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Financial Highlights

Financial Highlights (in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)	For the six months ended 30 June		Growth %
	2017	2016	
Revenue	982,722	1,210,957	(18.8%)
Gross profit	165,827	238,170	(30.4%)
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	36,716	79,332	(53.7%)
Earnings per share			
— Basic (RMB)	0.05	0.10	(53.7%)
— Diluted (RMB)	0.04	0.10	(56.7%)
EBITDA	188,705	255,074	(26.0%)

	As at		
	30 June 2017	31 December 2016	
Total equity	2,265,423	2,228,707	1.6%
Net asset per share (RMB)	2.82	2.78	1.6%

Management Discussion and Analysis

During the first half of 2017, the overall domestic economic situation rebounded steadily in the second half of last year and the economic operation remained in a reasonable range. Under the influence of changes in the domestic and international economic situation, the Group has adjusted its strategies and actively responded to market changes according to the situation.

During the period under review, revenue of the Group was approximately RMB982.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately 18.8% from the revenue of approximately RMB1,211.0 million for the corresponding period in 2016. Gross profit decreased by 30.4% to approximately RMB165.8 million from the same period in 2016. During the six months ended 30 June 2017, net profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company and the basic earnings per share were approximately RMB36.7 million and RMB0.05, respectively, both representing a decrease of approximately 53.7% as compared with the corresponding period in 2016.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the first half of 2017, sales revenue from the Group's eco-friendly bleaching and disinfectant chemicals amounted to approximately RMB598.4 million, representing a decrease of 17.6% as compared with sales revenue of approximately RMB726.1 million for the first half of 2016. The percentage of revenue attributable to eco-friendly bleaching and disinfectant chemicals increased from approximately 60.0% for the first half of 2016 to approximately 60.9% for the first half of 2017. Revenue from sales of other chemicals was approximately RMB384.3 million for the first half of 2017, representing a decrease of approximately 20.7% as compared with that of approximately RMB484.9 million for the first half of 2016. The percentage of revenue attributable to other chemicals dropped from approximately 40.0% for the first half of 2016 to approximately 39.1% for the first half of 2017.

During the first half of 2017, the decrease of the sales revenue of the Group was mainly attributable to the decrease in sales volumes in our main products, namely bleaching and disinfectant chemicals and other special chemical products, by 18% and 26% respectively as compared with that during the first half of 2016 due to market reasons.

Our gross profit decreased by approximately RMB72.4 million or 30.4% to RMB165.8 million for the period under review from RMB238.2 million for the corresponding period in 2016. The overall gross margin decreased from 19.7% for the six months ended 30 June 2016 to 16.9% for the six months ended 30 June 2017, which was primarily due to (i) the decrease in sales volume of sodium chlorate, hydrogen peroxide, and foaming agent due to the weak market condition; and (ii) the increase of unit cost which stems from the increased price of raw materials and purchased products and the decrease in quantity outputs.

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As a result of the foregoing factors, profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company decreased by approximately 53.7% to RMB36.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB79.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

The Group persisted in technological innovation for the period under review and achieved positive effects in technology research and development areas. "Calcium Carbide Furnace Emission, Electrolysis and Purification of Emission by Sodium Salt and Development of Comprehensive Utilization Technology" (《電石爐尾氣、鈉鹽電解尾氣淨化及綜合利用技術開發》) of Sichuan Minjiang Snow Salt Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, was awarded the second prize of Sichuan Province Scientific and Technological Progress by the People's Government of Sichuan; "Study and Application of Barium-free Technology in the Process of Producing Sodium Chlorate from Industrial Salt" (《工業鹽制備氯酸鈉工藝中的無鋇技術研究及應用》) was awarded the first prize of Scientific and Technological Progress by the People's Government of Ngawa Prefecture; both "Study of the Electrolysis and Purification of Emission by Sodium Chlorate and the Comprehensive Utilization of Waste Heat Technology" (《氯酸鈉電解尾氣淨化餘熱綜合利用技術研究》) and "Study and Application of the Technology and Equipment of the Reuse of Chlorine in the Electrolysis of Emission by Sodium Chlorate" (《氯酸鈉電解尾氣中氯氣回用技術及裝置研究與應用》) were awarded the third prize of Scientific and Technological Progress by the People's Government of Ngawa Prefecture. In addition, the Group was also awarded the 2017 Top Ten Credible Suppliers of Hydrogen Peroxide Industry.

FUTURE PROSPECT

In 2017, the Group has been in eco-friendly chemical industry for 59 years and after 59 years of ups and downs, the Group has been experienced in development and cultivated a senior management team with professional quality. In the past few years, the Group responded to all kinds of challenges with various strategies.

Having experienced the market volatility in the first half of 2017, the Group will further monitor the whole process of the production activities at all production bases in the second half of 2017, ensure eco-friendly and safe production, and put more efforts in research and development to promote the development and upgrading of production technology and improve production efficiency. In addition, the Group will adopt the strategy of focusing on the main business to increase gross margin and net profit levels and to continue bringing satisfactory returns to the majority of shareholders.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Revenue for the period under review was approximately RMB982.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB228.3 million or 18.8% from approximately RMB1,211.0 million for the corresponding period in 2016. The decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in the sales of bleaching and disinfectant chemicals and other chemical products during the period.

The table below sets out our revenue by product groups for the period under review:

	For the six months ended 30 June			
	2017		2016	
	Amount	% of Revenue	Amount	% of Revenue
Revenue (RMB'000)				
Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals	598,376	60.9%	726,098	60.0%
Other chemical products	384,346	39.1%	484,859	40.0%
Total	982,722	100.0%	1,210,957	100.0%

Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals

This segment mainly consists of sodium chlorate and hydrogen peroxide. Sodium chlorate and hydrogen peroxide are the principal chemicals used in the elemental chlorine free ("ECF") and total chlorine free ("TCF") pulp bleaching process by our downstream customers, respectively.

