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萬國國際礦業集團有限公司

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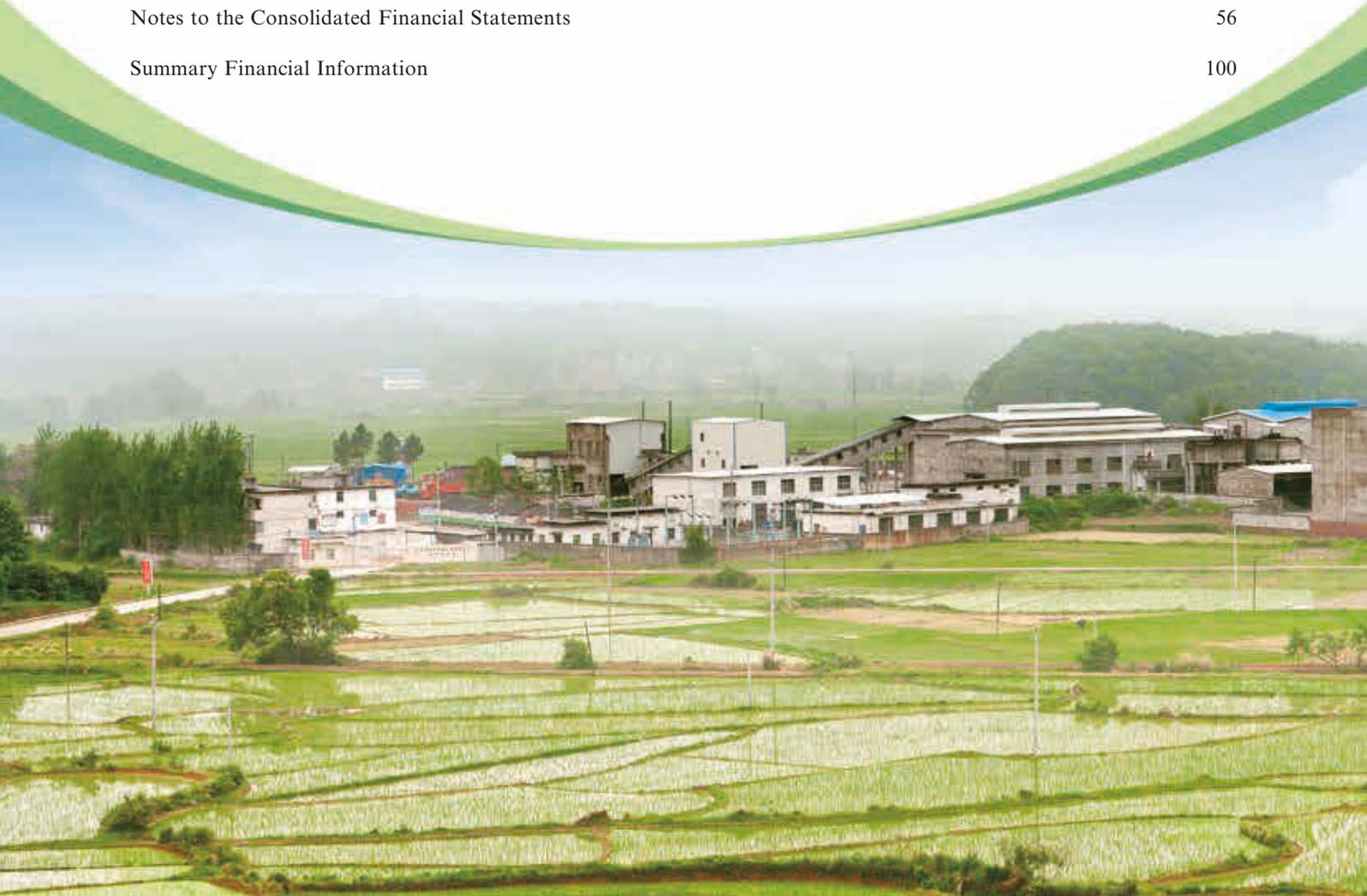
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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

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# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

## Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board (the “Board”) of directors (the “Directors”) of Wanguo International Mining Group Limited (the “Company”), I am pleased to present the audited results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

In 2016, copper price in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC” or “China”) showed vibrating upwards trend. Copper price in 2016, as the whole, attained a substantial rise which opened at RMB36,702 per tonne, and ended at 45,024 per tonne, representing an increase of 22.7%. The rise of copper price was gentle and under narrow oscillating in the first ten months of 2016. This was mainly attributable to the cutting of bank reserve requirements by Central Bank of China and planned decrease in production of stated-owned enterprise, Tongling Nonferrous Metals Group (銅陵有色金屬集團). However, the increase in expectation of interest rise in US Federal Reserve and increase in production in copper mine in Peru, hit down the copper price again. With the event of Donald Trump’s winning in the US President election, the copper price increased dramatically with sudden force in November and attained at the peak of RMB48,442 per tonne on 28 November 2016 which was the highest record in these two years.

The price of iron ore was under ups and downs market during 2016. Overall, it has showed an increasing trend, compared with the on-going decreasing trends from 2013 to 2015. By the end of 2015, the steel plants decreased the production in excess, which resulted in low stockpile. The favourable policies stimulated expected growth of demand in 2016 also boost the market. The price of iron ore in futures market has attained RMB545.5 per tonne as at 23 December 2016, representing a rise of over 70% to year opening. Platts Iron Ore Index has increased from US\$42 per tonne at the beginning of year to US\$80 per tonne at the end of year.

The zinc price was on an upwards trend in 2016 and ranked the first among non-ferrous metals. On one hand, global shortage of zinc supply impacted the growth of zinc price. Since the fourth quarter of 2015, zinc production in various oversea giant mines decreased with estimated effect of 1 million tonnes while the whole production volume was just around 13 million tonnes. On the other hand, the stockpile of zinc was relatively low, it attained 0.5 million tonnes which was



the highest stockpile during the year in London Metal Exchange (“LME”). The postponement of interest rate rise in US Federal Reserve also supported the increase in zinc price for the year. Zinc price fell slightly in December 2016 due to effect of interest rate rise and some sorts of profit taking.

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group mined 628,853 tonnes of ores, of which it sold copper in copper concentrates of 2,989 tonnes, iron concentrates of 116,531 tonnes, zinc in zinc concentrates of 3,059 tonnes, sulfur concentrates of 124,377 tonnes, lead concentrates of 543 tonnes, gold of 93 kg, silver of 6,768 kg and copper of 104 kg. We achieved revenue of RMB206.9 million, gross profit of RMB77.2 million and profit attributable to owners of the Company of RMB22.0 million.

2016 was an unforgettable year to the Group, the metal prices further dropped in the first quarter and attained historical low level while they resumed to increasing trend in fourth quarter as a result of closure of mines and cuts in capital spending by producers globally. The Group continued to expand during the year. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Yifeng Wanguo, has completed its major expansion plan and will enjoy its benefit of scale production in upcoming years without further substantial capital expenditure required. In addition, it is expected that the acquisition of Xizang Changdu Dadi Mining Company Limited will be completed in or before the second half of 2017. The Group also wish to finalise the formal agreement with vendor for a gold mine in south pacific area in 2017 if possible. The Group will carefully identify the strategies so as to be in line with the expected increasing trend of metal in the coming year.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of our customers, business partners and investors for their support and trust to the Group. In addition, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our Directors and employees for their dedication and contribution to the Group.

**Gao Mingqing**

*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

31 March 2017

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



## MARKET REVIEW

### Copper

According to World Bureau of Metal Statistics (世界金屬統計局), the copper market recorded a surplus of 17,000 tonnes from January to November 2016 which followed a surplus of 35,000 tonnes in the whole year of 2015. Reported stocks fell during November 2016 and closed at 23,200 tonnes lower than that at the end of December 2015. No allowance is made in the consumption calculation for unreported stock changes, particularly in the Chinese government stockpile.

World mine production in January to November 2016 was approximately 18.8 million tonnes which was 7.0% higher than in the same period in 2015. Global refined production rose to approximately 21.4 million tonnes up 2.7% compared with the previous year with a significant increase recorded in China (up 422,000 tonnes) and Spain (up 14,000 tonnes).

Global consumption of copper from January to November 2016 was approximately 21.4 million tonnes compared with 20.8 million tonnes for the corresponding period of 2015. Chinese apparent consumption from January to November 2016 rose by 273,000 tonnes to 10,515,000 tonnes compared to the corresponding period of 2015 and represented over 49% of global demand. The European Union production fell by 2.1% and demand was 3,165,000 tonnes, 2.2% above the total for the period from January to November 2015. In November 2016, refined copper production was 1,969,000 tonnes and consumption was 1,931,300 tonnes.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## MARKET REVIEW *(Continued)*

### Iron

According to China Metallurgical Mines Enterprises Association (中國冶金礦山企業協會), the number of iron ore enterprises which exited the market were approximately 780 during the first three quarters in 2016, representing one-third of totals. Since 2012, iron ore production in China has dropped by 47%. For the first eleven months of 2016, the volume of iron ore production was 1,177 million tonnes, representing a drop of 6.2% from the corresponding period in 2015. Since 2015, various international giant iron ore enterprises have already commenced increase in production plan. The production volumes of Vale of Brazil, Rio Tinto, and Fortescue Metals Group were approximately 256 million tonnes, 206 million tonnes, and 141 million tonnes, representing a growth of 3.3%, 6.7%, and 14.6% respectively, while that of BHP Billiton was 166 million tonnes, representing a drop of 14.6%, during the first three quarters of 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015. Overall, the production volume of the four giant mines increased by 3.4% to 769 million tonnes during the first three quarters of 2016, compared with 744 million tonnes for the corresponding period in 2015.

### Zinc

According to World Bureau of Metal Statistics (世界金屬統計局), the zinc market was in deficit by 190,000 tonnes during January to November 2016 as compared with a surplus of 100,000 tonnes recorded in the whole of the previous year. Reported stocks fell by 74,000 tonnes during the said eleven-month period in 2016. LME stocks fell by 8,800 tonnes in November 2016 and ended the month by 21,000 tonnes lower than that at the end of 2015. LME stocks represented 44% of the global total. Chinese demand rose by 3.4% compared with the previous year. Production of locally refined metal in China rose by 1.2% compared with 2015. Chinese imports of most special high grade metal were 25,000 tonnes in November 2016.

Global refined production fell by 2.5% and consumption was unchanged compared with the levels recorded in the previous year. Japanese demand was, at 447,000 tonnes, 2% above the equivalent total for January to November 2015. World demand was 4,000 tonnes lower than that for the period from January to November 2015. Chinese apparent demand was 6,137,000 tonnes which was over 48% of the global total. No allowance is made in the consumption calculation for unreported stock changes.

### Lead

According to World Bureau of Metal Statistics (世界金屬統計局), lead market recorded deficit by 66,000 tonnes for the period from January to November 2016, which followed a deficit of 14,000 tonnes recorded in the whole of 2015. Total stocks at the end of November 2016 were 3,200 tonnes lower than that at the end of 2015. No allowance is made in the consumption calculation for unreported stock changes.

World refined production for the period from January to November 2016 from both primary and secondary sources was 9,886,200 tonnes which was 5.6% higher than that for the comparable months of 2015. Global demand was 580,000 tonnes higher. Apparent consumption in China totalled 3,940,300 tonnes of lead from January to November 2016 which was 434,000 tonnes above the comparable period in 2015 and represented almost 40% of the global total. In the USA, apparent demand has decreased by 24,000 tonnes during eleven months ended 30 November 2016 as compared to the corresponding period in 2015.

### Gold and Silver

In 2016, gold price soared in the first half of the year out of fears for the global recession and uncertainty surrounding the Brexit vote. Between January and July, gold price advanced more than 23% to around US\$1,380.00 per ounce. In the second half of the year, gold price declined slightly as a result of the improving U.S. economic data, but cratered after Donald Trump won the president election. Gold price closed at the year end by roughly growth of 8.5%. It was a good year for a commodity like gold, but it still ended the year on a down note.

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## MARKET REVIEW *(Continued)*

During the first half of 2016, silver price soared more than 50%, jumped over US\$20 per ounce for the first time in the recent two years. The increase was attributable to weak economic data and fear of global recession. Weak US dollar and unchanged interest rate in US Federal Reserve pushed silver price upwards in April 2016. It was further strongly supported by Brexit by end of June 2016, and reached peak at US\$21.23 per ounce in the beginning of July 2016.

Nevertheless, silver price was on opposite trend in second half of 2016 due to strong economic data in US. Realisation of Donald Trump's winning in investors' mind in November 2016 and interest rise in US Federal Reserve in December 2016 further impacted silver price adversely.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

Our Group is principally engaged in the business of mining, ore processing and sale of concentrates products in the PRC. Currently, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, own the entire equity interest in Jiangxi Province Yifeng Wanguo Mining Company Limited ("Yifeng Wanguo") which in turn owns the Xinzhuang Mine in which we conduct underground mining. The Xinzhuang Mine has a substantial volume of non-ferrous polymetallic mineral resources. Products of our Group primarily include copper concentrates, iron concentrates, zinc concentrates, sulfur concentrates, lead concentrates as well as by-products of gold and silver.

## EXPANSION IN EXISTING MINE

We completed our expansion plan as disclosed in the prospectus of the Company dated 28 June 2012 (the "Prospectus") in Xinzhuang Mine, reaching 600,000 tonnes per annum ("tpa") in both mining capacity and processing capacity. According to the Independent Technical Expert's Report in the Prospectus, the reserves at the Xinzhuang Mine were estimated to be sufficient for production at the planned long term production rate of 600,000 tpa for approximately 31 years. Yifeng Wanguo entered into an agreement with China Nerin Engineering Co., Ltd (中國瑞林工程技術有限公司) for conducting a feasibility study on an expansion plan of our Xinzhuang Mine to 900,000 tpa. The Group expects to receive the report of feasibility study in 2017 and thereby commencing such expansion plan thereafter, which will further increase the capacities of the Xinzhuang Mine.

## EXPANSION IN SURROUNDING AREAS

According to the Independent Technical Expert's Report in the Prospectus, there are significant additional defined mineral resources outside the planned mining area in the Xinzhuang Mine within the boundary covered by the current mining licence held by the Group. On 20 November 2012, Yifeng Wanguo entered into an exploration agreement (the "Exploration Agreement") with the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Exploration of Jiangxi Province (江西省地質礦產勘查開發局) (the "Jiangxi Geology Bureau"). By the end of 2013, Jiangxi Geology Bureau has completed the field exploration work. A Mineral Resources Verification Report (資源儲量核實報告) has been finished and approved by Jiangxi Province Land Resources Bureau in April 2014 and obtained registration in December 2014.

The exploration in the Xinzhuang Mine has increased the geological reserves of the Group and further proved the hydrogeology conditions in the mining area. Yifeng Wanguo has also appointed Changsha Mine Research Institute (長沙礦山研究院) to carry out mining experiments on the possibility to remove the waterproof pillars in the mining area. In the event that the waterproof pillars can be successfully removed, the Group expects the mineral resources of the Xinzhuang Mine can be upgraded by more than 10,000,000 tonnes.

## HORIZONTAL EXPANSION

We intend to expand our mineral resources and ore reserves through the acquisitions of new mines. We will consider and balance assessment criteria carefully in respect of our acquisition targets, in order to pursue acquisitions prudently with a view to further growing our business and maximising returns to the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders").

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## HORIZONTAL EXPANSION (Continued)

On 16 May 2014, Yifeng Wanguo and Taylor Investment International Limited (“HK Taylor”), both being the wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, entered into two equity transfer agreements (the “Acquisition Agreements”) with Mr. Liu Dingbo, Mr. Yang Zhi and Mr. Wen Baolin (collectively referred to as the “Vendors”) pursuant to which Yifeng Wanguo and HK Taylor conditionally agreed to acquire and the Vendors conditionally agreed to dispose of 51% equity interests in Xizang Changdu County Dadi Mining Company Limited (“Xizang Changdu”) in the consideration of RMB239.7 million in aggregate.

However, the Vendors have not fulfilled the conditions precedent of the Acquisition Agreements, i.e. obtaining proper consents and approvals of the transfer in various local government bureaus, before 30 September 2014 (being the latest date of payment by the Company as disclosed in the Company’s circular dated 28 August 2014), the Company, having considered that the acquisition would further expand the Company’s business and maximise returns to the Shareholders, conditionally agreed with the Vendors’ proposal to continue with the acquisition based on the amended terms of the Acquisition Agreements (the “Amended Terms”). Upon negotiations and mediation conducted by the Changsha Arbitration Commission (長沙仲裁委員會) on 8 October 2015, the amendments to the Acquisition Agreements as conditionally agreed among the Company and each of the Vendors include (i) reduction of the consideration to be settled and amendments to the dates of payment, and (ii) enforcement of the proper consents and approval of the transfer in various local government bureaus.

The aggregate consideration for the two Acquisition Agreements with the Amended Terms has been reduced from RMB239.7 million to RMB195.0 million, representing a saving by the Group of RMB44.7 million or 18.6% for the acquisition.

The exploration right of Xizang Changdu covers an area for exploration of approximately 21.87 sq. km. As of the date of Acquisition Agreements, it had completed advanced exploration stage. The following table shows the estimated resources of Xizang Changdu under JORC Code (the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Result, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves as published by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee as amended from time to time). The Group is of the view that as at 31 December 2016, there were no material changes in the resources estimate of Xizang Changdu.

**2014 Mineral Resources estimate**  
**Grade Tonnage Reported above a Cut-off Grade of 2.5% Pb**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Tonnes (Mt)</b>	<b>Grade (Pb %)</b>	<b>Ag (g/t)</b>	<b>Lead Metal (1,000t)</b>	<b>Silver Metal (1,000Kg)</b>
Indicated	6.70	4.64	63.34	311	424
Inferred	10.62	4.15	45.32	440	481
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17.32</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>52.29</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>905</b>

As at the date of this annual report, Xizang Changdu has not yet commenced any production. Pursuant to the pre-feasibility report performed by Geology and Mineral Resource Company of Jiangxi Province (江西省地礦資源勘察開發有限公司), an independent professional mining consulting firm, it is expected to complete processing plants and commence production at Xizang Changdu within three years.

Since Xizang Changdu has substantial reserves of lead and silver, it is expected to be further exploited, and processing plants built upon completion by the Company and to contribute sales revenue and profits to the Group. Please refer to the Company’s circular dated 2 December 2015 for details.

Due to additional new regulation enacted in the fourth quarter of 2016, the aforesaid acquisition has further been delayed. The Board expected the acquisition will complete no later than the second quarter of 2017. Please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2016 for details.

