so as to maintain the profitability of the relevant products.

Regarding new engine business, given that BMW Brilliance Automotive has been replacing N20 engines with another new engines since this year and Shenyang JinBei is still spending a lot of effort of marketing its new brands and new MPVs, the Group expects that contribution from the sales of N20 engines will gradually decrease in near future. Prince engines, which is considered to be more competitive engine in the PRC regarding, among others, its size, technology and fuel consumption, will be the main driver of the growth of the Group's engine business in the future. The Group is in process of implementing the industrialization of Prince engines. In particular, the Group intends to build up new production facilities for Prince engines in Mianyang and develop derivatives from the existing Prince engine for the purpose of building up a new engine platform. The Group has built up a designated team to market the Prince engines, and received positive feedback from the market. The Group expects that Prince engines will be launched in 2017, and will replace N20 engines and become the key driver for the Group's engine business going forward.

Regarding engine components business, the production capacities of the Group's engine components has been affected due to the upgrade of connection rod and crankshaft lines for producing connection rods and crankshafts for other engine model this year. Since automotive manufacturers remain cautious for the outlook of automotive sector in the PRC in near future in light of the slowdown of economic activities in the PRC, the Group expects the prices of its engine components will still be under pressure as automotive manufacturers will be likely to take more aggressive approach on costs controlling and there will be more intense market competition among engine components suppliers. Therefore, the Group intends to expand its production output by way of securing more orders from potential customers in order to achieve economies of scale to lower average production cost of the Group's products and maintain the Group's competitiveness. In particular, the Group is still working on the export of its crankshaft. In addition, the Group is assessing feasibility of producing connection rods in house for its Prince engines in order to strengthen the Group's core competence in engine parts machining.

# INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (six months ended 30 June 2015: nil).

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

During the six months ended 30 June 2016, the Company repurchased a total of 1,000,000 shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange at an aggregate consideration of HK\$1,182,900 excluding transaction costs. The repurchased shares were subsequently cancelled. The repurchases were effected by the Board for the enhancement of shareholders' value in the long term. Details of the shares repurchased are as follows:

	Number of shares	Price pe	er share	Aggregate consideration
Month of repurchase	repurchased	Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)	paid (HK\$)
January 2016	1,000,000	1.20	1.15	1,182,900
Total	1,000,000			1,182,900

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2016.

# COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance, consistent with the needs and requirements of the business and its shareholders. The Company has adopted the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. The Company has complied with all code provisions of the CG Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2016.

# **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters, including the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

At present, the audit committee comprises Mr. Chi Guohua, Mr. Wang Jun, Mr. Huang Haibo and Mr. Wang Songlin, all of whom are independent non-executive directors. Mr. Chi Guohua is the chairman of the audit committee.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive directors: Mr. Wu Xiao An (also known as Mr. Ng Siu On) *(Chairman)* and Mr. Wang Yunxian *(Chief Executive Officer)*; two non-executive directors: Mr. Qi Yumin and Mr. Tang Qiao; and four independent non-executive directors: Mr. Chi Guohua, Mr. Wang Jun, Mr. Huang Haibo and Mr. Wang Songlin.

By Order of the Board Xinchen China Power Holdings Limited Wu Xiao An (also known as Ng Siu On) *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 25 August 2016