During the period under review, the total revenue for the bleaching and disinfectant chemicals was approximately RMB598.4 million, representing a decrease of approximately 17.6% or RMB127.7 million from the corresponding period in 2016. The decrease in revenue was mainly attributable to the decrease in sales volume of sodium chlorate and hydrogen peroxide due to the weak market condition during the period.

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Other chemical products

This segment mainly consists of basic and modified grades of foaming agent, potassium chlorate, sodium perchlorate, potassium perchlorate, caustic soda, biurea and others.

During the period under review, the total revenue for the other chemical products was approximately RMB384.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately 20.7% or RMB100.5 million from the corresponding period in 2016. The decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in sales volume of foaming agent due to the weak market condition during the period.

Cost of sales

Our cost of sales primarily consists of cost of materials (including the raw materials used and changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress), electricity and other utility fees, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, employee benefit expenses, transportation and related charges, repairs and maintenance, taxes and levies on main operations, office and entertainment expenses, traveling expenses and other expenses. Cost of raw materials including foaming agent sourced from third parties, is the largest component of our cost of sales, representing approximately 57.7% and 62.7% of our total cost of sales for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016, respectively.

During the period under review, our cost of sales decreased by approximately RMB155.9 million or 16.0% to RMB816.9 million from RMB972.8 million in the corresponding period in 2016, which was primarily due to the decrease in sales volume of sodium chlorate, hydrogen peroxide, and foaming agent during the period. The percentage for cost of sales to revenue was 83.1% and 80.3% for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Gross profit and gross margin

Our gross profit decreased by approximately RMB72.4 million or 30.4% to RMB165.8 million for the period under review from RMB238.2 million for the corresponding period last year. The overall gross margin decreased from approximately 19.7% for the six months ended 30 June 2016 to approximately 16.9% for the six months ended 30 June 2017, which was primarily due to (i) the decrease in sales volume of sodium chlorate, hydrogen peroxide, and foaming agent due to the weak market condition; and (ii) the increase of unit cost which stems from the increased price of raw materials and purchased products and the decrease in quantity outputs.

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The table below sets out our gross margins by product groups for the period under review:

Gross margin (%)	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2017	2016	Change
Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals	16.9%	19.0%	(11.1%)
Other chemical products	16.8%	20.6%	(18.4%)
Overall	16.9%	19.7%	(14.2%)

Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals

The gross margin of bleaching and disinfectant chemicals decreased to 16.9% for the six months ended 30 June 2017 as compared to 19.0% for the corresponding period in 2016, which was primarily attributable to the increase of unit cost which stems from the increased price of raw materials and purchased products and the decreased quantity outputs.

Other chemical products

The gross margin of other chemical products decreased from 20.6% for the six months ended 30 June 2016 to 16.8% for the six months ended 30 June 2017, which was primarily attributable to the increase of unit cost which stems from the increased price of raw materials and purchased products and the decreased quantity outputs.

Selling and marketing expenses

Selling and marketing expenses primarily consist of transportation and related charges for the transport of our products and other selling and marketing expenses including travelling expenses. The selling and marketing expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 10.5% to RMB33.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB37.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was in line with the decrease in sales volume.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses primarily consist of depreciation of property, plant and equipment, employee benefit expenses and office and entertainment expenses. The administrative expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 5.3% to RMB42.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB45.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was primarily attributable to the effectiveness of various cost control measures/programmes.

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Other (losses)/gains, net

Other (losses)/gains, net, mainly consists of the gain from the disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, and the loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment. The other losses, net, of the Group decreased to approximately RMB0.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from the other gains, net of RMB1.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was primarily attributable to the increase in foreign exchange losses on operating activities and loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment.

Finance income

Finance income represents interest earned on our bank deposits. The finance income of the Group decreased by approximately 55.6% to RMB2.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB6.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was primarily attributable to decrease in the amount of deposits.

Finance expenses

Finance expenses primarily consist of interest expenses on bank borrowings, interests expenses on discounted bill receivables, interest expenses on letters of credit and other finance charges, less interest capitalised in property, plant and equipment and net foreign exchange gains on financing activities. The finance expenses of the Group decreased by approximately 25.5% to RMB35.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB48.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016, which was primarily attributable to the increase in foreign exchange gains on financing activities (as compared to the net foreign exchange losses on financing activities for the corresponding period in 2016) and also the increase in interests on borrowings during the period.

Income tax expense

The Group is subject to PRC enterprise income tax rate of 25% for all our PRC subsidiaries. The income tax expense of the Group decreased by approximately 46.5% to RMB18.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB34.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016. The effective tax rate increased to approximately 33.6% for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from 30.4% for the six months ended 30 June 2016 as a result of adjustments for income and expenses items which were not assessable or deductible for income tax purpose and also the increase in tax losses not being recognised as deferred income tax assets.

Profit for the period

As a result of the foregoing factors, the profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company decreased by approximately 53.7% to RMB36.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 from RMB79.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Financial position and bank borrowings

The Group has historically funded its cash requirements principally from cash generated from our operations and bank borrowings, as well as equity financing through shareholders.

The balance of the Group's cash and cash equivalents amounted to approximately RMB582.5 million as at 30 June 2017 (31 December 2016: RMB540.2 million), most of which were denominated in Renminbi. As at 30 June 2017, the interest bearing bank borrowings, and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss of the Group amounted to approximately RMB1,232.8 million (31 December 2016: RMB1,334.9 million).

As at 30 June 2017, the Group's current ratio (calculated as current assets divided by current liabilities) was approximately 1.16 (31 December 2016: 1.11). The Group was in a gearing ratio (calculated as net debt divided by total capital) of 19.34% (31 December 2016: 23.14%) as at 30 June 2017. The Group has sufficient and readily available finance resource for both general working capital purpose and foreseeable capital expenditure.

Working capital

Inventories were approximately RMB200.5 million in total as at 30 June 2017, as compared with approximately RMB229.5 million as at 30 June 2016. The decrease was primarily due to effective control over inventories during the period. Average inventory turnover days were 45 days for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: 43 days).