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## EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA

On 24 October 2014, the Company had entered into a Farm In Agreement and a Minerals Royalty Deeds with Snow Peak Mining Pty Limited (“SPM”), a company incorporated in Australia as a limited liability company in December 2012, pursuant to which the Company will perform exploration activities in the Regional Project and the Near Mine Project respectively. Both Regional Project and Near Mine Project are owned by SPM.

For the Regional Project, the Company would undertake a minimum of 150,000 metres of exploration drilling within three years in return for a stake in the Regional Project up to a maximum 50%. SPM would enter into a 50/50 joint venture with the Company in respect of the Regional Project provided that the Company had (i) successfully reached an additional JORC Measured Resource of 20,000,000 tonnes at a minimum average grade of greater than 1% copper or greater than 10% zinc plus lead; or (ii) completed a minimum of 150,000 metres of exploration drilling at the Regional Project.

For the Near Mine Project, the Company would develop or upgrade a minimum of 200,000 tonnes per year to JORC Reserve category in return for a Net Smelter Return (“NSR”) in respect of each separate deposit within the Near Mine Project in which a JORC Reserve is defined by the Company. The NSR payable to the Company would be 3% for the first 1,000,000 tonnes mined and processed from each deposit, and 1.5% thereafter.

The Board believed that the possible exploration activities would result in further cooperation with SPM and expansion of our mineral resources and ore reserves in Australia, aiming at further growing our business and maximising returns to our Shareholders.

As at 31 December 2016, the Group has finished preliminarily survey and exploration. The Group has reviewed the survey and exploration results with geologists and planned for the drillings and field work in the next steps. For details, please refer to the section “Exploration, Development and Mining Activities” on page 16 in this annual report.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## MINERAL RESOURCES AND RESERVES

The Xinzhuang Mine Mineral Resource Summary – as at 31 December 2016

Mineralization Type	JORC Mineral Resource Category	Grades						Contained Metals				
		Tonnage kt	Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	TFe %	mFe %	Cu Kt	Pb kt	Zn kt	TFe kt	mFe kt
Cu-Fe	Measured	5,693	0.80	-	-	-	-	45.69	-	-	-	-
	Indicated	12,213	0.69	-	-	-	-	83.83	-	-	-	-
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,906</b>	<b>0.72</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>129.52</b>	-	-	-	-
	Inferred	845	0.47	-	-	-	-	3.93	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,751</b>	<b>0.71</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>133.45</b>	-	-	-	-
Fe-Cu	Measured	2,150	0.19	-	-	43.24	30.87	4.09	-	-	929.74	663.81
	Indicated	3,585	0.34	-	-	39.52	25.48	12.32	-	-	1,416.90	913.37
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,735</b>	<b>0.29</b>	-	-	<b>40.92</b>	<b>27.50</b>	<b>16.41</b>	-	-	<b>2,346.64</b>	<b>1,577.18</b>
	Inferred	306	0.53	-	-	44.19	31.06	1.62	-	-	135.21	95.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,041</b>	<b>0.30</b>	-	-	<b>41.08</b>	<b>27.68</b>	<b>18.03</b>	-	-	<b>2,481.85</b>	<b>1,672.23</b>
Cu-Pb-Zn	Measured	1,985	0.12	0.96	5.21	-	-	2.32	19.10	103.44	-	-
	Indicated	2,493	0.08	1.76	3.70	-	-	1.96	43.97	92.36	-	-
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>1.41</b>	<b>4.37</b>	-	-	<b>4.28</b>	<b>63.07</b>	<b>195.80</b>	-	-
	Inferred	340	0.13	0.39	4.44	-	-	0.43	1.34	15.08	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>4.38</b>	-	-	<b>4.71</b>	<b>64.41</b>	<b>210.88</b>	-	-
Total	Measured	9,828	-	-	-	-	-	52.10	19.10	103.44	929.74	663.81
	Indicated	18,291	-	-	-	-	-	98.11	43.97	92.36	1,416.90	913.37
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>28,119</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>150.21</b>	<b>63.07</b>	<b>195.80</b>	<b>2,346.64</b>	<b>1,577.18</b>
	Inferred	1,491	-	-	-	-	-	5.98	1.34	15.08	135.21	95.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29,610</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>156.19</b>	<b>64.41</b>	<b>210.88</b>	<b>2,481.85</b>	<b>1,672.23</b>

Note: (1) The mineral resources also contain meaningful amounts of gold and silver. Based on limited composite sample analysis, the average grade is 0.19 g/t for gold and 13.1 g/t for silver in the Cu-Fe resource, 0.17 g/t for gold and 5.7 g/t for silver in the Fe-Cu resource, and 0.61 g/t for gold and 56.7 g/t for silver for the Cu-Pb-Zn resource.

(2) The mineral resource and ore reserve estimates prepared in accordance with JORC Code are based on information up to 31 December 2011, as disclosed in the Appendix V of the Prospectus. Please refer to the same for details of the assumptions and parameters used to calculate these resource and reserve numbers and qualities of metals.

(3) There was no material change in these estimates during the period from 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2016.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## MINERAL RESOURCES AND RESERVES (Continued)

		The Xinzhuang Mine Ore Reserve Summary – as at 31 December 2016										
Mineralization Type	JORC Ore Reserve Category	Tonnage kt	Grades					Contained Metals				
			Cu %	Pb %	Zn %	TFe %	mFe %	Cu kt	Pb kt	Zn kt	TFe kt	mFe kt
Cu-Fe	Proved	4,252	0.77	-	-	-	-	32.77	-	-	-	-
	Probable	4,914	0.66	-	-	-	-	32.39	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,166</b>	<b>0.71</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>65.16</b>	-	-	-	-
Fe-Cu	Proved	2,250	0.22	-	-	37.27	32.70	4.89	-	-	838.74	735.81
	Probable	2,014	0.33	-	-	27.88	23.64	6.63	-	-	527.77	451.91
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,264</b>	<b>0.27</b>	-	-	<b>32.60</b>	<b>28.19</b>	<b>11.52</b>	-	-	<b>1,366.51</b>	<b>1,187.72</b>
Cu-Pb-Zn	Proved	1,422	0.07	0.88	4.87	-	-	1.06	12.71	70.36	-	-
	Probable	1,065	0.03	1.36	3.48	-	-	0.32	13.39	32.99	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>4.27</b>	-	-	<b>1.38</b>	<b>26.10</b>	<b>103.35</b>	-	-
Total	Proved	7,924	-	-	-	-	-	38.72	12.71	70.36	838.74	735.81
	Probable	7,993	-	-	-	-	-	39.34	13.39	32.99	527.77	451.91
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,917</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>78.06</b>	<b>26.10</b>	<b>103.35</b>	<b>1,366.51</b>	<b>1,187.72</b>

Note: (1) The mineral resources also contain meaningful amounts of gold and silver. Based on limited composite sample analysis, the average grade is 0.19 g/t for gold and 13.1 g/t for silver in the Cu-Fe resource, 0.17 g/t for gold and 5.7 g/t for silver in the Fe-Cu resource, and 0.61 g/t for gold and 56.7 g/t for silver for the Cu-Pb-Zn resource.

(2) The mineral resource and ore reserve estimates prepared in accordance with JORC Code are based on information up to 31 December 2011, as disclosed in the Appendix V of the Prospectus. Please refer to the same for details of the assumptions and parameters used to calculate these resource and reserve numbers and qualities of metals.

(3) There was no material change in these estimates during the period from 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2016.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased by 6.3% from approximately RMB220.8 million in 2015 to approximately RMB206.9 million in 2016. The decrease was primarily attributable to decrease in volumes of concentrates sold and selling price during the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2016, we sold 2,989 tonnes of copper in copper concentrates, 116,531 tonnes of iron concentrates and 124,377 tonnes of sulfur concentrates, compared to 3,662 tonnes, 123,589 tonnes and 145,219 tonnes respectively for the year ended 31 December 2015, representing decrease of approximately 18.4%, 5.7% and 14.4%, for copper in copper concentrates, iron concentrates and sulfur concentrates, respectively. The decrease was principally resulted from low grading of ores mined.

The average prices of copper in copper concentrates, iron concentrates and sulfur concentrates in 2016 were RMB26,693, RMB338 and RMB114 per tonne respectively, compared to RMB28,564, RMB357 and RMB193 per tonne respectively in 2015, representing a decline of approximately 6.6%, 5.3% and 40.9% respectively. During 2016, most of our metals prices have been slipping downwards during the first three quarters but they showed the signs of recovery in the fourth quarter. Our Directors believed that such change was mainly due to the shortage of supply as a result of closures of some mines and cuts in capital spending in exploration by producers.

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW *(Continued)*

### **Cost of sales**

Overall, our cost of sales decreased by approximately 17.0% from approximately RMB156.2 million in 2015 to approximately RMB129.6 million in 2016. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in unit cost of subcontracting fee and strict control on wages and electricity fee.

### **Gross profit and gross profit margin**

The overall gross profit of our Group for the year ended 31 December 2016 was approximately RMB77.2 million, which represented an increase of approximately 19.5% compared to approximately RMB64.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2015. Our overall gross profit margin increased from approximately 29.2% for the year ended 31 December 2015 to approximately 37.3% for the year ended 31 December 2016. Such increase was mainly attributable to the strict control on cost of production.

### **Other income**

Our other income mainly comprised bank interest income of approximately RMB0.1 million and government grant and subsidy to Yifeng Wanguo in relation to the mining technology improvement of approximately RMB1.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2016. Other income decreased by approximately RMB0.5 million as compared with 2015, which was mainly due to the sales of tailings, our by-product, of approximately RMB0.9 million in 2015.

### **Other gains and losses**

Our other gains and losses mainly comprised loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment of approximately RMB0.6 million and unrealised exchange gain of approximately RMB0.8 million as a result of the translation of Australian dollars and Hong Kong dollars into Renminbi under appreciation of Australian dollars and Hong Kong dollars as at 31 December 2016. Other gains and losses decreased by approximately RMB0.6 million, which was primarily due to the decrease in gain on investment in structured deposits caused by the decrease in bank balance.

### **Selling and distribution expenses**

Our selling and distribution expenses increased by approximately 20.8% from approximately RMB2.4 million in 2015 to approximately RMB2.9 million in 2016. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in the transportation fee as result of increase in number of customers.

### **Administrative expenses**

Our administrative expenses increased by approximately 12.6% from approximately RMB27.0 million in 2015 to approximately RMB30.4 million in 2016. The increase was principally attributable to the professional fees incurred in connection with our proposed acquisition of a gold mine company.

### **Finance costs**

Our finance costs increased by approximately 18.7% from approximately RMB10.7 million in 2015 to approximately RMB12.7 million in 2016, primarily due to the increase in interest expenses from bank borrowings.

### **Income tax expense**

Our income tax expense was approximately RMB11.1 million in 2016, consisting of PRC corporate income tax payable of approximately RMB11.0 million, withholding tax payable of approximately RMB0.3 million and deferred tax credit of approximately RMB0.2 million. Our income tax expense was approximately RMB10.7 million in 2015, consisting of PRC corporate income tax payable of approximately RMB10.6 million, withholding tax payable of approximately RMB0.6 million and deferred tax credit of approximately RMB0.5 million.

Our income tax expenses were comparable in two years.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

### Profit and total comprehensive income

As a result of the foregoing, our profit after taxation increased by approximately 32.5%, or approximately RMB5.4 million, from approximately RMB16.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2015 to approximately RMB22.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2016. Our net profit margin increased from approximately 7.5% for the year ended 31 December 2015 to approximately 10.6% for the year ended 31 December 2016 mainly resulted from the increase in profit margin of concentrates sold.

### Analysis of property, plant and equipment and construction in progress

As at 31 December 2016, the Group's property, plant and equipment and construction in progress were approximately RMB387.9 million, representing an increase of RMB19.6 million or 5.3% over last year, mainly due to purchase of mining equipment, upgrading of ore processing facilities and construction of mining structures in the Xinzhuang Mine.

### Analysis of inventories

Inventories consist of raw materials, ore, concentrates and other ore commodities. Raw materials mainly include forged steel grinding balls, explosives, chemical products and diesel oil used for the production of concentrates. As at 31 December 2016 and 2015, our inventories were approximately RMB11.0 million and approximately RMB10.6 million respectively. The increase in inventories was mainly due to the increase in market price of concentrates at the year end, more concentrates were produced for sale in 2017.

### Analysis of trade receivables

Trade receivables represent receivables from the sale of concentrates. Our Group generally requests our concentrates customers to make a certain amount of down payment prior to delivery. For trade customers, our Group grants a credit period up to 60 days. As at 31 December 2016 and 2015, our trade receivables were approximately RMB2.6 million and RMB9.5 million respectively. The decrease in trade receivables as at 31 December 2016 was mainly due to receipt of the down payment by a reputable customer after year end in 2015.

### Analysis of trade payables

Trade payables mainly consist of payables in respect of (i) the purchase of forged steel grinding balls and cement; (ii) construction fee payable to our contractors under the expansion plan; and (iii) fees payable to our third-party contractor, Wenzhou No. 2 Well and tunnel Construction Company, for our mining work. As at 31 December 2016 and 2015, our trade payables were approximately RMB7.4 million and approximately RMB6.9 million respectively. The increase was mainly attributable to rise in the price of forged steel grinding balls, cement and chemical products.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our liquidity requirements relate to funding working capital, capital expenditures, acquisition of mining right and maintaining cash reserves, which are funded by a combination of bank borrowings and cash generated from operation.

The current ratio of the Group as at 31 December 2016 was 0.32 times as compared to 0.30 times as at 31 December 2015. It was mainly attributable to the increase in restricted bank balances.

Our Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB8.8 million as at 31 December 2016, compared to approximately RMB12.3 million as at 31 December 2015, of which approximately RMB0.7 million (2015: approximately RMB1.3 million) was denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Australian dollars. As at 31 December 2016, the Group recorded net assets and net current liabilities of approximately RMB287.0 million (2015: RMB273.0 million) and approximately RMB152.3 million (2015: RMB109.2 million) respectively. The increase in net current liabilities was attributable to the distribution of dividend of approximately RMB8.0 million coupled with the increase in investments in fixed assets and potential acquisition.

## BORROWINGS

As at 31 December 2016, the Group had secured bank borrowings of RMB156.4 million in aggregate with maturity from one year to three years and effective interest rate of 5.86%.

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## GEARING RATIO

The Group's gearing ratio (representing total bank borrowings and payables to former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary divided by total assets) amounted to 45.0% (2015: 38.6%). The increase in gearing ratio was mainly attributable to the new bank borrowings of approximately RMB126.4 million for working capital purpose.

## CASH FLOW

The following table sets out a condensed summary of our Group's consolidated statements of cash flow for the year ended 31 December 2016 and 2015:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2016	2015
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	64,936	38,531
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(133,469)	(40,334)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	64,942	(23,364)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,591)	(25,167)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	72	(54)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	12,296	37,517
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8,777	12,296

### Net cash flow from operating activities

For the year ended 31 December 2016, net cash inflow from operating activities amounted to approximately RMB64.9 million, which mainly comprised the profit before working capital changes of approximately RMB70.5 million, together with decrease in trade and other receivables of approximately RMB4.2 million, increase in trade and other payables of approximately RMB0.6 million and was offset by the increase in inventories of approximately RMB0.4 million and income tax paid of approximately RMB10.0 million.

### Net cash flow from investment activities

Net cash outflow from investing activities amounted to approximately RMB133.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2016. It was primarily attributable to the purchase of property, plant and equipment of approximately RMB47.2 million, payment for evaluation and exploration assets of approximately RMB2.2 million, placement of restricted bank balances of approximately RMB37.8 million and deposit paid for acquisition of a subsidiary of approximately RMB46.3 million.

### Net cash flow from financing activities

Net cash inflow from financing activities amounted to approximately RMB64.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2016. This was principally due to new bank loan of approximately RMB126.4 million, receipt of government grants of approximately RMB0.3 million and non-interest bearing and unsecured advance from shareholders of approximately RMB6.1 million and was offset by repayment of bank loans and interests of approximately RMB37.4 million and dividend paid of approximately RMB8.0 million as well as redemption monies of approximately RMB22.5 million paid to a former non-controlling shareholder.

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The total capital expenditure of the Group increased from approximately RMB75.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2015 to approximately RMB95.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2016, representing a increase of approximately 27.1%. The capital expenditure in 2016 was primarily incurred from the purchase of mining equipment, construction of mining structures at the Xinzhuang Mine and deposit paid for acquisition of a subsidiary.

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## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND CAPITAL COMMITMENT

As at 31 December 2016, the Group has entered into a non-cancellable operating lease with future payable of approximately RMB0.2 million for Director's quarter.

As at 31 December 2016, the Group's capital commitments amounted to approximately RMB113.2 million was attributable to the contingent consideration payable to the Vendors of Xizang Changdu. At the date of this annual report, conditions precedent for the aforesaid acquisition of Xizang Changdu has not yet been satisfied.

As at 31 December 2016, the Group has also entered the following commitments in relation to the exploration and development of the Xinzhuang Mine.

	RMB'000
Three new shafts projects	785
Upgrading the processing plants	830
Other civil work	7,680
	9,295

## CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2016, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities or guarantees.

## SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

Save as disclosed in this annual report, during the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group had no significant investment, nor were there any material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

## FUTURE PLAN FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as disclosed in this annual report, the Group does not have any plan authorised by the Board for material investments or additions of capital assets as at the date of this annual report.

## CHARGE ON GROUP ASSETS

As at 31 December 2016, the Group's prepaid lease payment, mining rights and buildings with carrying value of approximately RMB89.7 million (31 December 2015: mining rights and buildings with carrying value of approximately RMB55.9 million) were pledged to secure the Group's bank borrowings.

## EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES

The Group's businesses are located primarily in the PRC and most of the transactions are conducted in Renminbi. Except for the Group's certain bank balance and cash denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Australian dollars, the majority of the Group's assets and liabilities are denominated in Renminbi.

As Renminbi fluctuates against Hong Kong dollars and Australian dollars in a limited extent during the year 2016, the Group had no material adverse exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations during the year 2016.

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## INTEREST RATE RISK

Our bank borrowings are denominated in Renminbi borrowed from domestic commercial banks at interest rates that are determined by reference to the benchmark interest rates set by the People's Bank of China ("PBoC"). Interest rates on our bank loans are subject to adjustments by our lenders in accordance with changes in the PBoC benchmark rates. We are exposed to interest rate risk resulting from changes in interest rates on our short-term and long-term bank borrowings. Increases in benchmark interest rates will increase the interest rates on our bank loans. Increases in interest rates will increase our expense on outstanding borrowings and the cost of new borrowings, and therefore could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. We have not used any interest rate swaps or other derivatives to hedge against interest rate risk.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group's major financial instruments include trade and other receivables, bank balances and cash, restricted bank balance, trade and other payables, amounts due to the shareholders, consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary and secured bank borrowings.

## FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016 (2015: RMB1.33 cents per share).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 annual general meeting (the "AGM") of the Company will be held on Friday, 9 June 2017. A notice convening the AGM will be published and despatched to the Shareholders in accordance with the requirements of the articles of association of the Company and the Listing Rules in due course.

## CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

To ascertain the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 6 June, 2017 to Friday, 9 June, 2017, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 5 June, 2017.

## EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 December 2016, we had a total of 313 (2015: 343) full-time employees, excluding the independent third-party contractor which is responsible for underground mining work.

	Number
Underground technical and supporting mine workers	
– Safety supervision	18
– Mining and geological technical staff	15
– Mining record and surveying staff	7
– Geological drilling operators	9
– Ventilation and hauling facilities and water-pump operators and maintenance staff	89
– Backfilling team	21
Processing plant workers	69
Mine management and supporting staff	85
	313

The remuneration of the employees of the Group is based on their experience, qualifications, and competence. Other employees' benefits include contributions to statutory mandatory provident funds for our Hong Kong employees, and social insurance together with housing provident funds for our PRC employees.

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## EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND MINING ACTIVITIES

### Mineral exploration

During 2016, the exploration activities occurred in the Xinzhuang Mine was within 4-23 exploration line. We have completed underground geological drilling of 7,032.38 m, with drill size of 60-90 mm for the year ended 31 December 2016. For the year ended 31 December 2016, we have also finished tunnel drilling of 896.3 m, and completed adit mapping of 10,247.7 m.

For the exploration projects in Australia, the Group completed a total of 2 km<sup>2</sup> 1:2000 geological survey, 9.8 km 1:10,000 high precision magnetic section measurement, 53.74 km 1:10,000 induced polarization (IP) section measurement, 92 points of high precision IP sounding and drilling holes of total 4,098 m at Einasleigh area. Based on the preliminary result, it is expected to find new copper multi deposit in Einasleigh area, the area has a good prospect of resources.

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the total expenditure of mineral exploration was approximately RMB2.2 million.

### Development

During the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group spent development expenditure of approximately RMB47.2 million in respect of our expansion plan in the Xinzhuang Mine mainly comprising:

Mining system:	Completion upgrading in transportation, ventilation, back-filling, drainage, air-supply, water-supply and electricity supply
Processing system:	Completion construction of crushing, floating mill and dehydration systems
Integrated system:	Completion construction of tailings dam, waste rock pile, roads in mining area

Details breakdown of development expenditure is as follows:

	RMB' (million)
Mining structures	35.4
Office buildings	0.9
Machinery and electronic equipment for process plants	10.0
Motor vehicles	0.9
	47.2

### Mining activities

During the year ended 31 December 2016, we processed a total of 639,936 tonnes of ore in the Xinzhuang Mine. The volume of our concentrates products sold were 2,989 tonnes for copper in copper concentrates, 116,531 tonnes for iron concentrates, 3,059 tonnes for zinc in zinc concentrates, 124,377 tonnes for sulfur concentrates, 543 tonnes for lead concentrates, 93 kg for gold, 6,768 kg for silver and 104 kg for copper.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group incurred expenditures for mining and processing activities of RMB68.6 million (2015: RMB82.9 million) and RMB40.8 million (2015: RMB46.2 million) respectively. The unit expenditures for mining and processing activities were RMB109.1/t (2015: RMB142.6/t) and RMB63.8/t (2015: RMB70.9/t) respectively.

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## PROSPECT

We intend to continue to grow our business into a leading copper and iron mining company in the PRC through the following major strategies.

### **Growing production at our mine and outsourcing our mining works**

The scale of our production operation in the Xinzhuang Mine has increased to our targeted mining capacity and processing capacity of 600,000 tpa by end of 2014. We planned to further upgrade the mining capacity to 900,000 tpa in coming years. To minimise costs, we will continue to outsource our underground mining works to third-party contractors.

### **Horizontal expansion through future acquisitions of new mines**

We intend to further expand our mineral resources and ore reserves through the acquisitions of new mines. We will consider and balance assessment criteria carefully in respect of our acquisition targets, in order to pursue acquisitions prudently with a view to further growing our business and maximising returns to the Shareholders.

In view of growing trend of non-ferrous prices, the Group will identify the strategies to cope with the expected recovery cycle in upcoming year through expansion in both production and acquisition.

## COMPLIANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Company has adopted the PRC laws relating to the mineral industry such as Mineral Resources Law of the PRC (中華人民共和國礦產資源法), the Rules for Implementation of the Mineral Resources Law (中華人民共和國礦產資源法實施細則), the Procedures for the Registration of Mining and Mineral Resources (礦產資源開採登記管理辦法) and other practices to ensure adherence to applicable legal and regulatory requirements and in particular, those that have a significant impact on the operations of the Group. The Board reviews and monitors regularly the Group's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Any changes in the applicable laws, rules and regulations are brought to the attention of relevant employees and senior management from time to time.

In addition, as a company listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the Company is subject to, among others, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the Securities and Futures Commission, the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO"). To the best knowledge of the Directors, the Company has complied with the relevant laws and regulations during the year ended 31 December 2016.

# BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Mr. GAO Mingqing (高明清)**, aged 64, is our chairman, chief executive officer and executive Director. He has been the general manager of Yifeng Wanguo since November 2003. Mr. Gao was appointed as our executive Director on 13 May 2011. Mr. Gao has approximately 16 years of experience in the mining industry. He is primarily responsible for our business strategies planning, management and supervision of overall operations including production, business development and financing and investment activities of our Group. In January 2012, Mr. Gao received a second class China Nonferrous Metals Industry Science and Technology Award (中國有色金屬工業科學技術獎) from the China Nonferrous Metals Industry Association (中國有色金屬工業協會) and the Nonferrous Metals Society of China (中國有色金屬學會) in respect of the Integrated Technology for Complicated Hard-to-mine Heavy Water Deposits Safety Mining of the Xinzhuang Mine (新莊銅鋅礦複雜難採大水礦床安全開採綜合技術). Mr. Gao was recognised by the People's Government of Yichun Municipal (宜春市人民政府) as an Excellent Entrepreneur (優秀企業家) in 2007 and an Outstanding Individual in New Business Establishment (全民創業標兵) in 2007, 2008 and 2010. Mr. Gao is a cousin of Mr. Li Kwok Ping, our non-executive Director. Mr. Gao is also a director of Victor Soar Investments Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

**Ms. GAO Jinzhu (高金珠)**, aged 57, is an executive Director and has been the deputy general manager of Yifeng Wanguo since January 2004. Ms. Gao was appointed as our executive Director on 13 May 2011. Ms. Gao has approximately 16 years of experience in the mining industry. She is primarily responsible for the human resources management of our Group. Ms. Gao completed the Business Administration Advance Research Program of the School of Continuing Education, Tsinghua University in July 2009. Ms. Gao is also a director of Achieve Ample Investments Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

**Mr. XIE Yaolin (謝要林)**, aged 53, an executive Director, has been our chief engineer and the mine manager of our Xinzhuang Mine since he joined our Group in July 2008. Mr. Xie was appointed as our executive Director on 12 June 2012. He is primarily responsible for the technical side of our mining operations, including supervising and managing production, operational safety and the development and planning of new mines. Mr. Xie has more than 35 years of experience in the mining industry, especially in the area of construction and design of mines and mining operations and management. He worked for Hunan Shuikoushan Non-Ferrous Metal Group Limited (湖南水口山有色金屬集團公司), previously known as Hunan Shuikou Mining Bureau (湖南水口山礦務局), from 1981 to 2008 where he was responsible for the general operations and management of mines including production management, construction management and mining technology implementation. In Hunan Shuikoushan Non-Ferrous Metal Group Limited, he last served as the chief engineer and deputy mine manager of Kangjiawan Mine (康家灣礦), a lead, zinc and gold mine in Hunan province. In January 2012, Mr. Xie received a second class China Nonferrous Metals Industry Science and Technology Award (中國有色金屬工業科學技術獎) from the China Nonferrous Metals Industry Association (中國有色金屬工業協會) and the Nonferrous Metals Society of China (中國有色金屬學會) in respect of the Integrated Technology for Complicated Hard-to-mine Heavy Water Deposits Safety Mining of the Xinzhuang Mine (新莊銅鋅礦複雜難採大水礦床安全開採綜合技術). Mr. Xie has been a committee member of the Mining Research and Development (礦業研究與開發), a magazine jointly published by the China Non-Ferrous Metal Association (中國有色金屬學會) and the Changsha Mining Research Institute (長沙礦山研究院), since September 2010. Mr. Xie was recognised as a senior engineer in geological investigation and mining exploration by Human Resources Office of Hunan Province (湖南省人事廳) in September 2001. He graduated from the China University of Geosciences (中國地質大學) with a bachelor's degree in hydrogeology in June 1989.

**Mr. LIU Zhichun (劉志純)**, aged 49, an executive Director, has been the deputy general manager of Yifeng Wanguo since he joined our Group in January 2008. Mr. Liu was appointed as an executive Director on 12 June 2012. He is primarily responsible for the marketing and sale of our products. Mr. Liu has approximately 18 years of experience in general marketing and sales of mining products. Prior to joining us in 2008, Mr. Liu worked in Hunan Province Chejiang Copper Mine (湖南省車江銅礦) from 1991 to 1997 where he last served as the deputy manager of the business department. Mr. Liu received a bachelor's degree in history from the Hunan Science and Technology University (湖南科技大學), previously known as the Xiangtan Normal University (湘潭師範學院), in June 1991.

# BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

## NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Mr. LI Kwok Ping (李國平)**, aged 54, was appointed as our non-executive Director on 12 June 2012. He is primarily responsible for advising on marketing activities and expansion of client network and has been a director of Yifeng Wanguo since November 2007. Mr. Li has approximately 21 years of experiences in cross-border trading. He has been a director of Corbest Development Limited (高柏斯發展有限公司), a company engaged in the manufacture and trading of electronic products, since October 2000. Mr. Li is a cousin of Mr. Gao Mingqing, our chairman, chief executive officer and executive Director.

**Mr. LEE Hung Yuen (李鴻淵)**, aged 46, was appointed as our non-executive Director on 12 June 2012. He is primarily responsible for advising on investment strategies and office administration. Mr. Lee has been a director of Yifeng Wanguo since November 2007 and has been the company secretary for HK Taylor since August 2010. Mr. Lee has approximately 20 years of experiences in business development and investment in China. He has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of electronic and light-emitting diode lighting products since 1995.

## INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Dr. LU Jian Zhong (呂建中)**, aged 55, is our independent non-executive Director. Dr. Lu has approximately 16 years of experience in corporate senior management. He currently acts a Partner of Beijing Brunswick Consultancy Limited Shanghai Branch. He held various positions in Sateri Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) (Stock Code: 1768), as well as RGE Management (China) Co., Ltd, and Asia Symbol (Shandong) Pulp and Paper Co., Limited from November 2013 to April 2015. Dr. Lu previously held various positions in BHP Billiton Limited, an international resources company listed on the London Stock Exchange (Stock Code: BLT) and Australian Securities Exchange (Stock Code: BHP), from March 2000 to July 2007. Dr. Lu was an expert in the United Nations from December 1994 to May 1997. Dr. Lu is a member of the Australian Institute of Management and a fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science (WAPS). He graduated from Zhejiang University (浙江大學) with a bachelor’s degree in engineering in July 1983. Dr. Lu was awarded a postgraduate degree in engineering of technological innovation from the Ecole Centrale Paris in 1990 and a doctor’s degree in philosophy from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in May 2000.

**Mr. QI Yang (祁楊)**, aged 49, is our independent non-executive Director. Mr. Qi has joined Hunan Nonferrous Metals Holding Group Co., Ltd. (湖南有色金屬控股集團有限公司) (“HNG”), the parent company of Hunan Nonferrous Metals Corporation Limited (湖南有色金屬股份有限公司) (“HNL”) whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 2626) and delisted on 31 March 2015, since November 2006 and acted as the head of its legal affairs department. He currently acts as the head of office of the board of directors and a member of its investment audit committee of HNG. Mr. Qi has also been a supervisor of HNL since March 2009. He was awarded the “Pioneering Individual in Provincial Legal Affairs in Corporate Supervision” (省屬監管企業法律事務工作先進個人) in 2008 by the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Hunan Provincial People’s Government (湖南省人民政府國有資產管理監督管理委員會). Mr. Qi was qualified as a lawyer in the PRC in 1994. He graduated from the Zhongnan Institute of Politics and Law (中南政法學院) with a bachelor’s degree in law in July 1991 and graduated as a research student in economic law from the Hunan University (湖南大學) in December 2002.

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. SHEN Peng (沈鵬)**, aged 41, is our independent non-executive Director and the chairman each of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. He has more than 18 years of experience in finance and mining industry of China and Australia. Mr. Shen currently acts as the Director of Carabella Resources Limited, whose shares were listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (Stock Code: CLR) and delisted on 19 February 2014. Prior to joining Carabella Resources Limited, he was the chief financial officer of Yancoal Australia Limited, whose shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (Stock Code: YAL) from 2010 to 2013. Mr. Shen served the Shenhua Group Corporation Limited (神華集團有限責任公司), the parent company of China Shenhua Energy Company Limited (中國神華能源股份有限公司) (“China Shenhua”) whose shares are dually listed on the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 01088) and the Shanghai Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 601088), from 2004 to 2010 where he participated in the preparation for the listing of China Shenhua and held various positions in respect of financial management and analysis, investor relations and business restructuring. Mr. Shen worked in Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd. Beijing Branch from 1998 to 2001. He graduated from the Central University of Finance and Economics (中央財經大學) with a bachelor’s degree in economics in July 1998 and the University of Melbourne with a master’s degree in applied finance in December 2003.

### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. WONG Chi Wah (王志華)**, FCCA, HKICPA, aged 42, is our chief financial officer and company secretary. He was appointed as chief financial officer and company secretary in July 2011 and May 2012 respectively. Mr. Wong is responsible for the management of our Group’s financial matters. He has approximately 21 years of experience in auditing and accounting fields. Prior to joining our Group, Mr. Wong was the chief financial controller and company secretary of China Automotive Interior Decoration Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 48, previously stock code: 8321), a company listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange from February 2010 to June 2011. Mr. Wong received a bachelor degree in accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 1996. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance to protect the interests of the Shareholders. The Company's corporate governance practices are based on principles, code provisions and certain recommended best practices as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. Except for the deviation from code provisions A.2.1 and A.2.7 of the CG Code as described in the relevant paragraphs of this corporate governance report, the Company had complied with the CG Code for the year ended 31 December 2016.

## CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry with all Directors, the Company confirmed that all Directors have complied with the Model Code and the required standards of dealings as set out in the code of conduct for the year ended 31 December 2016 and up to the date of this annual report.

The Company has also established written guidelines on terms no less exacting than the Model Code (the "Employees Written Guidelines") for securities transactions by relevant employees who are likely to possess inside information of the Company. No incident of non-compliance of the Employees Written Guidelines by the relevant employees was noted by the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this annual report, the Board comprised four executive Directors, two non-executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors as follows:

### Executive Directors

Mr. Gao Mingqing (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)  
Ms. Gao Jinzhu  
Mr. Xie Yaolin  
Mr. Liu Zhichun

### Non-executive Directors

Mr. Li Kwok Ping  
Mr. Lee Hung Yuen  
Mr. Wen Baolin (resigned on 18 March 2016)

### Independent non-executive Directors

Dr. Lu Jian Zhong  
Mr. Qi Yang  
Mr. Shen Peng

The composition of the Board is well balanced with each Director having sound industry knowledge, extensive corporate and strategic planning experience and/or expertise relevant to the business of the Group. The biographical details of the Directors and the relationship among the members of the Board are set out in the "Biographical Information of Directors and Senior Management" on pages 18 to 20 of this annual report.

The Company has arranged for appropriate insurance cover to protect Directors from possible legal action against them.

In addition, the Company has maintained a procedure for the Directors to seek independent professional advice, in appropriate circumstances, at the Company's expense in discharging their duties to the Company.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** *(Continued)*

Generally, the responsibilities of the Board include:

- Formulation of overall strategic development of the Group;
- Monitoring the financial performance and risk management and internal control of the Group's business operations;
- Material acquisitions, investments, disposal of assets or any significant capital expenditure;
- Appointment, removal or reappointment of Board members and auditors;
- Review of Remuneration of Directors; and
- Recommendation and declaration of any interim and final dividends.

As at 31 December 2016, the Board complied with the requirement of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive Directors and at least one of them has appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Company has received from each independent non-executive Director an annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and the Company considers all the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

The Company held eleven Board meetings during the year ended 31 December 2016, in which five Board meetings were held for reviewing and approving the financial and operating performance and considering the overall strategies and policies of the Group, two Board meetings were held for reviewing and approving the terms and conditions of the non-legally binding investment framework agreement with an Australia company for a potential acquisition of 55% equity interests in a gold mine company, two Board meetings were held for updating the status of the acquisition of 51% equity interest in Xizang Changdu, and two Board meetings were held for approving the resignation of Mr. Wen Baolin as non-executive Director and publication of an announcement regarding update on business development of the Group respectively.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

The following table shows the number of attendance of each Director at the Board and the annual general meeting held during the year ended 31 December 2016:

Members	No. of Attendance	
	Board meeting	Annual general meeting
<i>Executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Gao Mingqing	11/11	1/1
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	11/11	1/1
Mr. Xie Yaolin	10/11	1/1
Mr. Liu Zhichun	7/11	1/1
<i>Non-executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Li Kwok Ping	11/11	1/1
Mr. Lee Hung Yuen	9/11	0/1
Mr. Wen Baolin (resigned on 18 March 2016)	1/2	N/A
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>		
Dr. Lu Jianzhong	4/11	0/1
Mr. Qi Yang	7/11	0/1
Mr. Shen Peng	4/11	0/1

N/A: not applicable

The Board currently has three committees, namely, the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee (the “Committees”, each a “Committee”) for overseeing particular aspects of the Company’s affairs. Copy of the current full terms of reference of each Committee is available on the Investor Relations section of the Company’s website. To comply with the Listing Rules, the terms of reference of each Committee are also available on the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“HKEx”). The Board delegates its powers and authorities from time to time to the Committees in order to ensure operational efficiency and specific issues are being handled by relevant expertise. The Committees do not take action or make decisions on behalf of the Board unless specifically mandated by prior Board authority to do so.

According to code provision A.2.7 of the CG Code, the chairman should at least annually hold meetings with the non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) without the executive Directors present. During the year, the chairman of the Board (the “Chairman”) did not hold any meeting with non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors without the executive Directors present. Nevertheless, from time to time, non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors express their views directly to the Chairman via other means including correspondences and emails. The Company is of the view that there is efficient communication between non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) and the Chairman.

