

ORGANISATION

The Company was established in August 1997 as part of the restructuring schedule of a state-owned enterprise known as Chongqing Iron & Steel Company (Group) Limited (the "Holding Company"). Pursuant to the restructuring, the principal iron and steel business undertakings and one of the subsidiaries, Chongqing Hengda Steel Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Hengda") of the Holding Company were taken over by the Company, whereupon the Company issued 650,000,000 state-owned shares of RMB1 each to the Holding Company. On 17th October 1997, the Company's H shares were listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"). The Company was transformed into a foreign investment company limited upon approval of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People's Republic of China on 7th December 1998.

In December 2002, the Company acquired all assets and liabilities of Hengda, the former subsidiary of the Company. At the same time, the Company disposed of its entire interests in Hengda to the Holding Company. Following the disposal of Hengda, the Company does not have any subsidiary (please refer to the 2002 Annual Report of the Company for the details of the asset reorganisation).