As at 30 June 2017, trade and bill receivables amounted to approximately RMB373.6 million in total, as compared with approximately RMB434.3 million as at 30 June 2016. The decrease is primarily due to our effective control over trade receivables during the period. The average trade receivables turnover days were 61 days for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: 63 days).

As at 30 June 2017, trade and bill payables amounted to approximately RMB333.0 million in total, as compared with approximately RMB419.3 million as at 30 June 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the decrease of purchased goods during the period. The average trade and bills payables turnover days were 68 days for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: 70 days).

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Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2017, the capital commitments of the Group were approximately RMB19.5 million (31 December 2016: approximately RMB15.0 million), which were mainly related to the construction of additional production lines and the purchases of equipment for the upgrade of existing production facilities.

Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2017, the Group had not provided any form of guarantee for any company outside the Group. The Group is not involved in any current material legal proceedings, nor is our Group aware of any pending or potential material legal proceedings involving the Group.

Employees and remuneration policy

As at 30 June 2017, the Group employed a total of 1,943 full time employees. For the six months ended 30 June 2017, the employee benefit expenses was approximately RMB46.5 million. The Group's employee benefits included housing subsidies, shift subsidies, bonuses, allowances, medical check-up, staff quarters, social insurance contributions and housing fund contributions. The remuneration committee of the Company reviews such packages annually, or when the occasion requires. The Executive Directors, who are also employees of the Company, receive remuneration in the form of fees, salaries, bonuses and other allowances.

Report on Review of Interim Financial Information

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHINA FIRST CHEMICAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
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INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the interim financial information set out on pages 13 to 46, which comprises the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet of China First Chemical Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) as at 30 June 2017 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

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

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CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 31 August 2017

Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

	Note	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Land use rights	7	79,245	80,260
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,793,669	1,827,765
Intangible assets	8	291,357	298,142
Investments accounted for using the equity method	9	103,246	105,651
Deferred income tax assets		4,396	4,396
Restricted cash		-	19,200
Other non-current assets	10	203,860	262,318
		2,475,773	2,597,732
Current assets			
Inventories	11	200,540	208,670
Trade and other receivables	12	611,404	478,862
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13	48,038	47,061
Cash and cash equivalents		582,502	540,230
Restricted cash		156,707	168,162
		1,599,191	1,442,985
Total assets		4,074,964	4,040,717
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Share capital		65,346	65,346
Other reserves		775,692	775,692
Retained earnings		1,424,385	1,387,669
Total equity		2,265,423	2,228,707
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14	293,585	370,303
Deferred income		8,763	9,500
Deferred income tax liabilities		23,605	25,209
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	15	103,310	107,246
		429,263	512,258
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	533,483	433,811
Current income tax liabilities		10,929	8,617
Borrowings	14	835,866	857,324
		1,380,278	1,299,752
Total liabilities		1,809,541	1,812,010
Total equity and liabilities		4,074,964	4,040,717

The notes on pages 17 to 46 form an integral part of this interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Six months ended 30 June	
		2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	6	982,722	1,210,957
Cost of sales	17	(816,895)	(972,787)
Gross profit	6	165,827	238,170
Selling and marketing expenses	17	(33,271)	(37,172)
Administrative expenses	17	(42,787)	(45,176)
Other income		1,120	816
Other (losses)/gains — net		(118)	1,440
Operating profit		90,771	158,078
Finance income	18	2,830	6,284
Finance expenses	19	(35,937)	(48,160)
Finance expenses — net		(33,107)	(41,876)
Share of losses of investments accounted for using the equity method	9	(2,405)	(2,285)
Profit before income tax		55,259	113,917
Income tax expense	21	(18,543)	(34,585)
Profit for the period		36,716	79,332
Other comprehensive income		—	—
Total comprehensive income for the period		36,716	79,332
Attributable to equity holders of the Company		36,716	79,332
Earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company (RMB Yuan)			
— Basic	20	0.05	0.10
— Diluted	20	0.04	0.10

The notes on pages 17 to 46 form an integral part of this interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company					
	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Statutory surplus reserve RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Six months ended 30 June 2017 (Unaudited)						
Balance at 1 January 2017	65,346	262,592	311,521	201,579	1,387,669	2,228,707
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	36,716	36,716
Balance at 30 June 2017	65,346	262,592	311,521	201,579	1,424,385	2,265,423
Six months ended 30 June 2016 (Unaudited)						
Balance at 1 January 2016	65,346	275,507	311,521	184,469	1,282,093	2,118,936
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	79,332	79,332
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:						
Dividend distribution (Note 22)	-	(12,915)	-	-	-	(12,915)
Balance at 30 June 2016	65,346	262,592	311,521	184,469	1,361,425	2,185,353

The notes on pages 17 to 46 form an integral part of this interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	155,177	289,061
Income tax paid	(17,835)	(33,887)
Net cash from operating activities	137,342	255,174
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(34,321)	(33,000)
Proceeds from maturity of investments in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	33,000	31,250
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(43,389)	(103,394)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	75	-
Gain on settlement of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,172	1,227
Net decrease in restricted cash	30,655	92,429
Advances to third parties	(170,000)	(243,000)
Repayments of advances from third parties	170,000	205,600
Net cash used in investing activities	(12,808)	(48,888)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Drawdown of borrowings	380,058	418,979
Repayments of borrowings	(468,995)	(495,112)
Increase in amounts due to		
— a shareholder	4,196	-
— a third party	2,760	-
Repayment of amounts due to the former shareholders of a subsidiary	-	(19,953)
Net cash used in financing activities	(81,981)	(96,086)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	42,553	110,200
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	540,230	470,931
Exchange (loss)/gain on cash and cash equivalents	(281)	93
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	582,502	581,224

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Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

China First Chemical Holdings Limited (“the Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) manufacture and sell bleaching and disinfectant chemical products, foaming agent products and other specialty chemical products in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 24 November 2010, as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is P.O. Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands. The parent company of the Company is China First Chemical Ltd., a company which was incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The ultimate parent company of the Company is Yihua Crown Limited.