## PRACTICES AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Notice of regular Board meetings are served to all Directors at least 14 days before the meetings to give all Directors an opportunity to attend. For other board meetings, reasonable notices have been given to all Directors.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## **PRACTICES AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS** *(Continued)*

The Directors will receive details of agenda and minutes of Committee/Board meetings in advance of and after each Committee/Board meeting respectively. The company secretary of the Company (the “Company Secretary”) will distribute relevant documents to the Directors in a timely manner to enable the Directors to make informed decisions on matters to be raised at the Board meetings. All Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary who is responsible for ensuring the procedures of the Board meetings are complied with, and in consultation with legal adviser of the Company, advising the Board on compliance matters. Moreover, the Company Secretary prepares minutes of the Board meetings and keeps records of matters discussed and decisions resolved at all Board meetings. The Company Secretary also keeps the minutes of the Board meetings, which are open for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable notice by any Director.

## **CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIRECTORS**

Directors keep abreast of responsibilities as a Director and of the conduct, business activities and development of the Company.

Every newly appointed Director will receive formal, comprehensive and tailored induction on the first occasion of his/her appointment to ensure appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Company and full awareness of director’s responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant statutory requirements.

Directors should participate in appropriate continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant. Internally-facilitated briefings for Directors will be arranged and reading material on relevant topics will be issued to Directors where appropriate.

Relevant reading materials including legal and regulatory update have been provided to the directors for the reference and studying. Directors are encouraged to attend relevant training courses at the Company’s expenses.

On 10 January 2017, the Company’s legal adviser provided a training in respect of updates of the Listing Rules, corporate governance and directors’ duties to our Directors and senior management in order to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills.

All Directors have provided a record of their training to the Company Secretary.

All Directors confirmed that they have read training materials provided by the Company in respect of corporate governance, updates of the Listing Rules and the Companies Ordinance. In addition, Mr. Gao Mingqing, Ms. Gao Jinzhu, Mr. Xie Yaolin, Mr. Liu Zhichun, Mr. Li Kwok Ping and Mr. Qi Yang, attended the aforesaid training provided by our legal adviser.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIRECTORS *(Continued)*

A summary of training received by the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2016 according to the records provided by the Directors is as follows:

Name of the Directors	Type of Continuous Professional Development Reading on corporate governance, regulatory updates development and other relevant topics	Attending relevant training session
<i>Executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Gao Mingqing	✓	✓
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	✓	✓
Mr. Xie Yaolin	✓	✓
Mr. Liu Zhichun	✓	✓
<i>Non-executive Directors</i>		
Mr. Li Kwok Ping	✓	✓
Mr. Lee Hung Yuen	✓	ABS
Mr. Wen Baolin (resigned on 18 March 2016)	N/A	N/A
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>		
Dr. Lu Jianzhong	✓	ABS
Mr. Qi Yang	✓	✓
Mr. Shen Peng	✓	ABS

ABS: Absent

N/A: not applicable

## CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

According to code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Gao Mingqing, in addition to his duties as the Chairman, is also responsible for the strategic planning and overseeing all aspects of the Group's operations as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. This constitutes a deviation from code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code. Mr. Gao Mingqing as one of the founders of the Group has extensive experience and knowledge in the core business of the Group and his duties of overseeing the Group's operations is clearly beneficial to the Group. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group.

## DIRECTORS

Every Director (including executive Directors, non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors) has been appointed for a term of three years with automatic renewal, subject to termination by either party giving the other not less than three months' prior written notice.

According to the Company's articles of association, one-third of the Directors (or if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but no less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. The retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee of the Board (the “Nomination Committee”) was established on 12 June 2012 with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code. The Nomination Committee is mainly responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding appointment of Directors. The Nomination Committee comprises one executive Director, namely Ms. Gao Jinzhu, and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Shen Peng and Mr. Qi Yang. Mr. Shen Peng has been appointed as the chairman of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee has adopted a policy concerning diversity of Board members (the “Board Diversity Policy”), which is achieved through consideration of a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, or professional experience of the Board members. The nomination committee will review the Board Diversity Policy on a regular basis and discuss any revisions that may be required, and recommended any such revisions to the Board.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, one meeting was held by the Nomination Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board on the re-appointment of each Director prior to that Director seeking for re-election at the following annual general meeting. The recommendations were made in accordance with the objective criteria with due regard for the benefits of diversity as set out in the Board Diversity Policy and the articles of association of the company.. The following table shows the number of attendance of each member at the meeting of the Nomination Committee held during the year:

<b>Members</b>	<b>No. of Attendance</b>
Mr. Shen Peng ( <i>Chairman</i> )	1/1
Mr. Qi Yang	1/1
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	ABS

ABS: Absent

## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The remuneration committee of the Board (the “Remuneration Committee”) was established on 12 June 2012 with written terms of reference in compliance with code provision B.1.2 of the CG Code. The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee include developing remuneration policies of the Directors, evaluating the performance, making recommendations on the remuneration package of our Directors and senior management and evaluating and making recommendations on employee benefit arrangements. The Remuneration Committee comprises one executive Director, namely Mr. Liu Zhichun, and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Qi Yang and Dr. Lu Jian Zhong. Mr. Qi Yang has been appointed as the chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, one meeting was held by the Remuneration Committee to review, access and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of the Directors and senior management for 2017. The following table shows the number of attendance of each member at the meeting of the Remuneration Committee held during the year:

<b>Members</b>	<b>No. of Attendance</b>
Mr. Qi Yang ( <i>Chairman</i> )	1/1
Dr. Lu Jian Zhong	1/1
Mr. Liu Zhichun	1/1

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Board (the “Audit Committee”) was established on 12 June 2012 in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules, with written terms of reference in compliance with code provision C.3.3 of the CG Code.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are, among other things, to provide independent view of our financial reporting process, risk management and internal control systems, oversee the audit process and perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Shen Peng, Mr. Qi Yang and Dr. Lu Jian Zhong. Mr. Shen Peng has been appointed as the chairman of the Audit Committee.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, three meetings were held by the Audit Committee to discharge its responsibilities and review the Group’s annual and interim results, reporting and compliance procedures, the re-appointment of the external auditor. The following table shows the number of attendance of each member at the meeting of the Audit Committee held during the year:

<b>Members</b>	<b>No. of Attendance</b>
Mr. Shen Peng ( <i>Chairman</i> )	3/3
Mr. Qi Yang	2/3
Dr. Lu Jian Zhong	3/3

The Audit Committee reviews the interim and annual reports respectively as well as results announcements before submission to the Board. The Audit Committee focuses not only on the impact of the changes in accounting policies and practices but also on the compliance with accounting standards, the Listing Rules and the legal requirements in respect of the Company’s interim and annual reports as well as result announcements.

The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board as to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor, which is subject to the approval by the Board and at the general meetings of the Company by the Shareholders.

## AUDITOR’S REMUNERATION

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the total fee paid/payable to the Group’s external auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in respect of interim review and annual audit services is set out below:

	<b>Fees paid/payable</b> RMB’000
<i>Audit services</i>	
Annual audit services	1,000
<i>Non-audit services</i>	
Interim review services	285
	1,285

## COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary has attended more than 15 hours of continuing professional development training arranged by several professional bodies during the year ended 31 December 2016.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS

The Board is responsible for performing the functions of corporate governance. For the year ended 31 December 2016, the Board performed the functions of corporate governance as set out in the code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code.

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The risk management and internal control systems has been designed to safeguard the assets of the Group, maintain proper accounting records, execute with appropriate authority and comply with the relevant laws and regulations.

The Board is responsible for maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems. They have carried out an annual review of the implemented systems and procedures, including areas covering financial, operational and legal compliance controls and risk management functions. The risk management and internal control systems are implemented to minimise the risks to which the Group is exposed and used as a management tool for the day-to-day operation of business. The system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against misstatement or losses.

For the year ended 31 December 2016, the Board considered that the Company's risk management and internal control systems are adequate and effective and the Company has complied with the CG Code.

### Main features of risk management and internal control systems

The Company has adopted a risk management policy which is applicable to the Group with objectives of:-

- (i) determination of risk acceptable to the Group;
- (ii) identification and prioritisation of the risk arising from Group's operating activities;
- (iii) placing of appropriate mitigation or treatment strategies to manage, transfer or avoid risks; and
- (iv) annual review of risks and relevant mitigation strategies for their appropriateness.

To help ensure all risks which are relevant to the Group are considered, a systematic approach to risk identification is followed. Identifiable risk areas which are considered include:

- maintaining a safe work environment for the Group's employees;
- safeguarding and efficient use of assets;
- management of human resources;
- ensuring the Group complies with legal and regulatory obligations;
- achieving established objectives and goals;
- reliability and integrity of financial and operational information;
- compliance with internal policies and procedures; and
- changes in the Group's internal and external environments.

Measures of consequence and likelihood have been determined and are used on a consistent basis.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL** *(Continued)*

### **Main features of risk management and internal control systems (Continued)**

Risk assessment process of:

- (i) the Group's primary risk assessment process comprises a comprehensive annual risk review. This review involves a complete re-development and re-assessment of the risks to the Group. A team approach comprising senior management from all business units of the Group's operations is used in this assessment phase;
- (ii) the review is coordinated with the strategic planning cycle of the Group to ensure risk associated with all strategic business objectives and activities are considered;
- (iii) risks identified by each business unit who review their risk profiles annually, and results of internal audit work, are also incorporated into the review;
- (iv) the Group's senior management team measures the risks which have been identified and prioritises them in terms of their impact on the Group;
- (v) results of the annual review are documented, and include mitigation strategies where appropriate; and
- (vi) the Board and the Audit Committee perform annual review.

During 2016, the Company has appointed Moore Stephens Advisory Services Limited, an independent consultant, to take up the role of the Group's internal audit function, reviewing the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems and providing any recommendations for material defects to the Company.

During 2016, the Group has also adopted a "Insider Information Dissemination" policy as follows:-

- (i) all Directors and senior management have been advised to follow the policy;
- (ii) any potential insider information identified by any business units should be notified to the Company Secretary immediately. Such information should be kept confidential and to allow the Board or senior management for investigation and consultation with legal adviser;
- (iii) the Company Secretary will draft the appropriate announcements for the Board approval and arrange for publication to the public as soon as practicable; and
- (iv) in case, the issue is complicated and requested more time to handle or has been known to the public, the Company Secretary will apply for a temporary suspension of trading from the Stock Exchange with the reasons on hand before issuing an appropriate and complete announcement.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Directors acknowledged their responsibility for the preparation of the financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group. The auditor of the Company is responsible to form an independent opinion, based on the audit, on the financial statements prepared by the Directors and report the opinion solely to the Shareholders.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Pursuant to articles 58 of the Company's articles of association, an extraordinary general meeting shall be convened on the written requisition of any one or more members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. Such members shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Company Secretary, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

There are no provisions allowing Shareholders to move new resolutions at general meetings under the Cayman Islands Companies Law or the articles of association of the Company. Shareholders who wish to move a resolution may request the Company to convene a general meeting following the procedures set out in the preceding paragraph.

Regarding proposing a person for election as a Director, please refer to the procedures available on the website of the Company.

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the Board in writing to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Unit 1, 28/F., Singa Commercial Centre, 144-151 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong.

## INVESTOR RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Company has established a range of communication channels between itself and its Shareholders, and investors. These include the publication of interim and annual reports, notices, announcements and circulars, the Company's website at [www.wgmine.com](http://www.wgmine.com) and meetings with investors and analysts.

The Company encourages all Shareholders to attend the annual general meetings to stay informed of the Group's strategy and goals. It provides an opportunity for direct communication between the Board and its Shareholders. The chairman of the meeting explains the detailed procedures for conducting a poll and then answers any questions from the Shareholders. The poll results are published on the websites of the Company and HKEx.

## CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

During the year ended 31 December 2016, the Company has not made any changes to its memorandum and articles of association.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

We committed to operating safety and responsibly. As mining industry is relatively high-demand in safe, our objective is to create a workplace without fatalities, injuries or occupational diseases. Our priority in our workplace is to protect the health and safety of our staff. Our policies and procedures support our practice and we meet or exceed applicable laws and regulations in PRC. The Company has engaged with the Board, management and staff for the purpose of obtaining information on the approach to environmental, social and governance (the “ESG”) needed pursuant to the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide set out in Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules. As Yifeng Wanguo owns 98.4% of the Group’s assets as at 31 December 2016, our ESG reporting will solely base on the Xinzhuang Mine which is owned by Yifeng Wanguo.

## A. ENVIRONMENTAL

### Emissions

Our operations are subject to various PRC laws and regulations with respect to environmental protection and environmental rehabilitation. Other than general laws such as Environmental Protection Laws of PRC (中華人民共和國環境保護法) applicable to all entities in PRC, we are also subject to the Provisions on the Protection of the Geologic Environment of Mines (礦山地質環境保護規定) effective as of 1 May 2009, we complied a plan for the protection and restoration of the mine’s geological environment and obtained approval from the Land Resources Bureau for the plan. We paid the guarantee deposit for restoration of the geological environment of mines under the Provisions and provision for restoration cost is recognized annually in accordance with relevant rules and regulations applicable in the PRC at end of reporting period as well.

We formulated our own policy based on Environmental Protection Laws requirements, increasing the investment in environmental protection, strengthening environmental protection management for the purpose of increase in production volume with low level growth in pollution released.

The Xinzhuang Mine has a valid pollutant discharge permit from the relevant local environmental protection department to undertake mining and processing activities at their respective mining site. Major environmental issues in our underground-type mining industry are management of wastewater and management of tailings. We have adopted various measures within our operations as well as emergency procedures with regard to environmental protection.

The Group emitted approximately 360,730 tonnes (2015: 578,000 tonnes) of wastewater in production, which contained 20.13 tonnes (2015: 38.24 tonnes) of pollutants and effluent concentration was approximately 54.8mg/L (2015: 66.2mg/L) which is below the required standard of 100mg/L. The discharge of Chemical Oxygen Demand was 20.13 tonnes in 2016, which was below the allowable level of 38.72 tonnes per year set by local environmental bureau. In addition, the Group produced approximately 352,000 tonnes (2015: 300,000 tonnes) of tailings.

### Use of resources

During the year, the Group consumed approximately total of 2,700,000 tonnes (2015: 2,770,000 tonnes) of water while it consumed approximately 419,000 tonnes (2015: 438,000 tonnes) of new water extracted from underground. The rate of water recycle was approximately 86.4% (2015: 79.2%) which was within our target of over 75%. During 2016, the Group optimized the circulation system of waste water pipes in the plants, which enhanced use of waste water.

During the year, electricity usage for production was totally 29,343,761kwh (2015: 36,121,400kwh), which comprised mining of 10,748,105kwh (2015: 11,381,200kwh), processing of 18,362,298kwh (2015: 24,457,000kwh) and back-filling of 233,358kwh (2015: 283,100kwh) while the total ore processed during the year was 639,936 tonnes (2015: 651,325 tonnes). The total carbon emission for electricity use during production in 2016 was approximately 23.5 million kg. The unit of production per electricity usage was 45.85kwh per tonne (2015: 55.5kwh per tonne), which was attribute to strict control over the use of electricity in production by linking with performance with relevant staff.

Diesel usage was 160,650 lite (2015: 176,500 lite) as the management exercised strict control on the use of vehicles by linking with the performance of relevant staff. The total carbon emission for diesel usage in 2016 was approximately 0.4 million kg.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

### The Environment and Nature Resources

We have adopted various policies on efficient use of resources as well as recycling and re-use of resources. Details are as follows:

**Water management:** the site has been developed with an emphasis on recycling used process and tailings storage facility drainage water, which is recycled to the concentrator for reuse. A recycling rate of over 75% is obtained. The Xinzhuang Mine obtains top-up water from the underground mine workings, while any surplus waste water from the site (including treated sewage) will be discharged to the nearby Shishui River following treatment in accordance with the regulatory standards in the PRC.

**Solid waste:** underground waste is either left underground for back filling or used for construction purposes (as a good quality construction material it is also sold locally).

During the year, approximately 70% (2015: 70%) of the tailings (coarse fraction) were mixed with cement and sent underground for back filling. The remaining 30% (2015: 30%) were stored in tailing dam and sales.

Our operations may have the following impacts of activities on the environment and we have taken the corresponding actions to manage them.

**Dust and air quality mitigation:** water sprays will be used for the crushing and screening plant (with wet scrubbers to also be installed in conjunction with the project expansion). However, the ore and concentrates are either wet or damp, thereby requiring minimal dust mitigation measures. Other mitigation measures include enclosure of any potentially dusty activities, paving of surface roads, revegetation and availability of personal protection devices to workers to provide additional personal protection from dust, as required.

**Noise control:** methods of noise control include sound insulation by isolating the noisy machines in the specific locations of the plant from the staff operation room, and provision of noise protective articles to staff involved.

**Rehabilitation:** the Group prepared a conceptual mine closure plan which comprised part of the site's soil and water conservation plan and it pays periodically guarantee deposits in specific amounts for restoration of the land upon closure of mine in accordance with the requirements of Land Resources Bureau.

**Environmental monitoring:** a mine site environmental monitoring plan is in place in which analytical results are complied with the regulatory standards in the PRC. The regular company monitoring programme is supplemented by periodic monitoring tests conducted by both the Bureau of Environmental Protection of Jiangxi Province and Bureau of Environmental Protection of Yifeng County respectively.

Waste water on-line detection system has been installed and monitored the pollution level of waste water automatically.

**Emergency Procedures:** Overtopping of tailings storage facility and dam breaking are two exceptional environmental incidents that may incur in our operation.

The Group has implemented efficient emergency procedures in case of occurrence of the aforesaid events, including rescue responses, reporting procedures, relevant staff arrangement, provision of specific rescue materials, communications and transportation as well as contractual rescue plan with the nearby hospitals.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## B. SOCIAL

### Employment

Except for underground mining work, we provide equal opportunities and have no sex nor age discrimination in recruitment of staff. For blasting operation, we only recruit staff with qualified license pursuant to relevant laws and regulations. Staff has to report to us whether there are any relatives in our Group and attend safety education training. In addition, staff has to be checked with police for non-criminal record.

### Compensation and working hours

Generally, wages of workers comprise basic salary, performance salary and allowance. Working hours are 8 hours per day and are divided into normal working hours and shifting hours under different duties. Staff has 4 days-off in a month and enjoys public holidays, sick leave, wedding leave, funeral leave as well as maternity leave under local labour laws.

### Benefits and welfares

Benefits and welfares include subsidy in meal expenses, accommodations, home-fare during Spring Festival, as well as various insurances under laws and regulations. Some staff can also have subsidy in telephone expenses. For home leave, marriage leave, funeral leave as well as participation in social activities, staff can still be paid normally.