The Company is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

This interim condensed consolidated financial information is presented in thousands of Renminbi (“RMB’000”), unless otherwise stated.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim condensed consolidated financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2017 has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The interim condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) (the “2016 Annual Financial Statements”).

Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those as set out in the 2016 Annual Financial Statements of the Company except for the estimation of income tax using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings and the adoption of amendments to IFRSs effective for the financial year ending 31 December 2017.

(a) Amendments to IFRSs effective for the financial year ending 31 December 2017 do not have a material impact on the Group.

(b) **Impact of standards issued but not yet applied by the entity**

(i) **IFRS 9 “Financial instruments”**

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities, introduces new rules for hedge accounting and a new impairment model for financial assets. The Group has decided not to adopt IFRS 9 until it becomes mandatory on 1 January 2018.

The Group does not expect the new guidance to have a significant impact on the classification and measurement of its financial assets because the debt investments currently measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) will likely continue to be measured on the same basis under IFRS 9.

There will be no impact on the Group's accounting for financial liabilities. Convertible bonds currently measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) will likely continue to be measured on the same basis under IFRS 9. The derecognition rules have been transferred from IAS 39 “Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement” and have not been changed.

The new impairment model requires the recognition of impairment provisions based on expected credit losses (ECL) rather than only incurred credit losses as is the case under IAS 39. It applies to financial assets classified at amortised cost, debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, contract assets under IFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers”, lease receivables, loan commitments and certain financial guarantee contracts.

The new standard also introduces expanded disclosure requirements and changes in presentation. These are expected to change the nature and extent of the Group's disclosures about its financial instruments particularly in the year of the adoption of the new standard.

Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

(b) Impact of standards issued but not yet applied by the entity

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(ii) IFRS 15 “Revenue from contracts with customers”

The International Accounting Standards Board has issued a new standard for the recognition of revenue. This will replace IAS 18 which covers revenue arising from the sale of goods and the rendering of services and IAS 11 which covers construction contracts.

The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer.

The standard permits either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach for the adoption. The new standard is effective for first interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Group will adopt the new standard from 1 January 2018.

Management is currently assessing the effects of applying the new standard on the Group’s financial statements and the application of IFRS 15 may result in the identification of separate performance obligations in respect of the provision of transportation services to the Group’s customers which could affect the timing of the recognition of revenue.

Based on the assessment up to this stage, management does not expect the adoption of the new standard will have a material impact on the Group.

Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

(b) Impact of standards issued but not yet applied by the entity

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(iii) IFRS 16 “Leases”

IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016. It will result in almost all leases being recognised on the balance sheet, as the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed. Under the new standard, an asset (the right to use the leased item) and a financial liability to pay rentals are recognised. The only exceptions are short-term and low-value leases.

The accounting for lessors will not significantly change.

The standard will affect primarily the accounting for the Group's operating leases. As at the reporting date, the Group has non-cancellable operating lease commitments of approximately RMB3,856,000. However, the Group has not yet determined to what extent these commitments will result in the recognition of an asset and a liability for future payments and how this will affect the Group's profit and classification of cash flows.

Some of the commitments may be covered by the exception for short-term and low-value leases and some commitments may relate to arrangements that will not qualify as leases under IFRS 16.

The standard is mandatory for first interim periods within annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. At this stage, the Group does not intend to adopt the standard before its effective date.

4. ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim financial information requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this interim condensed consolidated financial information, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the 2016 Annual Financial Statements of the Company.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

5.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: foreign exchange risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Financial Statements of the Company.

There have been no changes in the risk management policies since year end.

5.2 Liquidity risk

Compared to year end, there was no material change in the contractual undiscounted cash out flows for financial liabilities except that there is a net increase in trade and other payables (Note 16) and a net decrease in borrowings (Note 14).

5.3 Fair value estimation

The table below analyses the Group's financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(Continued)*

5.3 Fair value estimation *(Continued)*

The following table presents the Group's financial assets and liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016:

	As at 30 June 2017 Level 3 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 Level 3 RMB'000 (Audited)
Assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	48,038	47,061
Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	103,310	107,246

There were not any transfer between different levels or any changes in valuation techniques during the period.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(Continued)*

5.4 Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Opening balance at 1 January	47,061	43,771
Additions	34,321	33,000
Settlements	(33,000)	(31,250)
Unrealised gains recognised in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the period	261	266
Unrealised loss recognised in profit or loss for assets upon settlement during the period	(605)	–
Closing balance at 30 June	48,038	45,787
Total gain on settlement of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,172	1,227

The fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is estimated by discounting the future cash flows at the current market interest rate available for similar financial instruments.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		
Opening balance at 1 January	107,246	–
Payment of interests	(3,860)	–
Fair value gain recognised in profit or loss	(76)	–
Closing balance at 30 June	103,310	–

The fair value of the convertible bonds is determined by an independent qualified valuer based on the Binomial Model.

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5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(Continued)*

5.5 Group's valuation processes

The Group's finance department performs the valuations of financial assets for financial reporting purpose, including Level 3 fair values. The finance department reports directly to the chief financial officer (CFO). Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the CFO and finance department semi-annually, in line with the Group's semi-annual reporting dates.

The valuation technique is discounted cash flows. Future cash flows are estimated and discounted using the expected yield rate with reference to the benchmark yield rate of the financial investment products of banks.

For the financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, including Level 3 fair values, the Group engages an independent qualified valuer to perform the valuations. Management works closely with the qualified external valuer to determine the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model and reports the valuation findings to the CFO semi-annually to explain the cause of fluctuations in the fair value of the related financial liabilities.

The valuation technique as applied is the Binomial Model. Detailed information about the valuation techniques and inputs used in the determination of the fair value of the convertible bonds designated as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss have been disclosed in Note 15.

5.6 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities measured at amortised cost

The fair value of the following financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts:

- Trade and other receivables
- Cash and cash equivalents
- Restricted cash
- Trade and other payables
- Borrowings

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6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in the chemical products business in the PRC. Separate individual financial information of the three business units where the principal operations of the Group are located are presented to the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM") (representing the Board of Directors of the Company) who reviews the internal reports in order to assess performance and allocate resources. The CODM considers the Group's business primarily from product perspective and reviews the key financial information (such as revenue and gross profit) of the Bleaching and disinfectant chemical products, Foaming agent products and Other specialty chemicals products separately on a regular basis. Accordingly, three reportable segments (namely the Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals segment, Foaming agent products segment and Other specialty chemicals segment) have been identified for the purpose of segment reporting.

Majority of the Group's products are sold to customers in the PRC. The Group has a large number of customers, which are widely dispersed within the PRC and overseas, no single customer accounted for more than 10% of the Group's total revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016.

The revenue from external customers and the cost, the total assets and the total liabilities are measured in a manner consistent with that of the Group's consolidated financial information.

The CODM assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of gross profit. There is no information in relation to segment assets and segment liabilities provided to the CODM.

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6. SEGMENT INFORMATION *(Continued)*

The segment information provided to the CODM for the reportable segments for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June 2017 (Unaudited)			
	Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals RMB'000	Foaming agent products RMB'000	Other specialty chemicals RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Segment revenue	598,376	280,391	103,955	982,722
Inter-segment revenue	–	–	–	–
Revenue from external customers	598,376	280,391	103,955	982,722
Gross profit	101,367	43,431	21,029	165,827
Unallocated				
Depreciation and amortisation				97,509
Finance income				2,830
Finance expenses				(35,937)
Income tax expense				(18,543)
				As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Total assets				4,074,964
Total liabilities				1,809,541

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6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

	Six months ended 30 June 2016 (Unaudited)			
	Bleaching and disinfectant chemicals RMB'000	Foaming agent products RMB'000	Other specialty chemicals RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Segment revenue	726,098	371,171	113,688	1,210,957
Inter-segment revenue	–	–	–	–
Revenue from external customers	726,098	371,171	113,688	1,210,957
Gross profit	138,176	69,138	30,856	238,170
Unallocated				
Depreciation and amortisation				92,997
Finance income				6,284
Finance expenses				(48,160)
Income tax expense				(34,585)

	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Total assets	4,040,717
Total liabilities	1,812,010

Revenue analysed by geographical area based on the countries in which the customers are located are as below:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue		
Mainland China	904,186	1,159,678
Overseas	78,536	51,279
	982,722	1,210,957

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7. LAND USE RIGHTS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Opening net book amount at beginning of the period	80,260	82,426
Amortisation (Note 17)	(1,015)	(1,015)
Closing net book amount at end of the period	79,245	81,411

8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Property, plant and equipment RMB'000 (Unaudited)	Intangible assets		
		Goodwill RMB'000 (Unaudited)	Other intangible assets RMB'000 (Unaudited)	Total intangible assets RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Six months ended 30 June 2017				
Opening net book amount as at 1 January 2017	1,827,765	188,673	109,469	298,142
Additions	55,771	–	–	–
Disposals	(158)	–	–	–
Depreciation and amortisation (Note 17)	(89,709)	–	(6,785)	(6,785)
Closing net book amount as at 30 June 2017	1,793,669	188,673	102,684	291,357
Six months ended 30 June 2016				
Opening net book amount as at 1 January 2016	1,850,067	188,673	123,041	311,714
Additions	98,261	–	–	–
Disposals	(53)	–	–	–
Depreciation and amortisation (Note 17)	(85,197)	–	(6,785)	(6,785)
Closing net book amount as at 30 June 2016	1,863,078	188,673	116,256	304,929

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9. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

The amounts recognised in the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Associates	103,246	105,651
Joint venture	-	-
	103,246	105,651

The amounts recognised in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Associates	(2,405)	(2,285)
Joint venture	-	-
	(2,405)	(2,285)

Investment in associates

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Beginning of the period	105,651	110,891
Share of losses of investments in associates	(2,405)	(2,285)
End of the period	103,246	108,606

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9. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD *(Continued)*

Investment in associates *(Continued)*

Set out below are associates of the Group as at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016:

Name of entity	Place of business and country of incorporation	% of ownership interest	Measurement method
Jiangxi Zhengge Investment Stock Co., Ltd. ("Jiangxi Zhengge") <i>(Note i)</i>	PRC	45	Equity
Fujian Nanping Rongxin Trading Co., Ltd. ("Rongxin Trading") <i>(Note ii)</i>	PRC	40	Equity

Notes:

- (i) The Group's acquisition of the 45% equity interest in Jiangxi Zhengge was completed in December 2014 and the goodwill arisen from the acquisition as included in the carrying amount of the Group's investment in Jiangxi Zhengge amounted to approximately RMB8,593,000.

Jiangxi Zhengge manufactures water-treatment chemicals, and its main products include sodium chlorate and hydrogen peroxide. The business of this associate is mainly conducted in Jiangxi, Guangdong and Hunan provinces.

- (ii) Rongxin Trading is a chemical products trading company and keeps a long-term business relationship with the Group. The main products it trades include caustic soda, hydrogen peroxide, birurea, urea, industrial salt and AC foaming agent, which are main raw materials and output products of the Group.
- (iii) Jiangxi Zhengge and Rongxin Trading are private companies and there is no quoted market price available for their shares.
- (iv) There are no contingent liabilities relating to the Group's interests in the associates.