As at 31 December 2016, the Group had a total workforce of 313 (2015: 343) which comprised 303 (2015: 335) in Jiangxi Province of the PRC, 2 (2015: 2) in Hong Kong and 8 (2015: 6) in Australia. 243 (2015: 260) were male and 70 (2015: 83) were female.

Set out below are distribution of our workforce.

### *By employment type*

	No. of workforce	Turnover rate
Underground technical and supporting mine workers		
– Safety supervision	18	22.2%
– Mining and geological technical staff	15	33.3%
– Mining record and Surveying staff	7	28.6%
– Geological drilling operators	9	0.0%
– Ventilation and hauling facilities and water-pump operators and maintenance staff	89	20.2%
– Backfilling team	21	81.0%
Processing plant workers	69	27.5%
Mine management and supporting staff	85	28.2%
	313	28.4%

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## B. SOCIAL (Continued) By age group

	No. of workforce	Turnover rate
20 or below	2	N/A
21-30	50	52.0%
31-40	54	50.0%
41-50	128	15.6%
51 or above	79	20.3%
Total	313	28.4%

### Health and Safety

Occupational health and safety is one of our prime responsibilities, we have implemented and enforced a number of measures to ensure compliance of the regulatory requirements and our production safety and environmental protection. We have set up a department tailor for occupational health and safety, and a safety production management committee for safety activities. We have our owned safety production and operational manual which specify certain procedures such as our safety production procedures in respect of different posts and departments, our accident prevention procedures and accident reporting procedures. Regular safety drills are carried out to ensure the awareness of safety production measures in case of emergency handling. The roles and responsibilities of each of the supervising staff and workers are clearly defined and each supervising staff is accountable for their respective areas of responsibility. Our mine manager supervises the implementation of regular on-site examination and continuously monitors the safety policies. Our safety supervisor inspects the implementation of safety procedures on daily basis.

We have implemented a set of guidelines and rules regarding the handling of such dangerous articles which comply with existing PRC laws, regulations and policies. We have implemented a mandatory safety training programme for all our employees in strict accordance with requirements under Production Safety Law of the PRC (中華人民共和國安全生產法) and Law of the PRC on Safety in Mines (中華人民共和國礦山安全法). All new employees must participate in a three levels safety education programme before they start their work. Employees with specialized technical duties will be required to receive training pursuant to the respective regulations and requirements. We also conduct regular training to our existing staff to enhance their awareness of safety issues, and improve their knowledge in working safety techniques in order to reduce and eliminate the occurrence of accidents. During the year, there were no work-related fatalities. Lost days due to work injury were 868 days (2015: 341 days) mainly as a result of misuse or inappropriate use of new production facilities in relation to our 600,000 tpa expansion plan and unfamiliar with new production procedures. Our Group has implemented more trainings to the staff in order to avoid or reduce the number of injury in the future.

### Development and training

One of our prime developments is to provide an opportunity for all staff in learning and developing aspects so as to enhance personal development.

Our Group has arranged experienced staff, managerial staff, or other outsourcing expert, scholar or professional trainer to provide training to our staff.

Both on-the-job training and training programme are offered to the relevant staff. In accordance with the need of our Group, we will irregularly arrange job training to staff who will be assigned or transferred to different posts.

The Group encourages staff to take courses relevant to job in professional training institutions. Staff who obtains relevant technical titles, qualified certificates, graduate or master degree, can apply for assistance after completion.

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## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

In addition, the Group arranges training in relation to occupation and management to our middle or senior management for 8 hours per month.

Every staff should attend not less than 24 hours safety training before commencement of job. Not less than 72 hours of safety training will be offered to staff who perform explosive works. All staff will attend not less than 20 hours continuous training a year.

### Labour standards

The Group has policies to prevent child or forced labour. It does not allow recruiting staff of age under 18. If we discover any fake or hidden facts or cheats during the recruitment process, the candidate will be removed from our selection. If it is discovered after recruitment process, we will terminate the labour contract. Every candidate should provide personal identification documents, such as identity card, household record copy for verification purpose during recruitment process.

During the year, the Group has not discovered any non-compliance.

## OPERATING PRACTICES

### Supply chain management

The ore extracted from the Xinzhuang Mine is our principal raw material for producing our concentrate products. We do not purchase ores from third parties.

Ore processing at Xinzhuang Mine consumes many types of auxiliary materials including forged steel grinding balls, chemical products, explosives, diesel oil and other production related materials. All our explosives, machinery and equipment, spare parts and auxiliary materials are sourced from local third party suppliers in the PRC.

We implemented “Management of suppliers and assessment policy (供應商管理和考核制度)”, to manage and assess the qualification, credit rating and quality of suppliers as well as daily maintenance measures. During 2016, there was a total of 235 qualified suppliers available for selection in the Group.

### Product responsibility

We have a quality control policy in place to ensure that the quality of our concentrates meets the standard for acceptance by our customers. Our quality control department is responsible for ensuring our product quality. We closely monitor our various production processes by conducting on-site inspection and taking samples during each shift and examining them at our laboratory. Regular trainings are also provided to our employees to enhance the quality standard.

In 2016, we had not received any material complaints due to quality problems of our products.

### Anti-corruption

Our Group has established “Anti-Fraud policy and procedures (反舞弊政策及程序)”. Corruption is one of the fraud that will disrupt operation of the Group and violates the laws. In 2016, we had not received any complaints in relation to corruption.

Senior management is lead by example, who complies with the policies and regulations issued by the Group.

Every employee obtains a staff handbook which includes corporate policies and regulations. In addition, the Group arranges training in respect of ethics and anti-fraud to staff, for the purpose of handling conflict or temptation of interest.

For any corruption, fraud or other unethical activities discovered, staff can report to the management by real or anonymous name.

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## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The Group encourages recreational and sport activities held by staff and takes care of the need of staff, exploring the staff talent, participating voluntary activities in the community and donations.

In addition, the Group makes donations to community irregularly, and contributes and participates in community. During the year, the Group donated approximately RMB76,000 in respect of construction projects in community and RMB52,000 in respect of staff in need.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors are pleased to present this report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016.

## 1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is principally engaged in the business of mining, ore processing and sale of the concentrates products in the PRC. A review of the business of the Company and a discussion and analysis of the Group's performance during the year end 31 December 2016 and the material factors underlying its results and financial position are provided in the "Chairman's Statement" and "Management Discussion and Analysis" respectively from pages 2 to 3 and pages 4 to 17 of this annual report. The outlook of the Company's business is discussed throughout this annual report.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group include metal prices in commodity market, which are set out and discussed in "Chairman's Statement" from pages 2 to 3 and the section headed "Market Review" of "Management Discussion and Analysis", from pages 4 to 6. An indication of likely future development in the Group's business is set out and included in the section headed "Business Review" from pages 6 to 10 and "Prospect" of "Management Discussion and Analysis", on page 17.

The Group's environmental policies and performance are set out and included in "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" from pages 31 to 36 of this annual report and the "Environmental and Social Matters" set out in the paragraph 37 below. Compliance with relevant laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Company is set out and included in the section headed "Compliance with the Relevant Laws and Regulations" of "Management Discussion and Analysis" on page 17 of this annual report. Particulars of important events affecting the Company that have occurred since the end of the financial year 2016, if any, can be found in paragraph 38 below.

An account of the Company's relationships with its key stakeholders (including substantial shareholders, employees, suppliers and customers) is included in the "Substantial Shareholders' and other parties' Interest in Securities" and "Emolument Policy" set out in the paragraphs 23 and 18 respectively below as well as the section headed "Supply chain management" and "Product responsibility" in "Environment, Social and Governance Report", on page 35 of this annual report.

## 2. RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The Group's results for the year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 51.

The state of affairs of the Group and of the Company at 31 December 2016 are set out in the consolidated statement of financial position on pages 52 to 53 and statement of financial position of the Company on page 99 respectively.

## 3. SHARE CAPITAL

As set out in Note 28 to the consolidated financial statements, there has been no movement in the share capital of the Company during the year.

## 4. SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries are set out in Note 36 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 5. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of financial results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years are set out in the section headed "Summary of Financial Information" on page 100 in this report.

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## 6. RESERVES

The movements in the reserves of the Group during the year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and consolidated statement of changes in equity. The movements in the reserves of the Company during the year are set out in Note 37 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 7. DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At 31 December 2016, the Company's reserve available for distribution to owners of the Company comprising share premium account less accumulated losses, and amounted to approximately RMB54.5 million.

## 8. DIVIDENDS

The Directors did not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016 (2015: RMB1.33 cents per share).

## 9. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Additions to the property, plant and equipment of the Group was approximately RMB42.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2016. Details of the movements during the year in the Group's property, plant and equipment are set out in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements in this annual report.

## 10. DONATIONS

Donations made by the Group during the year amounted to approximately RMB76,000.

## 11. MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

During the year, sales to the Group's five largest customers in aggregate accounted for approximately 73.5% (2015: 83.9%) of the total sales for the year and sales to the largest customer accounted for approximately 33.5% (2015: 39.2%) of total sales.

Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers in aggregate accounted for approximately 66.8% (2015 64.7%) of the total purchases for the year and purchases from the largest supplier accounted for approximately 31.6% (2015: 34.8%) of total purchases.

None of the Directors, their close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) or any Shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had directly, or indirectly had any interest in the Group's five largest customers and suppliers during the year.

## 12. MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Other than the service contracts of the Directors, the Company has not entered into any contract with any individuals, firms or corporate entities to manage or regulate the whole or any substantial part of any business of the Company.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## 13. DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this annual report were as follows:

### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Gao Mingqing

Ms. Gao Jinzhu

Mr. Xie Yaolin

Mr. Liu Zhichun

### **Non-executive Directors:**

Mr. Li Kwok Ping

Mr. Lee Hung Yuen

Mr. Wen Baolin (resigned on 18 March 2016)

### **Independent non-executive Directors:**

Dr. Lu Jian Zhong

Mr. Qi Yang

Mr. Shen Peng

In accordance with the Company's articles of association, all Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Mr. Xie Yaolin, Mr. Lee Hung Yuen and Mr. Shen Peng will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## 14. BIOGRAPHY OF THE DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Biographical information of the Directors and senior management of the Group are set out on pages 18 to 20 of this annual report.

## 15. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

Changes of Director's information have been properly disclosed in the section headed "Biographical information of the Directors and Senior Management" which set out on pages 18 to 20 of this annual report pursuant to the Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed in this annual report, there are no other changes to the Directors' information as required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

## 16. DIRECTORS' SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Each of the Directors has entered into a service agreement with the Company for an initial term of three years renewable for subsequent periods of three years, unless terminated by at least three month's written notice served by either party at any time during the then existing term.

None of the Directors, including those proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting, has a service agreement which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

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## 17. PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

The Company has arranged for an appropriate insurance cover for Directors' and officers' liabilities in respect of legal actions against its Directors and senior management arising out of corporate activities. The permitted indemnity provision is in force for the benefit of the Directors as required by section 470 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) when the this Directors' Report is approved in accordance with section 391 (1)(a) of the Companies Ordinance.

## 18. EMOLUMENT POLICY

The emolument policy of the employees of the Group is set up by the Board on the basis of their experience, qualifications and competence.

The emoluments of the Directors are reviewed by the remuneration committee of the Company and approved by the Board, having regard to the relevant Director's experience, responsibility, workload and the time devoted to the Group; the Company's operating results and comparable market statistics.

The Company has adopted a share option scheme on 12 June 2012 to which the Directors and eligible employees, among others are entitled to participate in. The Company operates the Scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Details of the Scheme are set out in paragraph 35 below.

## 19. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Details of the emoluments of the Directors and the five highest paid individuals in the Group are set out in Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 20. INDEPENDENCE OF THE INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Each of the independent non-executive Directors has presented an annual confirmation letter to confirm his consistence with the independence under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company believes that all the independent non-executive Directors are independent in accordance with the guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 the Listing Rules.

## 21. MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Code of Conduct for securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out on the Model Code. The Company, having made specific enquiries to all Directors, has confirmed that all the Directors have complied with the Model Code and the required standards of dealings as set out in the Code of Conduct for the year ended 31 December 2016 and up to the date of this annual report.

The Company has also established the Employees Written Guidelines for securities transactions by relevant employees who are likely to possess inside information of the Company. No incident of non-compliance of the Employees Written Guidelines by the relevant employees was noted by the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016.

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## 22. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 31 December 2016, the interests or short positions of our Directors and chief executives in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of our Company and our associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO as notified to our Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, in the register referred to therein or which were required to be notified to our Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code contained in the Listing Rules, were as follows:

### (a) Long positions in shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity/nature of interest	Number of issued ordinary shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the Company
Mr. Gao Mingqing	Interest in controlled corporation	301,500,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	50.25%
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	Interest in controlled corporation	148,500,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	24.75%

Notes:

1. The 301,500,000 shares were owned by Victor Soar Investments Limited which is wholly owned and controlled by Mr. Gao Mingqing.
2. The 148,500,000 shares were owned by Achieve Ample Investments Limited which is wholly owned and controlled by Ms. Gao Jinzhu.

### (b) Long positions in associated corporations

Name of Director	Name of associated corporation	Percentage of shareholding
Mr. Gao Mingqing	Victor Soar Investments Limited <sup>(Note)</sup>	100%

Note: Victor Soar Investments Limited holds more than 50% of the shares in the Company and, therefore, is an associated corporation of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2016, so far as is known to any Directors or chief executives of the Company, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which (a) were required to be notified to the Company and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or (b) were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or (c) were required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

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## 23. SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PARTIES' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 31 December 2016, the following persons, other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company, had or were deemed or taken to have an interest and/or short position in the shares or the underlying shares which would fall to be disclosed under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, or who was, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company.

### Long positions in shares of the Company

Name of shareholder	Capacity/nature of interest	Number of issued ordinary shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the Company
Victor Soar Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	301,500,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	50.25%
Ms. Lin Yinyin	Interest of spouse	301,500,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	50.25%
Achieve Ample Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	148,500,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	24.75%
Mr. Wang Weimian	Interest of spouse	148,500,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	24.75%

Notes:

1. Victor Soar Investments Limited is wholly owned and controlled by Mr. Gao Mingqing.
2. Ms. Lin Yinyin is the wife of Mr. Gao Mingqing and is deemed to be interested in the 301,500,000 shares of the Company held by Victor Soar Investments Limited, a company controlled by Mr. Gao Mingqing.
3. Achieve Ample Investments Limited is wholly owned and controlled by Ms. Gao Jinzhu.
4. Mr. Wang Weimian is the husband of Ms. Gao Jinzhu and is deemed to be interested in the 148,500,000 shares of the Company held by Achieve Ample Investments Limited, a company controlled by Ms. Gao Jinzhu.

Other than as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2016, the Company has not been notified by any person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had interests or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

## 24. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in this annual report, no Director nor any connected entity of the Director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transactions, arrangements or contract of significance to the business of the Group to which a controlling shareholder of the Company, the Company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party at the end of the year or at any time during the year ended 31 December 2016.

## 25. CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed in this annual report, no contract of significance in relation to the Group's business in which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries or a controlling shareholder of the Company was a party, and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the financial year 2016 or at any time during the year ended 31 December 2016.

## 26. CONNECTED TRANSACTION

During the year ended 31 December 2016, Yifeng Wanguo, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into sales transactions with Shanghai Wanhe Trading Limited (上海萬河經貿有限公司) ("Shanghai Wanhe"), pursuant to which Yifeng Wanguo agreed to sell its sulfur concentrates of approximately 5,304.4 tonnes in aggregate to Shanghai Wanhe for a total sales amount of approximately RMB952,000 (exclusive of VAT).

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## 26. CONNECTED TRANSACTION *(Continued)*

Shanghai Wanhe is beneficially owned as to 51.1% by Ms. Gao Jinzhu, Director and substantial Shareholder. Accordingly, Shanghai Wanhe is a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules and the sales transactions constituted a connected transaction of the Company. Ms. Gao did not participate in the daily operations of Shanghai Wanhe. She had disposed of the entire equity interests in Shanghai Wanhe to an independent third party in July 2016.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, Yifeng Wanguo entered into a sales transaction with Fujian Province Jianyang Wanguo Electrical Appliance Limited (福建省建陽萬國電器有限公司) ("Jianyang Electrical"), pursuant to which Yifeng Wanguo agreed to sell its lead ingots of approximately 158.193 tonnes to Jianyang Electrical for a sales amount of approximately RMB1,804,000 (exclusive of VAT).

Jianyang Electrical is beneficially owned as to 98.9% by Mr. Gao Mingqing, Director and substantial Shareholder. Accordingly, Jianyang Electrical is a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules and the sales transaction constituted a connected transaction of the Company. Mr. Gao did not participate in the daily operations of Jianyang Electrical.

The Directors considered that the aforesaid sales transactions had been entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company, was conducted on normal commercial terms, and is fair, reasonable and in the interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole.

## 27. DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY

Save as disclosed in paragraph 22 above, at no time during the year was the Company, or its subsidiaries, or its fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

## 28. SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge information and belief of the Directors, the Directors confirm that the Company has maintained a sufficient public float under the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 December 2016.

## 29. COMPETING INTERESTS

The Directors are not aware of any business or interest of the Directors, the controlling Shareholder and their respective associates (as defined under the Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflict of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016.

As disclosed in the Prospectus, each of our controlling Shareholders has entered into the deed of non-competition in favour of our Company to the effect that each of them will not, and will procure each of their respective associates not to, directly or indirectly participate in, or hold any right or interest, or otherwise be involved in any business which may be in competition with our businesses.

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the status of compliance and are of the view that each of the controlling Shareholders has complied with its undertaking under the deed of non-competition for the year ended 31 December 2016.

## 30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, except for those disclosed in Note 33 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group had no transactions with its related parties.

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

For the year ended 31 December 2016, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## 32. BANK BORROWINGS

Particulars of bank borrowings of the Group as at 31 December 2016 are set out in Note 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 33. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES

Particulars of the retirement benefit schemes of the Group are set out in Note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 34. PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's articles of association or the laws of Cayman Islands which oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to its existing shareholders.

## 35. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") on 12 June 2012.

### (i) Purpose of the Share Option Scheme

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide an incentive for Eligible Participants (defined below) to work with commitment towards enhancing the value of our Company and the shares of our Company (the "Shares") for the benefit of our Shareholders and to retain and attract calibres and working partners whose contributions are or may be beneficial to the growth and development of our Group.

### (ii) Participants of the Share Option Scheme and the basis of determining the eligibility of the participants

The Board may at its discretion grant options to any full-time or part-time employees, potential employees, consultants, executives or officers (including executive, non-executive and independent non-executive Directors) of our Company or any of its subsidiaries and any suppliers, customers, consultants, agents and advisers who, in the sole opinion of the Board has contributed or will contribute to our Group (collectively "Eligible Participants").