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9. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD *(Continued)*

Investment in associates *(Continued)*

The results, assets and liabilities of the associates are summarised as below:

	Jiangxi Zhengge RMB'000	Rongxin Trading RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 30 June 2017 (Unaudited)			
Assets	521,607	89,225	610,832
Liabilities	(382,869)	(11,912)	(394,781)
As at 31 December 2016 (Audited)			
Assets	540,505	96,788	637,293
Liabilities	(334,446)	(15,595)	(350,041)
Six months ended 30 June 2017 (Unaudited)			
Revenue	123,473	49,602	173,075
Group's share of (loss)/profit	(3,179)	774	(2,405)
Percentage held	45%	40%	
Six months ended 30 June 2016 (Unaudited)			
Revenue	120,837	35,089	155,926
Group's share of (loss)/profit	(3,126)	841	(2,285)
Percentage held	45%	40%	

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9. INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY

METHOD *(Continued)*

Investment in joint venture

Set out below are the joint venture of the Group as at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016:

Name of entity	Place of business and country of incorporation	% of ownership interest	Measurement method
Fujian Jinsan Industrial Co., Ltd. <i>(Note)</i>	PRC	33	Equity

Note:

On 27 April 2016, Fujian Rong Chang Chemical Co., Ltd. ("Fujian Rong Chang"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Fujian Haojingda Industrial Co., Ltd. and Fujian Shunchang Fubaotengda Industrial Co., Ltd. jointly established Fujian Jinsan Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Fujian Jinsan"). Fujian Rong Chang holds 33% of equity interests in Fujian Jinsan and Fujian Jinsan is jointly controlled by Fujian Rong Chang and the other joint ventures. Fujian Jinsan will be principally engaged in mineral processing, storage, logistics and warehousing services. As of 30 June 2017, Fujian Rong Chang and the other joint ventures have not yet made any capital contribution to Fujian Jinsan and Fujian Jinsan is still inactive.

10. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Long-term deposits	188,083	246,230
Long-term prepaid expenses	5,167	4,770
Prepayment for land use right	10,610	10,610
Others	–	708
	203,860	262,318

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11. INVENTORIES

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Raw materials	19,208	18,937
Work in progress	157,207	164,038
Finished goods	24,125	25,695
	200,540	208,670

The cost of inventories recognised as expense and included in 'cost of sales' for the six months ended 30 June 2017 amounted to approximately RMB470,942,000 (2016: RMB610,340,000).

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Trade receivables		
Due from third parties	375,248	291,643
Less: Provision for impairment of receivables	(2,442)	(2,553)
	372,806	289,090
Bill receivables	776	1,169
Prepayments for purchases of raw materials from:		
– a related party	–	5,124
– third parties	5,991	7,064
	5,991	12,188
Value-added tax input credits	3,877	4,312
Other receivables due from third parties	227,954	172,103
	611,404	478,862

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12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES *(Continued)*

The Group has a large number of customers, which are widely dispersed within the PRC and Southeast Asia. The credit terms are between 30 days and 90 days for both domestic and overseas customers. There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables. As at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016, the ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on recognition date were as follows:

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Within 3 months	371,773	287,663
Between 3 and 6 months	175	1,046
Between 6 and 12 months	831	381
Between 1 and 2 years	27	930
Above 2 years	2,442	1,623
	375,248	291,643

13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Financial products as designed by a financial institution	48,038	47,061

During the six months ended 30 June 2017, realised gain on settlement of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and the unrealised fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss amounted to approximately RMB1,172,000 (2016: RMB1,227,000) and RMB344,000 (2016: fair value gain RMB266,000) respectively and they have been recognised as "Other (losses)/gains — net" in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

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13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS *(Continued)*

Investments in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are presented within “investing activities” in the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.

The fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined by using the valuation technique of discounting the future cash flows at the expected yield rate with reference to the benchmark yield rate of the financial investment products of banks.

14. BORROWINGS

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Non-current		
Bank borrowings	173,256	229,001
Borrowings from other financial institution	20,576	40,022
Note instruments <i>(Note a)</i>	99,753	101,280
	293,585	370,303
Current		
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings	181,542	200,905
Short-term bank borrowings	582,799	600,891
Borrowings from other financial institution	71,525	55,528
	835,866	857,324
Total borrowings	1,129,451	1,227,627

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14. BORROWINGS (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) On 25 July 2016, the Company has entered into an investment agreement with Chance Talent Management Limited (the "Initial Investor") (as subscriber), the Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa (as the individual guarantor), and the Company's parent, China First Chemical Ltd. (as the corporate guarantor) pursuant to which, the Company conditionally agreed to issue notes and convertible bonds (Note 15), each with aggregated principal amount of USD15,000,000, to the Initial Investor.

On 26 July 2016, the Company has issued note instruments to Chance Talent Management Limited with an aggregated principal amounts of USD15,000,000. The note instruments issued bear interests at fixed rate of 7.5% per annum and are maturing on 26 July 2018 unless the Company applies for an extension pursuant to the provisions of the relevant note instruments, in which case the maturity date of the notes shall be extended to 26 July 2019. Upon the redemption of any of the note instruments, the Company have to pay the holders of the relevant note instruments a premium the amount of which would yield to the relevant holders of the note instruments an annualised internal rate of return of 10%.

- (b) Movements in borrowings is analysed as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Opening amount at beginning of the period	1,227,627	1,217,549
Proceeds of borrowings from banks and other financial institutions	380,058	418,979
Repayments of borrowings to banks and other financial institutions	(468,995)	(495,112)
Exchange (gain)/loss	(9,239)	8,822
Closing amount at end of the period	1,129,451	1,150,238

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15. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Convertible bonds

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Opening book amount at beginning of the period	107,246	–
Payments of interests	(3,860)	–
Fair value gain of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(76)	–
Closing book amount at end of the period	103,310	–

The Company has issued convertible bonds with aggregated principal amounts of USD15,000,000 on 17 August 2016 (the "Issue Date") in accordance with the investment agreement as mentioned in Note 14(a). The convertible bonds bear interest at the fixed rate of 7.5% per annum and the initial investor has the right to convert the whole or part of the principal amounts of the convertible bonds into the Company's shares at pre-determined conversion prices at any time prior to the original maturity date on 17 August 2018, or 17 August 2019 if the Company applies for an extension pursuant to the provisions of the relevant convertible bond instruments. If the convertible bonds are to be redeemed by the Company (rather than converting into the Company's shares by the investor upon the maturity date), the Company has to pay the holders of the relevant convertible bonds a premium the amount of which would yield to the relevant holders of the convertible bonds an annualised internal rate of return of 10%. During the six months ended 30 June 2017, no convertible bonds have been converted into the Company's ordinary shares.

The Company designated the whole convertible bonds as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and initially recognised the convertible bonds at fair value. In subsequent periods, such convertible bonds are measured at fair value with changes in fair values recognised in profit or loss. Transaction costs relating to the issuance of the convertible bonds were charged to profit or loss immediately.

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15. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS *(Continued)*

Convertible bonds *(Continued)*

The fair values of the convertible bonds were determined by an independent qualified valuer based on the Binomial Model, with the following key assumptions:

	For fair value as at 30 June 2017	For fair value as at 31 December 2016
Risk free interest rate	1.10%	1.62%
Expected volatility	49.80%	46.69%
Expected dividend yield	1.48%	1.71%
Time to maturity	1.13 years	1.63 years

16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Trade payables <i>(Note)</i>		
Due to third parties	171,044	113,528
Due to a related party	12,905	–
	183,949	113,528
Bill payables due to third parties	149,056	170,945
Other payables and accruals		
Due to third parties	154,567	141,836
Due to a related party	4,196	–
	158,763	141,836
Advances from customers		
Due to third parties	19,715	7,502
Due to a related party	22,000	–
	41,715	7,502
	533,483	433,811

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16. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

Note:

As at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016, the ageing analysis of the trade payables based on recognition date were as follows:

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Within 3 months	171,007	100,052
Between 3 and 6 months	3,201	4,852
Between 6 and 12 months	5,850	4,662
Between 1 and 2 years	3,358	3,878
Above 2 years	533	84
	183,949	113,528

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17. EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	8,401	7,931
Raw materials used	462,541	602,409
	470,942	610,340
Electricity and other utility fees	215,881	227,055
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	89,709	85,197
Employee benefit expenses	46,459	46,970
Transportation and related charges	28,979	31,873
Taxes and surcharges	7,757	8,549
Amortisation of land use rights (Note 7)	1,015	1,015
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 8)	6,785	6,785
Office and entertainment expenses	5,051	5,163
Operating leases expenses	868	840
Property insurance fee	1,508	1,787
Travelling expenses	848	997
Repairs and maintenance	5,960	6,038
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment of trade receivables	(111)	1,153
Other expenses	11,302	21,373
Total cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses	892,953	1,055,135

18. FINANCE INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Interest income from bank deposits	2,830	6,284

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19. FINANCE EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Interest expenses:		
– Borrowings	37,772	32,106
– Discounted bills receivable	4,528	3,739
– Letters of credit	1,429	1,306
	43,729	37,151
Less: Interest capitalised in property, plant and equipment	(237)	(418)
	43,492	36,733
Other finance charges	1,684	1,857
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses on financing activities	(9,239)	9,570
	35,937	48,160

20. EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the period of six months ended 30 June 2017 attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period of six months ended 30 June 2017.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 (Unaudited)	2016 (Unaudited)
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RMB'000)	36,716	79,332
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousand)	802,191	802,191
Basic earnings per share (RMB Yuan)	0.05	0.10

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20. EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company after adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company's convertible bonds (Note 15) are on the category of dilutive potential ordinary shares. The convertible bonds are assumed to have been converted into ordinary shares, and the net profit is adjusted to eliminate the fair value loss of convertible bonds which are not subject to tax.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 (Unaudited)	2016 (Unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RMB'000)	36,716	79,332
Adjustment for fair value gain of the convertible bonds	(76)	–
Profit used to determine diluted earnings (RMB'000)	36,640	79,332
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for basic earnings per share (thousands)	802,191	802,191
Adjustments for:		
Assumed conversion of the convertible bonds	55,289	–
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share (thousands)	857,480	802,191
Diluted earnings per share (RMB Yuan)	0.04	0.10

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21. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Current income tax		
— PRC enterprise income tax (a)	20,147	36,189
— Hong Kong profits tax (b)	—	—
	20,147	36,189
Deferred income tax credit	(1,604)	(1,604)
	18,543	34,585

- (a) The provision for PRC enterprise income tax is based on the statutory rate of 25% on the basis of the profit for the period, adjusted for income and expenses items which are not assessable or deductible for income tax purpose.
- (b) Hong Kong profits tax has not been provided for as the Group has no estimated assessable profit as derived from Hong Kong.
- (c) As at 30 June 2017, deferred income tax liabilities of approximately RMB151,568,000 (as at 31 December 2016: RMB147,792,000) have not been recognised for the withholding tax that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of the subsidiaries in the Mainland China. As at 30 June 2017, unremitted earnings of these subsidiaries amounted to approximately RMB1,515,676,000 (as at 31 December 2016: RMB1,477,918,000).

22. DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors of the Company did not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016. A dividend of approximately HKD15,402,000, equivalent to approximately RMB12,915,000, related to the year ended 31 December 2015 was declared on 13 June 2016 and subsequently paid in July 2016.

The Board of Directors of the Company does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (2016: Nil).

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23. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for the period end but not yet incurred is as follow:

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Property, plant and equipment	19,499	15,024

(b) Operating lease commitments – the Group as a lessee

The Group has commitments to make the following future minimum lease payments relating to office building under non-cancellable operating leases:

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
No later than 1 year	1,721	1,703
1–5 years	2,135	2,866
	3,856	4,569

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24. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operation decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control.

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in this interim condensed consolidated financial information, the following transactions were carried out with related parties:

(a) Purchases of goods from a related party

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Associate	25,107	70,311

(b) Receipts in advance from a related party

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Associate	22,000	–

(c) Expense paid on behalf of the Company by a related party

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
A shareholder	4,196	–

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24. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS *(Continued)*

(d) Period-end balances

	As at 30 June 2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2016 RMB'000 (Audited)
Prepayment to a related party <i>(Note 12)</i> Associate	–	5,124
Trade payables to a related party <i>(Note 16)</i> Associate	12,905	–
Other payables to a related party <i>(Note 16)</i> A shareholder	4,196	–
Advance from a related party <i>(Note 16)</i> Associate	22,000	–

(e) Key management compensation

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2016 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Salaries, wages and bonuses	2,979	2,837
Contributions to pension plan	171	149
	3,150	2,986

Key management includes executive directors and certain executives who have important role in making operational and financial decisions.