### (iii) Maximum number of Shares

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed the number of Shares that shall represent 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as of the Listing Date (i.e. 10 July 2012), which is 60,000,000 Shares, being 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this annual report. The limit may be refreshed at any time provided that the new limit must not be in aggregate exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the Shareholders' approval in general meeting.

However, the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the shares in issue from time to time.

### (iv) Maximum entitlement of each participant

Unless approved by our Shareholders in general meeting in the manner prescribed in the Listing Rules, the Board shall not grant options to any participant if the acceptance of those options would result in the total number of Shares issued and to be issued to that participant on exercise of his options during any 12-month period exceeding 1% of the total Shares then in issue.

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## 35. SHARE OPTION SCHEME *(Continued)*

### (v) Offer period and amount payable for options

The offer shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 14 business days from the date on which it is made provided that no such offer shall be open for acceptance after the expiry of the Scheme Period (as defined below) or after the termination of the Share Option Scheme. Unless otherwise determined by the Board and stated in the Offer Letter, there shall be no general performance target for the vesting or exercise of options.

An option shall be deemed to have been granted to (subject to certain restrictions in the Share Option Scheme), and accepted by, the Eligible Participant (the "Grantee") and to have taken effect upon the issue of an option certificate after the duplicate offer letter comprising acceptance of the option duly signed by the Grantee together with a remittance in favor of our Company of HK\$1.00 by way of consideration for the grant of the option shall have been received by our Company on or before the last day for acceptance set out above.

### (vi) Minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised

Options may be exercised at any time from the date of grant of the option in the following manner:

- i. up to 25% of the option granted from the first anniversary of date of grant of the option
- ii. up to 50% of the option granted from the second anniversary date of grant of the option
- iii. up to 75% of the option granted from the third anniversary date of grant of the option
- iv. up to 100% of the option granted from the fourth anniversary date of grant of the option

### (vii) Basis of determining the exercise price

The exercise price is determined by the Directors, and will not be less than the highest of (i) the closing price per share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets on the date of the grant of the options; (ii) the average closing price per share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of the grant of the options; or (iii) the nominal value of a share.

### (viii) Remaining Life of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for 10 years from the Listing Date i.e. 10 July 2012 (the "Scheme Period"), after which time no further option will be granted but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in all other respects.

## 36. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all code provisions stipulated in the CG Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2016 except for the deviation from code provisions A.2.1 and A.2.7 of the CG Code.

A report on the corporate governance practice adopted by the Group is set out in pages 21 to 30 of this annual report.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## 37. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MATTERS

As a mining industry is relatively high-demand in safe, our objective is to create a workplace without fatalities, injuries or occupational diseases. Our policies and procedures support our practice and we meet or exceed applicable laws and regulations in PRC such as Environmental Protection Laws of PRC (中華人民共和國環境保護法) and Provisions on the Protection of the Geologic Environment of Mines (礦山地質環境保護規定), Production Safety Law of the PRC (中華人民共和國安全生產法) and Law of the PRC on Safety in Mines (中華人民共和國礦山安全法) etc. We have implemented and enforced a number of measures to ensure compliance of the regulatory requirements and our production safety and environmental protection. During the year ended 31 December 2016, there were no work-related fatalities. Lost days due to work injury were 868 days.

We also implemented policies or procedures for our key stakeholders, such as employees, customers and suppliers. Details are as following: Regular and irregular trainings are provided to every staff in different levels for their personal development as well as health and safety awareness. We implemented policy to manage, assess and maintain the relationship with key our auxiliary materials suppliers to avoid any interruption during our production process. We have a quality control policy in place to ensure that the quality of our concentrates meets the standard for acceptance by our customers. We did not receive any material complaints due to quality problems of our products during the year.

For detailed information, please refer to the Environmental, Social and Governance Report set out from pages 31 to 36 of this annual report.

## 38. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

At the date of this annual report, the Group did not have any significant events after the reporting period.

## 39. AUDITOR

A resolution to re-appoint the retiring auditor Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board

**Gao Mingqing**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 31 March 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Deloitte.**

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF  
WANGUO INTERNATIONAL MINING GROUP LIMITED  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

## **OPINION**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Wanguo International Mining Group Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) set out on pages 51 to 99, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2016, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSAs”) issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with HKICPA’s Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the “Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **KEY AUDIT MATTERS**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## KEY AUDIT MATTERS *(Continued)*

### Key audit matter

#### *Impairment assessment of mining assets of the Yifeng Projects*

We identified the impairment assessment of the mining assets, comprising principally property, plant and equipment, mining right and prepaid lease payments in relation to the mining projects in Yifeng, Jiangxi Province, the People's Republic of China ("Yifeng Projects"), as a key audit matter due to the significant degrees of judgement involved in determining the future revenues, which is dependent on future metal prices and a discount rate applied in the impairment assessment model.

As set out in note 5 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group's revenue dropped from RMB220,787,000 for the year ended 31 December 2015 to RMB206,875,000 for the current year.

As set out in note 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the aggregate carrying value of the mining assets of the Yifeng Projects was RMB457,027,000 as at 31 December 2016. Management's assessment of the recoverable amount of these assets as a single cash generating unit requires input of key parameters including the forecasted selling prices of metallic concentrates, growth rate and discount rate of the Yifeng Projects in its value in use calculation using the discounted cash flow model. Based on management's assessment, there is no impairment of the relevant mining assets for the year ended 31 December 2016.

### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our procedures in relation to impairment assessment of the mining assets of the Yifeng Projects included:

- Evaluating the reasonableness of the management's estimate of future revenue expected to arise from the Yifeng Projects with reference to the historical performance, estimated future metal prices, latest budgets of the Group approved by the management and our understanding of the economic outlook of the mining industry.
- Evaluating if management's estimate of future production volume is consistent with the reserve reports of external specialists.
- Evaluating the reasonableness of the discount rate applied in the impairment assessment model with reference to the market data derived externally, including the current market risk-free rate of interest and the entity-specific risk factors.
- Evaluating the accuracy of management's projection of future cash flows underlying the impairment assessment by comparing the historical estimates to the actual performance during the year.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSA's will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in the independent auditor's report is Chung Chi Man.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
Hong Kong  
31 March 2017

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Revenue	5	206,875	220,787
Cost of sales		(129,639)	(156,214)
Gross profit		77,236	64,573
Other income	6	1,586	2,084
Other gains and losses		178	808
Selling and distribution expenses		(2,865)	(2,429)
Administrative expenses		(30,402)	(27,004)
Finance costs	7	(12,707)	(10,747)
Profit before tax		33,026	27,285
Income tax expense	8	(11,054)	(10,712)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	9	21,972	16,573
Earnings per share			
Basic (RMB cents)	11	3.7	2.8

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	13	387,856	368,277
Mining right	14	16,889	7,723
Exploration and evaluation assets	15	10,642	18,900
Prepaid lease payments	16	61,111	62,486
Deposit for purchase of property, plant and equipment		3,129	568
Deposits for acquisition of subsidiaries	17	85,891	39,600
Deferred tax assets	18	2,960	2,805
Restricted bank balance	19	7,576	2,495
		<b>576,054</b>	<b>502,854</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Prepaid lease payments	16	1,377	1,377
Inventories	20	11,013	10,643
Trade and other receivables	21	18,910	23,130
Bank balances and cash	19		
– cash and cash equivalents		8,777	12,296
– restricted bank balance		32,750	–
		<b>72,827</b>	<b>47,446</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	22	37,613	39,231
Tax payable		8,153	6,565
Amounts due to shareholders	23	6,120	–
Consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	24	70,607	80,801
Secured bank borrowings	25	102,636	30,000
		<b>225,129</b>	<b>156,597</b>
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>(152,302)</b>	<b>(109,151)</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>423,752</b>	<b>393,703</b>

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	24	64,643	71,677
Secured bank borrowings	25	53,808	30,000
Deferred income	26	13,796	14,711
Deferred tax liabilities	18	750	1,100
Provisions	27	3,791	3,223
		<b>136,788</b>	<b>120,711</b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Share capital	28	48,955	48,955
Reserves		238,009	224,037
<b>EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY</b>		<b>286,964</b>	<b>272,992</b>
		<b>423,752</b>	<b>393,703</b>

The consolidated financial statements on pages 51 to 99 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 31 March 2017 and are signed on its behalf by:

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Gao Mingqing  
Director

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Gao Jinzhu  
Director

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Attributable to owners of the Company					Total RMB'000
	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000 (note a)	Statutory and surplus reserves RMB'000 (note b)	Retained profits RMB'000	
At 1 January 2015	48,955	94,418	71,005	47,234	10,807	272,419
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	–	–	16,573	16,573
Dividend recognised as distribution (note 12)	–	(16,000)	–	–	–	(16,000)
Transfers	–	–	–	8,789	(8,789)	–
At 31 December 2015	48,955	78,418	71,005	56,023	18,591	272,992
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	–	–	21,972	21,972
Dividend recognised as distribution (note 12)	–	(8,000)	–	–	–	(8,000)
Transfers	–	–	–	21,247	(21,247)	–
At 31 December 2016	48,955	70,418	71,005	77,270	19,316	286,964

Notes:

- (a) The capital reserve represents contributions from an equity participant in 2011.
- (b) The statutory reserve represents the appropriation of 10% of profit after taxation determined based on the relevant accounting rules and regulations of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") in accordance with the relevant PRC laws until the PRC statutory reserve reaches 50% of the registered capital of the relevant subsidiaries. The statutory reserve can be applied either to set off accumulated losses or to increase capital.

The surplus reserve represents further appropriation out of the retained profits of the PRC subsidiary for any amount approved by its board of directors after the appropriation to the statutory reserve.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before tax	33,026	27,285
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	23,249	20,109
Amortisation of mining right	1,067	453
Release of prepaid lease payments	1,375	1,253
Provision for restoration cost	568	530
Finance costs	12,707	10,747
Interest income	(104)	(185)
Investment income of structured deposits	–	(942)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	645	117
Release of deferred income	(1,228)	(912)
Exchange (gain) loss	(823)	17
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	70,482	58,472
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(370)	10,946
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	4,159	(12,335)
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	637	(4,180)
Cash generated from operations	74,908	52,903
Income taxes paid	(9,972)	(14,372)
<b>NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>64,936</b>	<b>38,531</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(47,237)	(31,889)
Deposit paid for acquisition of a subsidiary	(46,291)	(30,000)
Placement of restricted bank balances	(37,831)	(74)
Payment for evaluation and exploration assets	(2,214)	(6,951)
Interest received	104	185
Placement of structured deposits	–	(79,800)
Payment for land use right	–	(6,438)
Release of bank deposits with original maturity over three months	–	199
Redemption of structured deposits	–	114,434
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(133,469)</b>	<b>(40,334)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
New bank borrowing raised	126,444	60,000
Advance from shareholders	9,430	–
Government grants received	313	–
Repayment to shareholders	(3,310)	–
Interest paid	(7,467)	(2,046)
Dividend paid	(8,000)	(16,000)
Consideration paid for redemption of non-controlling interests	(22,468)	(16,000)
Repayment of bank borrowings	(30,000)	(49,318)
<b>NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>64,942</b>	<b>(23,364)</b>
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(3,591)</b>	<b>(25,167)</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>12,296</b>	<b>37,517</b>
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	72	(54)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR,</b> represented by bank balances and cash	<b>8,777</b>	<b>12,296</b>

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and its shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). Its ultimate controlling party is Mr. Gao Mingqing.

The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the corporate information section of the annual report.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Company’s principal subsidiary, Jiangxi Province Yifeng Wanguo Mining Company Ltd (“Yifeng Wanguo”), located in Jiangxi Province, PRC, is engaged in mining and processing of ores and sales of processed concentrates in the PRC. Details of the Company’s subsidiaries are set out in note 36.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), which is also the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. As at 31 December 2016, the Group’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by RMB152,302,000. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Company have reviewed the Group’s financial and liquidity position, and taken into consideration the loan facility of RMB600,000,000 obtained in prior years and working capital estimated to generate from operating activities. The directors of the Company believe that the Group will be able to meet its full financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future and, accordingly, have prepared the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

## 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”)

### Application of new and revised HKFRSs

The Group has applied the following amendments to the HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) for the first time in the current year.

Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2012 – 2014 Cycle
Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28	Investment Equities: Applying the Consolidation Exception
Amendments to HKFRS 11	Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations
Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure Initiative
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38	Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 41	Agriculture: Bearer Plants
Amendments to HKAS 27	Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

## 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

### Application of new and revised HKFRSs (Continued)

The adoption of the amendments to these amendments to the HKFRSs has had no material impact on the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements or disclosure set out in the consolidated financial statements.

### New and revised HKFRSs issued but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers and the related Amendments <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 16	Lease <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 2	Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 4	Applying HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments with HKFRS 4 Insurance Contracts <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 15	Clarifications to HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 7	Disclosure Initiative <sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses <sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined

<sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

<sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 or 1 January 2018, as appropriate

### HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments

HKFRS 9 issued in 2009 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. HKFRS 9 was subsequently amended in 2010 to include the requirements for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities and for derecognition, and in 2013 to include the new requirements for hedge accounting. Another revised version of HKFRS 9 was issued in 2014 mainly to include a) impairment requirement for financial assets and b) limited amendments to classification and measurement requirements by introducing a ‘fair value through other comprehensive income’ (FVTOCI) measurement category for certain simple debt instruments.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

## 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

### HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (Continued)

Key requirements of HKFRS 9 are described as follows:

- All recognised financial assets that are within the scope of HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement are subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value. Specifically, debt investments that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding are generally measured at amortised cost at the end of subsequent accounting periods. Debt instruments that are held within a business model whose objective is achieved both by collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets, and that have contractual terms that give rise on specified dates to cash flows that solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount of outstanding, are generally measured at FVTOCI. All other debt investments and equity investments are measured at their fair values at the end of subsequent reporting periods. In addition, under HKFRS 9, entities may make an irrevocable election to present subsequent changes in the fair value of an equity investment (that is not held for trading) in other comprehensive income, with only dividend income generally recognised in profit or loss.
- With regard to the measurement of financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss, HKFRS 9 requires that the amount of change in the fair value of the financial liability that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is presented in other comprehensive income, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability’s credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. Changes in fair value of financial liabilities attributable to changes in the financial liabilities’ credit risk are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss. Under HKAS 39, the entire amount of the change in the fair value of the financial liability designated as fair value through profit or loss was presented in profit or loss.
- In relation to the impairment of financial assets, HKFRS 9 requires an expected credit loss model, as opposed to an incurred credits loss model under HKAS 39. The expected credit loss model requires an entity to account for expected credit losses and changes in those expected credit losses at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition. In other words, it is no longer necessary for a credit event to have occurred before credit losses are recognised.
- The new general hedge accounting requirements retain the three types of hedge accounting. However, greater flexibility has been introduced to the types of transactions eligible for hedge accounting, specifically broadening the types of instruments that qualify for hedging instruments and the types of risk components of non-financial items that are eligible for hedge accounting. In addition, the retrospective quantitative effectiveness test has been removed. Enhanced disclosure requirements about an entity’s risk management activities have been also been introduced.

The directors anticipate that, based on the financial instruments of the Group as at 31 December 2016, the adoption of HKFRS 9 will have no material effect on the Group’s financial assets and financial liabilities.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2016

## 2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

### HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and the related Amendments

HKFRS 15 was issued which establishes a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. HKFRS 15 will supersede the current revenue recognition guidance including HKAS 18 *Revenue*, HKAS 11 *Construction Contracts* and the related Interpretations when it becomes effective.

The core principle of HKFRS 15 is that an entity should recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Specifically, the Standard introduces a 5-step approach to revenue recognition:

- Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer
- Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation

Under HKFRS 15, an entity recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when “control” of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer. Far more prescriptive guidance has been added in HKFRS 15 to deal with specific scenarios. Furthermore, extensive disclosures are required by HKFRS 15.

In 2016, the HKICPA issued Clarifications to HKFRS 15 in relation to the identification of performance obligations, principal versus agent consideration, as well as licensing application guidance.

Based on the current business model, the directors of the Company do not expect the adoption of HKFRS 15 would result in significant impact on the amounts reported on the Group’s consolidated financial statements in the future. However, there will be additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures upon the adoption of HKFRS 15.

Other than the above, the directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the other new and revised HKFRSs will have no material impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (“HKCO”).

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 *Share-based Payment*, leasing transactions that are within the scope of HKAS 17 *Lease*, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 *Inventories* or value in use in HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its investment with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassess whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

### **Basis of consolidation** *(Continued)*

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins with the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Company gains control until the date when the Company ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with Group's accounting policies.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured at fair value of consideration received or receivable. Revenue is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the goods are delivered and titles have passed, at which time all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Group has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the Group retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Group; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Interest income from a financial asset is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

### **Leasing**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Leasing (Continued)

#### The Group as lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

#### Leasehold land and building

Interest in leasehold land that is accounted for as an operating lease is presented as “prepaid lease payments” in the consolidated statement of financial position and is amortised over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

#### Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised in its functional currency (i.e. RMB) at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the translation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

#### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

#### Retirement benefit costs

Payments to the Mandatory Provident Fund schemes in Hong Kong and PRC state-managed retirement benefits schemes are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

#### Short-term and other long-term employee benefits

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave in the period that related services is rendered at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange of that service.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

### **Short-term and other long-term employee benefits** *(Continued)*

Liabilities recognised in respect of short-term employee benefits are measured at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange of that service.

Liabilities recognised in respect of other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by the employees up to the reporting date.

### **Taxation**

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before tax as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or tax deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax base used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary difference to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of the reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on tax rate (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

### **Taxation** *(Continued)*

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except when it relates to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

### **Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment including buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods, or for administrative purposes (other than construction in progress as described below) are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets (other than construction in progress) less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Construction in progress represents buildings and mining structures in the course of construction for production or for its own use purposes. Construction in progress is stated at cost less any identified impairment loss. Cost comprises construction expenditure and other direct costs attributable to such projects, if the amount of capital expenditures and the time involved to complete the construction are significant. Construction in progress is classified to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for intended use. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

### **Mining right**

Mining right with definite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment loss. Amortisation is provided using the unit of production method based on the actual production volume over the estimated total proven and probable reserves of the ore mine within the terms of licence.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

### **Exploration and evaluation assets**

All costs directly associated with exploration and evaluation are initially capitalised. Subsequent to initial recognition, exploration and evaluation assets are stated at cost less any accumulated impairment loss. Exploration and evaluation assets are those expenditures for an area where technical feasibility and commercial viability has not been determined. Exploration and evaluation assets include topographical and geological surveys, exploratory drilling, sampling and activities in relation to commercial and technical feasibility studies, and expenditure incurred to secure further mineralisation in existing ore bodies and to expand the capacity of a mine.