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PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2017.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 30 June 2017, the interests and short positions of the directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which (a) were required to be notified to the 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 taken under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be maintained by the Company; or (c) were required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

(I) Long positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of directors	Nature of interest	Number of shares/ underlying shares held	Percentage of issued share capital	Note
Liem Djiang Hwa	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35%	(1)
Lam Wai Wah	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35%	(2)

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(II) Long positions in the shares of associated corporations

Name of directors	Name of associated corporations	Relationship with the Company	Nature of interest	Number of shares held in associated corporations	Percentage of issued share capital in associated corporations
Liem Djiang Hwa	China First Chemical Ltd.	The Company's holding corporation	Interests in controlled corporation	43,492,810	62.14%
Lam Wai Wah	China First Chemical Ltd.	The Company's holding corporation	Interests in controlled corporation	26,498,838	37.86%

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa is indirectly interested in the Company through Yihua Crown Limited, which in turn is indirectly interested in the Company through China First Chemical Ltd.
- (2) Mr. Lam Wai Wah is indirectly interested in 419,949,888 shares of the Company through Yihua Fortune Limited, which in turn is indirectly interested in the Company through China First Chemical Ltd.

Save as those disclosed above, as at 30 June 2017, the directors and chief executive of the Company did not have 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 were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO; or were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register required to be maintained by the Company; or were required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

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INTERESTS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2017, the following persons had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares in the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 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, interest in 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

Name of shareholders	Nature of interest	Number of shares	Percentage of issued share capital
Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35% ⁽¹⁾
Mr. Lam Wai Wah	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35% ⁽²⁾
Yihua Crown Limited	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35% ⁽¹⁾
Yihua Fortune Limited	Interests in controlled corporation	419,949,888	52.35% ⁽²⁾
China First Chemical Ltd.	Beneficial owner	419,949,888	52.35%
China Renaissance Capital Investment II GP	Interests in controlled corporation	180,050,112	22.44% ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
China Renaissance Capital Investment II, L.P.	Interests in controlled corporation	180,050,112	22.44% ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾
China Harvest Fund II, L.P.	Interests in controlled corporation	180,050,112	22.44% ⁽³⁾⁽⁶⁾
Trophy Group Limited	Beneficial owner	180,050,112	22.44% ⁽³⁾
Central Huijin Investment Ltd.	Interests in controlled corporation	55,283,840	6.89% ⁽⁷⁾
China Construction Bank Corporation	Interests in controlled corporation	55,283,840	6.89% ⁽⁷⁾

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa is indirectly interested in the Company through Yihua Crown Limited, which in turn is indirectly interested in the Company through China First Chemical Ltd.
- (2) Mr. Lam Wai Wah is indirectly interested in the Company through Yihua Fortune Limited, which in turn is indirectly interested in the Company through China First Chemical Ltd.
- (3) The percentage is calculated based on the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2017.

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- (4) China Renaissance Capital Investment II GP is the general partner of China Renaissance Capital Investment II, L.P. pursuant to a partnership agreement.
- (5) China Renaissance Capital Investment II, L.P. is the general partner of China Harvest Fund II, L.P..
- (6) China Harvest Fund II, L.P. is the sole shareholder of Trophy Group Limited.
- (7) Central Huijin Investment Ltd. is the substantial shareholder of China Construction Bank Corporation.

Save as those disclosed above, as at 30 June 2017, the directors of the Company were not aware of any persons (not being a director or chief executive of the Company) having an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 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.

CHANGES OF DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

Subsequent to publication of the 2016 Annual Report of the Company, notification was received regarding the following change of Director's information, which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2), Rule 13.51B(1) and Rule 13.51B(2) of the Listing Rules.

With effect from June 2017, Dr. He Peipei, an Independent Non-executive Director, is appointed as assistant professor at the Law School of Fuzhou University.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has adopted the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") as its own code of corporate governance.

On 15 October 2016, Dr. Kou Huichong resigned as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, chairman of Nomination Committee, chairman of Remuneration Committee and member of Audit Committee. Following the aforesaid resignation, the Company has two Independent Non-executive Directors and two members of each Committee.

Other Information

According to Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules, every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least three independent non-executive directors. Pursuant to Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules, audit committee of listed issuers must comprise a minimum of three members, at least one of whom is an independent non-executive director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under rule 3.10(2). The majority of the audit committee members must be independent non-executive directors of the listed issuer. The audit committee must be chaired by an independent non-executive director.

The Board has made its best endeavours to appoint Dr. He Peipei as Independent Non-executive Director on 13 January 2017 and she was also appointed as chairman of Nomination Committee, chairman of Remuneration Committee and member of Audit Committee of the Company.

Apart from this, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the CG Code during the period from 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017. The Company will continue to review and enhance its corporate governance practices to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its model code for securities transactions by Directors and senior management. Having made specific enquiry, all the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2017.

AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Audit Committee has reviewed the analysis on the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2017, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, and the Group's internal control functions.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have not recommended the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (2016: Nil).

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Our Company has adopted the Share Option Scheme on 10 June 2011 and 12 June 2011. A summary of the principal terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme are set out in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" in Appendix VI of the Prospectus. Up to 30 June 2017, no option has been granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme.

Corporate Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman and Non-executive

Director:

Mr. Liem Djiang Hwa

Executive Directors:

Mr. Chen Hong

Ms. Miao Fei

Mr. Lam Wai Wah

Independent Non-executive

Directors:

Dr. Wang Xin

Dr. Lin Zhang

Dr. He Peipei

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Ms. Miao Fei

ALTERNATE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Yuen Wing Yan, Winnie

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dr. Wang Xin (*Chairman*)

Dr. Lin Zhang

Dr. He Peipei

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Dr. He Peipei (*Chairman*)

Dr. Lin Zhang

Ms. Miao Fei

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Dr. He Peipei (*Chairman*)

Dr. Lin Zhang

Mr. Lam Wai Wah