Expenditure incurred prior to acquiring legal rights to explore an area is written off as incurred. When the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting mineral resources become demonstrable, previously recognised exploration and evaluation assets are reclassified to intangible assets or property, plant and equipment. These assets are assessed for impairment annually and before reclassification.

### ***Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets***

The carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is reviewed annually and adjusted for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 whenever one of the following events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable (the list is not exhaustive):

- the period for which the Group has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the Group has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; or
- sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of costs and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated cost of completion and cost necessary to make the sale.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### **Impairment of tangible and intangible assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### **Financial assets**

Financial assets are classified as loans and receivables. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Financial instruments (Continued)

#### Financial assets (Continued)

##### Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Interest income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as at FVTPL, of which interest income is included in net gains or losses.

##### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables (including trade and other receivables, restricted bank balances, and bank balances and cash) are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any identified impairment (see accounting policy on impairment loss on the financial assets below).

##### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are considered to be impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets have been affected.

For financial assets, objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

For certain categories of financial assets, such as trade receivables, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are, in addition, assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the Group's past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period, observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss recognised is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### **Financial instruments** (Continued)

#### *Financial assets* (Continued)

##### *Impairment of financial assets* (Continued)

For financial assets carried at cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment loss will not be reversed in subsequent periods.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investments at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

#### *Financial liabilities and equity instruments*

Debt and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified either as financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

##### *Equity instruments*

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the group are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

##### *Other financial liabilities*

The Group's other financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, amounts due to shareholders, consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary and secured bank borrowings, are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

##### *Effective interest method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Interest expense is recognised on an effective interest basis.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Financial instruments (Continued)

#### Derecognition

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the assets expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for the amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liabilities derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as deferred income in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

#### Provision for restoration cost

The Group is required to make payments for restoration of the land after the underground sites have been mined. Provision for restoration cost is recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of past event, and it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation. Provision is measured in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations applicable in the PRC at the end of the reporting period, and using the cash flows forecast to estimate the present obligation, and is discounted to their present value where the effect is material.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the directors of the Company are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimate and underlying assumption is reviewed on an on-going basis. Revision to accounting estimate is recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year or in the period of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following is the key assumption concerning the future, and other key source of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### **Impairment assessment of mining assets of the Yifeng Projects**

The Group, through Yifeng Wanguo, owns the entire interests of certain mining projects in Yifeng, Jiangxi Province, the PRC, where underground mining was conducted. The existing mining projects in Yifeng and its surrounding areas has a substantial volume of non-ferrous polymetallic mineral resources (the "Yifeng Projects"). During the year, the Group noticed that most of the metals prices have been slipping downwards during the first three quarters but they showed the signs of recovery in the fourth quarter. The directors of the Company believed that such change was mainly due to the shortage of supply as a result of closures of some mines and cuts in capital spending in exploration by producers. The mining assets for the mining projects in Yifeng mainly include certain plant and equipment, mining right and prepaid lease payments on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position and are considered as a single cash generating unit for impairment assessment.

The management assessed the recoverable amounts of the mining assets of the Yifeng Projects based on a value in use calculation using discounted cash flow model in respect of the impairment assessment as at 31 December 2016 and estimates of future production volume and metallic resources of the Yifeng Projects with reference to reserve reports prepared by external specialists. Key assumptions applied in the impairment assessment model include forecasted selling prices of the metallic concentrates, the growth rate and a discount rate. As at 31 December 2016, the aggregate carrying value of the mining assets of the Yifeng Projects amounted to RMB457,027,000 (2015: RMB427,919,000). No impairment losses has been recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 December 2016 or 2015.

## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), being the executive directors of the Company, in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance.

The CODM reviews the overall results and financial position of the Group as a whole based on the same accounting policies as set out in note 3.

The Group operates in and all revenue is generated from the PRC. The Group's principal non-current assets are also located in the PRC.

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Revenue represents revenue arising on sales of processed concentrates of various metals. An analysis of the Group's revenue for the reporting period is as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Sales of processed concentrates		
– Copper concentrates	79,785	104,602
– Iron concentrates	39,410	44,125
– Zinc concentrates	30,721	19,512
– Sulfur concentrates	14,191	27,970
– Gold in copper concentrates	13,267	13,091
– Silver in copper and zinc concentrates	10,087	11,476
– Gold in lead concentrates	7,086	–
– Lead concentrates	5,761	–
– Silver in lead concentrates	5,384	–
– Copper in lead concentrates	1,183	–
– Indium in zinc concentrates	–	11
	<b>206,875</b>	<b>220,787</b>

### Information about major customers

Revenues from customers of the reporting periods contributing over 10% of the total sales of the Group are as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Customer A <sup>1</sup>	69,354	86,450
Customer B <sup>2</sup>	33,283	49,241

<sup>1</sup> Revenue for sales of copper, zinc, gold in copper concentrates and silver in copper and zinc concentrates

<sup>2</sup> Revenue for sales of copper, gold in copper concentrates and silver in copper concentrates

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## 6. OTHER INCOME

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Government grants:		
– Related to assets (note i)	1,228	912
– Others (note ii)	163	–
Bank interest income	104	185
Sales of tailings debris	–	900
Others	91	87
	<b>1,586</b>	<b>2,084</b>

Notes:

- i) Amount represents the amount granted by a municipal government in the PRC to Yifeng Wanguo for mining technology improvement and is released to profit or loss over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets resulting from the mining technology improvement (see note 26).
- ii) Amount primarily represents incentives received from a local governmental authority by Yifeng Wanguo as immediate financial support for fulfillment of, among other conditions, certain retention criteria of local employees as required by the relevant governmental authority, where no future related cost is expected to be incurred nor related to any assets.

## 7. FINANCE COSTS

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Interest on bank borrowings	7,467	2,046
Imputed interest expenses on consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	5,240	8,701
	<b>12,707</b>	<b>10,747</b>

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## 8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Current tax charge:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)		
– Current year	10,806	10,616
– Underprovision in prior years	153	–
	10,959	10,616
Deferred tax charge (note 18)		
– Current year	95	96
	11,054	10,712

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profit subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax during both years.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the “EIT Law”) and Implementation Regulation of EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiary was 25% during both years.

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit before tax per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows.

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Profit before tax	33,026	27,285
Tax at the EIT rate of 25%	8,257	6,821
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	1,843	3,220
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	–	(38)
Underprovision in respect of prior years	153	–
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	551	109
Withholding tax on distributable earnings of PRC subsidiary	250	600
Tax charge for the year	11,054	10,712

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## 9. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Directors' emoluments (note 10)	3,048	3,351
Other staff costs	22,007	23,280
Retirement benefit scheme contributions, excluding those of directors	1,743	1,383
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>26,798</b>	<b>28,014</b>
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	23,249	20,109
Amortisation of mining right	1,067	453
Release of prepaid lease payments	1,375	1,253
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>25,691</b>	<b>21,815</b>
Auditor's remuneration (including audit and non-audit services)	1,285	1,285
Minimum lease payments under operating leases in respect of properties	216	190
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	129,639	156,214
Exchange (gain) loss	(823)	17
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	645	117
Investment income from structured deposits	–	(942)

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## 10. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS, AND THE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

### (a) Directors

Directors' and chief executive's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and HKCO, is as follows:

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Name of directors	Fees RMB'000	Retirement benefit scheme contributions RMB'000	Other emoluments, mainly salaries and allowance RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Executive directors:				
Mr. Gao Mingqing	–	–	708	708
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	–	–	458	458
Mr. Xie Yaolin	–	9	556	565
Mr. Liu Zhichun	–	9	356	365
Non-executive directors:				
Mr. Li Kwok Ping	–	–	200	200
Mr. Lee Hung Yuen	–	–	200	200
Mr. Wen Baolin (resigned on 18 March 2016)	–	–	52	52
Independent and non-executive directors:				
Dr. Lu Jian Zhong	150	–	–	150
Mr. Qi Yang	150	–	–	150
Mr. Shen Peng	200	–	–	200
	500	18	2,530	3,048

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## 10. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS, AND THE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES (Continued)

### (a) Directors (Continued)

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Name of directors	Fees RMB'000	Retirement benefit scheme contributions RMB'000	Other emoluments, mainly salaries and allowance RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Executive directors:				
Mr. Gao Mingqing	–	–	695	695
Ms. Gao Jinzhu	–	–	445	445
Mr. Xie Yaolin	–	7	555	562
Mr. Liu Zhichun	–	7	355	362
Non-executive directors:				
Mr. Li Kwok Ping	–	–	200	200
Mr. Lee Hung Yuen	–	–	200	200
Mr. Wen Baolin	–	–	240	240
Independent and non-executive directors:				
Dr. Lu Jian Zhong	150	–	–	150
Mr. Qi Yang	150	–	–	150
Mr. Shen Peng	200	–	–	200
Mr. Li Hongchang (resigned on 22 December 2015)	147	–	–	147
	647	14	2,690	3,351

The executive directors' emoluments shown above were mainly for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

The non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were mainly for their services as directors of the Company or its subsidiaries.

The independent non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were mainly for their services as directors of the Company.

Mr. Gao Mingqing is the Chief Executive of the Company and his emoluments disclosed above include those for services rendered by him as the Chief Executive.

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## 10. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS, AND THE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES (Continued)

### (b) Emoluments of senior management

Of the five (2015: five) senior management of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016, four (2015: four) of them are directors of the Company and their remuneration has been disclosed in note 10 (a). The total emoluments of the remaining one (2015: one) senior management is as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Salaries, other allowances and benefit-in-kinds	756	710
Retirement benefits	16	15
	772	725

The emoluments of the above employee was within HK\$1,000,000 for both years.

### (c) Five highest paid employees

The five highest paid employees of the Group during the year included three (2015: four) directors and one (2015: one) senior management, detail of whose remuneration are set out in the disclosures in (a) and (b) above. Details of the remuneration for the year of the remaining one (2015: nil) highest paid employees who are neither a director nor senior management of the Company are as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Salaries, other allowances and benefit-in-kinds	372	–
Retirement benefits	16	–
	388	–

The emoluments of the above employee was within HK\$1,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2016.

During both years, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the directors of the Company or the five highest paid individuals (including directors, senior management and employees) as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. None of the directors waived any emoluments during both years.

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## 11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the following data:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Earnings:		
Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share (in RMB'000)	21,972	16,573
Number of shares:		
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share (in thousands)	600,000	600,000

No diluted earnings per share are presented as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue during both years.

## 12. DIVIDEND

During the reporting period, the Company recognised the following dividends as distribution:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 of RMB1.33 cents (2014: final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2014 of RMB2.67 cents) per share	8,000	16,000

No final dividend is recommended by the board of directors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2016.

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## 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Mining structures RMB'000	Buildings RMB'000	Machinery RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Electronic equipment RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>COST</b>							
At 1 January 2015	124,072	90,237	58,907	5,294	8,065	131,108	417,683
Effect of foreign currency exchange differences	-	518	1	-	33	-	552
Additions	-	-	631	-	38	48,226	48,895
Transfer	52,735	13,493	12,287	194	160	(78,869)	-
Disposals	-	(164)	(10)	-	-	-	(174)
At 31 December 2015	176,807	104,084	71,816	5,488	8,296	100,465	466,956
Effect of foreign currency exchange differences	-	601	9	-	38	-	648
Additions	161	-	162	50	388	42,167	42,928
Transfer	35,243	3,149	12,779	-	27	(51,198)	-
Disposals	-	(74)	(986)	-	-	-	(1,060)
At 31 December 2016	212,211	107,760	83,780	5,538	8,749	91,434	509,472
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>							
At 1 January 2015	34,840	13,626	23,096	3,189	3,807	-	78,558
Effect of foreign currency exchange differences	-	45	-	-	24	-	69
Provided for the year	7,242	4,296	5,597	860	2,114	-	20,109
Eliminated on disposals	-	(55)	(2)	-	-	-	(57)
At 31 December 2015	42,082	17,912	28,691	4,049	5,945	-	98,679
Effect of foreign currency exchange differences	-	72	-	-	31	-	103
Provided for the year	9,998	4,685	6,135	698	1,733	-	23,249
Eliminated on disposals	-	(23)	(392)	-	-	-	(415)
At 31 December 2016	52,080	22,646	34,434	4,747	7,709	-	121,616
<b>CARRYING VALUES</b>							
At 31 December 2016	160,131	85,114	49,346	791	1,040	91,434	387,856
At 31 December 2015	134,725	86,172	43,125	1,439	2,351	100,465	368,277

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## 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

An analysis of the carrying values of the buildings is as below:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
In Hong Kong	8,242	8,013
Outside Hong Kong	76,872	78,159
	85,114	86,172

The above items of property, plant and equipment other than construction in progress are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following estimated useful lives:

Mining structures	8 – 20 years
Buildings	20 – 30 years
Machinery	5 – 10 years
Motor vehicles	4 – 5 years
Electronic equipment	3 – 5 years

Details of the property, plant and equipment pledged to banks to secure loan facilities granted to the Group is set out in note 29.

## 14. MINING RIGHT

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
<b>COST</b>		
At beginning of the year	12,000	12,000
Transfer from exploration and evaluation assets	10,233	–
At end of the year	22,233	12,000
<b>AMORTISATION</b>		
At beginning of the year	4,277	3,824
Provided for the year	1,067	453
At end of the year	5,344	4,277
<b>CARRYING VALUES</b>	<b>16,889</b>	<b>7,723</b>

As at 31 December 2016 and 2015, the mining right was pledged to a bank to secure loan facilities granted to the Group as set out in note 29.

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## 14. MINING RIGHT *(Continued)*

The mining right represents the right to conduct mining activities in the Jiangxi Province, the PRC, and has legal lives of twenty-six years.

Exploration and evaluation assets amounting to RMB10,233,000 in respect of a mining project located in Jiangxi Province, the PRC, became demonstrable and reached the development phase in current year, and were transferred to mining right above.

The mining right is amortised using the unit of production method based on the actual production volume over the estimated total proven and probable reserves of the ore mine within the terms of licence. The extension of the mining period and the enlargement of the annual production limit as mentioned above may change the total proven and probable reserves of the ore mine over the terms of the licenced period.

## 15. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

The exploration and evaluation assets represent all costs directly associated with exploration and evaluation and are initially capitalised. The exploration and evaluation activities are in the area of Yifeng, Jiangxi Province, the PRC, which is the principal place of business of Yifeng Wanguo; and in the areas of the Balcooma District and the Einasleigh District, Australia, which is the principal place of business of a subsidiary incorporated in Australia. As set out in note 14, the exploration and evaluation assets in Yifeng have been reclassified as mining right during this year.

## 16. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

The prepaid lease payments represent land use rights in the PRC held under medium-term leases of 50 years and are analysed for reporting purposes as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Current portion	1,377	1,377
Non-current portion	61,111	62,486
	62,488	63,863

Details of the prepaid lease payments pledged to banks to secure loan facilities granted to the Group is set out in note 29.

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## 17. DEPOSITS FOR ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Deposits paid for acquisitions of:		
Xizang Changdu (note i)	81,783	39,600
A gold company overseas (note ii)	4,108	–
	85,891	39,600

Notes:

- (i) On 26 October 2013, Yifeng Wanguo entered into a framework agreement in relation to a possible acquisition from three individuals (including Mr. Wen Baolin, a non-executive director of the Company, and two individuals who are independent third parties not connected with the Group. The three individuals are collectively referred to as the “Vendors”) for 51% equity interest in Xizang Changdu-County Dadi Mining Company Limited (“Xizang Changdu”), which owns the exploration right of a lead mine in Walege of the Changdu County, Tibet Autonomous Region, the PRC.

On 16 May 2014, Yifeng Wanguo and another wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Taylor Investment International Limited (“HK Taylor”), entered into two acquisition agreements with the Vendors for the acquisition of 51% equity interest in Xizang Changdu for an aggregate consideration of RMB239,700,000 (the “Acquisition Agreements”). As at 31 December 2014, refundable deposits of RMB9,600,000 have been paid to the Vendors.

The Vendors have not yet fulfilled the conditions precedent of the Acquisition Agreements, including, among other conditions, obtaining proper consents and approvals of the transfer of the mining right, in various local government bureaus, before 30 September 2014, as specified in those agreements.

On 8 October 2015, the Group and each of the Vendors, upon negotiation and mediation by the Changsha Arbitration Commission, conditionally agreed to amend the Acquisition Agreements including, among other conditions, reduction of the consideration to be settled and amendment of the dates of payments. The aggregate consideration for the two Acquisition Agreements under the amended terms has been reduced to RMB194,958,000.

During the year ended 31 December 2015, the Group further paid deposits amounting to RMB30,000,000 to the Vendors. As at 31 December 2015, the aggregate balance of the refundable deposits amounted to RMB39,600,000.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, the Group further paid deposits amounting to RMB42,183,000 to the Vendors. As at 31 December 2016, the aggregate balance of the refundable deposits amounted to RMB81,783,000.

The Group expected that the acquisition should have been completed no later than the end of 2016. However, a new regulation was issued by Ministry of Commerce in Xizang (西藏商務廳), which came into force during the fourth quarter of 2016, requiring certain types of foreign-invested enterprises to obtain pre-approval from the relevant military region before proceeding to the registration with the local branch of the Ministry of Commerce and the Administration for Industry and Commerce respectively in the relevant district. Accordingly, registration of the acquisition has not been completed, pending the obtaining of such pre-approval. The Group considers that it is a normal procedure for Xizang Autonomous Region to conduct the security check on the background of foreign-invested enterprise and its management staff. Taking into account the likely processing time for obtaining such pre-approval, the Group expects that the completion date of the acquisition under the amended terms shall be no later than the end of the second quarter of 2017.

Up to the date these consolidated financial statements are approved for issuance, this transaction has not yet been completed.

- (ii) During the current year, the Group paid a deposit of RMB4,108,000 to the vendor pursuant to non-legally binding investment framework agreement under which the Group proposed to acquire certain equity interests in a gold mine company overseas.

Up to the date these consolidated financial statements are approved for issuance, this transaction has not yet been completed.

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## 18. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following is an analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purposes:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Deferred tax assets	2,960	2,805
Deferred tax liabilities	(750)	(1,100)
	<b>2,210</b>	<b>1,705</b>

The following are the major deferred tax assets (liabilities) recognised and movements thereon during both years:

	Undistributed earnings of PRC subsidiary RMB'000	Restoration cost and other provisions RMB'000	Government subsidy RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2015	(2,300)	811	1,490	1
(Charge) credit to profit or loss	(600)	69	435	(96)
Settlements of withholding income tax relating to earnings of the PRC subsidiary	1,800	–	–	1,800
At 31 December 2015	(1,100)	880	1,925	1,705
(Charge) credit to profit or loss	(250)	142	13	(95)
Settlements of withholding income tax relating to earnings of the PRC subsidiary	600	–	–	600
At 31 December 2016	(750)	1,022	1,938	2,210

From 1 January 2008, pursuant to the EIT Law and its detailed implementation rules, dividend distributed out of the profit generated thereafter shall be subject to EIT at 10% and withheld by the PRC entity. By the Tax Arrangement for Avoidance of Double Taxation between China and Hong Kong, a Hong Kong resident company should be entitled to a preferential tax rate of 5% when receiving dividend from its investee in the PRC if such investor is the beneficial owner of the PRC entity of over 25% interest. HK Taylor, which was incorporated in Hong Kong and owns the entire equity interest of the Group's subsidiary in the PRC, enjoys the preferential tax rate aforementioned. Accordingly, deferred taxation has been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in respect of the expected dividend stream from Yifeng Wanguo with the applicable tax rate of 5%.

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## 19. RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES/BANK BALANCES AND CASH

The restricted bank balances carry interest at a fixed rate of 3.0% (2015: 3.0%) per annum. They represent the guarantee deposits in specified accounts which are restricted for the usage for restoration of the land upon closure of mines.

The bank balances and cash carry interest at market rates as follows:

	2016 %	2015 %
Range of interest rates (per annum)	0.00 to 3.00	0.00 to 3.00

The bank balances and cash that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the relevant group entities are set out below:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
HK\$	547	199
AUS\$	109	1,075

## 20. INVENTORIES

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Mining products		
– Raw materials	7,625	7,089
– Work-in-progress	384	1,870
– Finished goods	3,004	1,684
	11,013	10,643

## 21. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Trade and bills receivables	2,609	9,468
Prepayments	12,909	12,234
Other receivables	3,392	1,428
	16,301	13,662
Total	18,910	23,130

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## 21. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The Group grants a credit period of up to 60 days to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade and bills receivables presented based on the invoice dates at the end of the reporting period, which approximated the revenue recognition dates, as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
1 – 30 days	2,609	7,272
31 – 60 days	–	2,196
	2,609	9,468

Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines its credit limits based on the findings from background search of the customer. The trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired are mainly due from those customers who have long-term relationship with the Group and good payment history.

No trade receivables are past due as at the end of the reporting period.

The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

As at 31 December 2016, included in trade receivables was an amount of RMB104,000 (2015: nil) due from a related party, as set out in note 33(a).

## 22. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Trade payables	7,440	6,901
Advance from customers	4,495	2,646
Value-added tax, resource tax and other tax payables	9,912	11,634
Other payables for construction in progress and property, plant and equipment	12,330	14,077
Other payables for evaluation and exploration assets	304	811
Accrued expenses	3,132	3,162
	30,173	32,330
	37,613	39,231

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## 22. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The aged analysis of trade payables, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period, is as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
1 – 30 days	5,343	3,583
31 – 60 days	1,119	1,443
61 – 90 days	–	659
91 – 180 days	414	596
Over 180 days	564	620
	7,440	6,901

As at 31 December 2016, included in the trade payable was Nil (2015: RMB559,000) due to a related party, as set out in note 33(a).

## 23. AMOUNT DUE TO SHAREHOLDERS

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Victor Soar Investments Limited (“Victor Soar”) (note i)	3,365	–
Achieve Ample Investments Limited (“Achieve Ample”) (note ii)	2,755	–
	6,120	–

All of the amounts above are denominated in HK\$, non-trade in nature, interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

Notes:

- (i) Victor Soar held approximately 50.25% of the issued share capital of the Company and is wholly owned and controlled by Mr. Gao Mingqing.
- (ii) Achieve Ample held approximately 24.75% of the issued share capital of the Company and is wholly owned and controlled by Ms. Gao Jinzhu.

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## 24. CONSIDERATION PAYABLE TO A FORMER NON-CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 3 March 2012, Yifeng Wanguo, West-Jiangxi of the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Exploration of Jiangxi Province (“West-Jiangxi Brigade”) and HK Taylor entered into a capital reduction agreement (the “Capital Reduction Agreement”) pursuant to which, among other things, West-Jiangxi Brigade shall redeem all of its 12% equity investment in Yifeng Wanguo for a consideration of RMB207,872,000. According to the Capital Reduction Agreement, the consideration shall be payable by Yifeng Wanguo to West-Jiangxi Brigade by instalments set out below:

- (i) RMB6,000,000 within five working days after the completion of the Capital Reduction Agreement;
- (ii) RMB6,000,000 in December of the year in which the completion of the Capital Reduction Agreement took place and the year thereafter, respectively;
- (iii) RMB20,000,000 in December of the second year after the year in which the completion of the Capital Reduction Agreement took place; and
- (iv) RMB42,468,000 in December of each of the third year to the sixth year after the year in which the completion of the Capital Reduction Agreement took place.

The Capital Reduction Agreement was approved by the relevant PRC government authorities on 23 April 2012. Upon the approval of the Capital Reduction Agreement and the completion of registration with the relevant authorities in the PRC, Yifeng Wanguo became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company on 27 April 2012.

As a result, the Group has recorded a liability of RMB153,584,000, which is the present value of the total consideration discounted at 7.05% payable by Yifeng Wanguo to West-Jiangxi Brigade as at the date of the completion of the transaction.

During the year ended 31 December 2015, an amount of RMB42,468,000 fall due in that year was agreed to be extended to 2017.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, another amount of RMB42,468,000 fall due in the year is agreed to be extended to 2018.

At the end of the reporting period, the carrying amount of consideration payable is repayable as below:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
– Within one year	70,607	80,801
– More than one year, but not exceeding two years	64,643	37,059
– More than two years, but not exceeding five years	–	34,618
	135,250	152,478
Less: amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	(70,607)	(80,801)
Amount shown under non-current liabilities	64,643	71,677

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## 25. SECURED BANK BORROWINGS

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Secured bank borrowings, at:		
– fixed rate	126,444	30,000
– floating rate	30,000	30,000
	<b>156,444</b>	<b>60,000</b>
The carrying amounts of the above borrowing are repayable:		
– within one year	102,636	30,000
– within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	32,100	9,600
– within a period of more than two years but not exceeding five years	21,708	20,400
	<b>156,444</b>	<b>60,000</b>
Less: amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	<b>(102,636)</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>
Amount shown under non-current liabilities	<b>53,808</b>	<b>30,000</b>

The Group's floating-rate borrowings are mainly subject to interest at RMB Benchmark Loan Rates issued by the People's Bank of China. Interest is reset every year.

The effective interest rates on the Group's borrowings are as follows:

	2016 %	2015 %
Effective interest rate (per annum)	<b>5.15 to 6.50</b>	5.89 to 6.50

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## 26. DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income represents government grants received by Yifeng Wanguo from the Yifeng Finance Bureau for mining technology improvement.

The deferred income is released to income over the expected useful life of the relevant assets resulting from the mining technology improvement. Movements of deferred income during the year are as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Government grant related to assets:		
At the beginning of the year	14,711	15,623
Additions	313	–
Released to profit or loss	(1,228)	(912)
At the end of the year	13,796	14,711

## 27. PROVISIONS

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	3,223	2,693
Provisions	568	530
At end of the year	3,791	3,223

In accordance with relevant PRC rules and regulations, the Group is obliged to restore the land upon closure of the mines. The Group provided the cost for restoration for its present obligation.

The provision for restoration costs has been determined by the directors based on their best estimates. The directors estimated this liability for restoration upon the closure of the mines based on detailed calculations of the amount and timing of future cash flows spending for a third party to perform the required work of restoration, including material cost and labour cost, escalated for inflation, then discounted at a discount rate of 7.05% that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability, such that the provision reflects the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation.

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## 28. SHARE CAPITAL

Details of share capital of the Company are as follow:

	Number of shares '000	Share capital HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each		
<b>Authorised:</b>		
At 1 January 2015, 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016	1,000,000	100,000
<b>Issued:</b>		
At 1 January 2015, 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016	600,000	60,000
		<b>RMB'000</b>
Shown in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 1 January 2015, 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016		48,955

## 29. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the following assets were pledged to banks for loan facilities granted to the Group:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment	45,469	48,158
Prepaid lease payments	27,327	–
Mining right	16,889	7,723
	<b>89,685</b>	55,881

In addition to the above, the entire shareholding of the PRC subsidiary as at 31 December 2016 was also pledged to a bank for a bank facility provided to the Group.

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## 30. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements in respect of acquisition of land use right and property plant and equipment	9,295	17,084
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements in respect of acquisition of 51% equity interest in Xizang Changdu (see note 17)	113,175	155,358
	122,470	172,442

## 31. LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Within one year	180	210
In the second to fifth years	–	175
	180	385

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for provision of housing premises to certain of its directors. Leases are negotiated for an average term of two years and rentals are fixed for an average of two years.

## 32. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all qualifying employees in Hong Kong. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group, in funds under the control of trustees. The Group contributes 5% of relevant payroll costs (with a cap in accordance with the statutory requirements) to the scheme, which contribution is matched by employees.

The Group participates in a state-managed defined contribution retirement scheme organised by the relevant local government authorities in the PRC. PRC employees of the Group eligible to participate in the retirement scheme are entitled to retirement benefits from the scheme. The Group is required to make monthly contributions to the retirement scheme of the eligible employees at specified percentage, ranging from 12% to 20%, of the payroll and the local government authority is responsible for the pension liabilities to these employees upon their retirement.

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## 33. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### (a) Related party transactions and balances

During the years end 31 December 2016 and 2015, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Advance from Victor Soar	6,675	–
Advance from Achieve Ample	2,755	–
Sales to Fujian Jianyang Wanguo Electric Appliance Co., Ltd. (“Jianyang Wanguo”)	1,804	–
Sales to Shanghai Wanhe Trading Limited (“Shanghai Wanhe”)	952	2,044
	12,186	2,044

The following balances were outstanding at the end of the reporting period:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Amount due to Victor Soar	3,365	–
Amount due to Achieve Ample	2,755	–
Amount due from Jianyang Wanguo (included in trade receivables)	104	–
Advance from Shanghai Wanhe (included in trade payables)	–	559
	6,224	559

Jianyang Wanguo is owned as to 98.9% and controlled by Mr. Gao Mingqing.

Shanghai Wanhe was owned as to 51.1% by Ms. Gao Jinzhu. The relevant equity interest has been transferred to independent third-parties by Ms. Gao Jinzhu on 8 July 2016.

In addition, certain of the Group's borrowing as set out in note 25 as at 31 December 2016 were personally guaranteed by Mr. Gao Mingqing and Ms. Gao Jinzhu.

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## 33. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

### (b) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors of the company and other key management personnel during the year were as follows:

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Fees, salaries and other allowances	3,786	4,047
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	34	29
	<b>3,820</b>	<b>4,076</b>

The remuneration of directors and key executives is determined having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

## 34. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to owners through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debts, which include secured bank borrowings, and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital and various reserves.

The directors review the capital structure regularly. As part of this review, the directors consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issue and the issue of new debt or the repayment of existing debt.

## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### (a) Categories of financial instruments

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
Financial assets:		
Loans and receivables (including cash and cash equivalents)	55,104	25,687
Financial liabilities:		
Amortised cost	317,888	234,267

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## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade and other receivables, bank balances and cash, restricted bank balances, trade and other payables, consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary, amount due to shareholders and secured bank borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risks (currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

#### Market risk

##### (i) Currency risk

The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries is RMB since all of the Group's revenue is derived from operations in the PRC and denominated in RMB.

The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk related primarily to certain bank balances and other receivables maintained in HK\$ and AU\$.

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currencies denominated monetary assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

#### Assets

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
HK\$	598	247
AU\$	109	1,160

#### Liabilities

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
HK\$	6,120	–

#### Sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2015: 5%) increase or decrease in RMB against HK\$ or AU\$. 5% (2015: 5%) represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis adjusts their translation at the year end for a 5% (2015: 5%) change in foreign currency rates.

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## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

#### (i) Currency risk (Continued)

#### Sensitivity analysis (Continued)

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
HK\$ impact:		
5% increase in the value of the functional currency RMB (Decrease) increase in post-tax profit for the year	(207)	9
5% decrease in the value of the functional currency RMB Increase (decrease) in post-tax profit for the year	207	(9)
AU\$ impact:		
5% increase in the value of the functional currency RMB Increase (decrease) in post-tax profit for the year	4	43
5% decrease in the value of the functional currency RMB (Decrease) increase post-tax profit for the year	(4)	(43)

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is not necessarily representative of the inherent foreign exchange risk as the year end exposure does not reflect the exposure during the year.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances (note 19) and secured bank borrowings (note 25).

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk on its bank balances is limited because these balances carry interest at prevailing rates and they are of short maturity.

The Group's exposures to interest rates on secured bank borrowings are detailed in the liquidity risk management section of this note. The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly concentrated on the fluctuations of People's Bank of China RMB Benchmark Loan Rates and Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate arising from the Group's RMB denominated borrowings and HK\$ denominated borrowings, respectively.

The Group currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy in relation to fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The directors monitor the Group's exposure on an on-going basis and will consider hedging the interest rate should the need arise.

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## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### *Market risk (Continued)*

#### (ii) *Interest rate risk (Continued)*

##### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for bank balances and secured bank borrowings at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is prepared assuming the amount outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. 50 basis points increase or 50 basis points decrease (2015: 50 basis points increase or decrease) represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points (2015: 50 basis points) higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2016 would decrease/increase by RMB403,000 (2015: RMB170,000).

#### *Credit risk*

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The Group has concentration of credit risk in respect of trade receivables with 79% of total trade receivables as at 31 December 2016 (2015: 65%) was due from one customer.

In order to minimise the credit risk, the Group's current credit practices include assessment and evaluation of customers' credit reliability and periodically review of their financial status to determine credit limit to be granted. The Group has been exploring new customers in order to reduce the concentration of credit risk.

The credit risk of the Group on the deposit paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment and land use right are limited because the majority of the counterparties are the local government authorities.

The credit risk of the Group on liquid funds is limited because the majority of the counterparties are international banks and state-owned banks with good reputation.

#### *Liquidity risk*

The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

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## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Liquidity risk (Continued)

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the management of the Group has given careful consideration to the liquidity of the Group in light of the fact that the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately RMB152,302,000 as at 31 December 2016, and have been taking steps to improve the liquidity of the Group. In prior years, the Group has also been granted with loan facilities of RMB600,000,000 to enable it to satisfy its existing liabilities as and when they fall due and the Group's future expansion for the foreseeable future. The directors of the Company consider the Group's liquidity risk is minimal.

#### Liquidity tables

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date, which is also the agreed repayment date, on which the Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate curve at the end of the reporting period.

The amounts included above for variable rate instruments for non-derivative financial liabilities are subject to change if changes in variable rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	On demand/ less than 3 months RMB'000	3 months to 1 year RMB'000	1 -5 years RMB'000	Total undiscounted cash flow RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
<b>As at 31 December 2016</b>						
<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	–	15,179	4,882	13	20,074	20,074
Amounts due to shareholders	–	6,120	–	–	6,120	6,120
Consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	7.05	10,000	64,468	72,936	147,404	135,250
Secured bank borrowings						
– fixed rate	6.03	–	74,635	59,717	134,352	126,444
– floating rate	5.22	–	30,481	–	30,481	30,000
		31,299	174,466	132,666	338,431	317,888
<b>As at 31 December 2015</b>						
<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	–	9,518	12,271	–	21,789	21,789
Consideration payable to a former non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	7.05	22,468	62,468	84,936	169,872	152,478
Secured bank borrowings						
– fixed rate	6.50	–	–	34,491	34,491	30,000
– floating rate	5.89	–	30,764	–	30,764	30,000
		31,986	105,503	119,427	256,916	234,267

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## 35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

### (c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments that are recorded at amortised cost

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

## 36. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Details of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment/ operation	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Equity interest attributable to		Principal activities
			the Group 2016	2015	
<i>Directly owned</i>					
Multinational International Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$50,000	100%	100%	Investment holding
<i>Indirectly owned</i>					
HK Taylor	Hong Kong	HK\$86,900,000	100%	100%	Investment holding
Yifeng Wanguo (note)	The PRC	RMB268,990,000	100%	100%	Mining and processing of ores and sales of processed concentrates
Wanguo Australia International Group PTY Ltd.	Australia	AUS\$1,000	100%	100%	Exploration of mineral resources

Note: It was a sino-foreign equity joint venture enterprise with limited liability, and became a wholly foreign owned enterprise since 27 April 2012.

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the reporting period or at any time during both years.

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## 37. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Interest in a subsidiary	1	1
Amount due from a subsidiary	103,979	99,115
Deposits for acquisition of a subsidiary	4,108	–
	<b>108,088</b>	99,116
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Other receivables and prepayments	1,122	1,173
Bank balances and cash	9	82
	<b>1,131</b>	1,255
<b>CURRENT LIABILITY</b>		
Amount due to shareholders	5,761	–
<b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) ASSETS</b>	<b>(4,630)</b>	1,255
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>103,458</b>	100,371
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Share capital	48,955	48,955
Reserves	54,503	51,416
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>103,458</b>	100,371

Movement in reserves:

	Share premium RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2015	94,418	(37,288)	57,130
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	10,286	10,286
Dividend recognised as distribution	(16,000)	-	(16,000)
At 31 December 2015	78,418	(27,002)	51,416
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	11,087	11,087
Dividend recognised as distribution	(8,000)	-	(8,000)
At 31 December 2016	70,418	(15,915)	54,503

# SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## RESULTS

	For the year ended 31 December				
	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000	2014 RMB'000	2013 RMB'000	2012 RMB'000
Revenue	206,875	220,787	219,163	261,438	293,634
Profit before tax	33,026	27,285	39,178	95,053	86,143
Income tax expenses	(11,054)	(10,712)	(15,131)	(28,732)	(22,145)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	21,972	16,573	24,047	66,321	63,998
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	21,972	16,573	24,047	66,321	60,229

	As at 31 December				
	2016 RMB'000	2015 RMB'000	2014 RMB'000	2013 RMB'000	2012 RMB'000
Non-current assets	576,054	502,854	440,157	391,626	276,577
Current assets	72,827	47,446	104,439	158,893	237,588
Current liabilities	(225,129)	(156,597)	(138,456)	(86,204)	(59,812)
Total assets less current liabilities	423,752	393,703	406,140	464,315	454,353
Non-current liabilities	(136,788)	(120,711)	(133,721)	(172,143)	(188,302)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	286,964	272,992	272,419	292,172	266,051