## Chairman's Statement 主席報告書



On behalf of the Board of Directors of United Metals Holdings Limited (the "Company"), I am pleased to present the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, "United Metals" or the "Group") for the year ended 31st December, 2005.

2005 is a consolidating yet challenging year of the metal die casting industry. The demand remained flat during the year under review. Despite the fluctuation in high raw materials price, shortage and unstable labour supply, escalating wages and salaries in Southern China, limitation of the production capacity and electricity, the Group, one of the few world class die casters in the People's Republic of China ("the PRC"), leveraged on its depth in expertise, prudent management philosophies and strengthen the cost control, turnover was increased 21% to HK\$186,621,000, as compared to HK\$154,584,000 in 2004 with profit amount to HK\$10,329,000 at 23% increase in compare with HK\$8,414,000 in 2004.

Facing this environment, the Group adopted various measurements to reduce the impact of the industry. On one hand, the Group strengthened cost control measures which include better production planning and negotiation with the suppliers. On the other hand, the Group continued to secure more orders from new and existing customers. To further enhance the competitiveness, the Group devoted many resources to upgrade production capacities and technologies, with an aim to strengthen its vertically integrated service capability, especially to producing gadgets. During the year, the Group had installed several heavy duty precision Computerised Numerical Control ("CNC") machining centres and die casting machines to increase the capacity. 本人謹代表科鑄技術集團有限公司(「本公司」)欣然提 呈本公司及其附屬公司(統稱「科鑄」或「本集團」)截至 二零零五年十二月三十一日止年度之年度業績。

二零零五年對壓鑄業而言為穩定但充滿挑戰的一年,回 顧年內之需求維持穩定。儘管原材料價格高企、勞工供 應短缺而不穩定、華南地區之工資及薪酬日增以及產能 及電力之限制,作為於中華人民共和國(「中國」)少數世 界級壓鑄商之一,本集團憑藉其豐富專業知識、審慎管 理方針及嚴格成本控制,營業額仍較二零零四年之港幣 154,584,000元增加21%至港幣186,621,000元。溢利達 港幣10,329,000元,較二零零四年港幣8,414,000元增 加23%。

面對如此環境·本集團採納多項措施以舒緩對行業之影響。本集團一方面加強成本控制措施,包括改善生產計 劃及與供應商之磋商。另一方面,本集團繼續從新及現 有客戶爭取更多訂單。為進一步提升競爭力,本集團投 放大量資源提升產能及技術,以望提升其垂直綜合服務 能力,特別是配件生產方面。年內,本集團設立多台重型 精密電腦化數據控制(「CNC」)機械中心及多台壓鑄機 器,以提升產能。 In 2006, market potentials for die casting, especially in the PRC market will continue to be enormous. To capture the uprising demand for automotives, information technology, telecommunications and electronic devices in the next few years, the Group is constructing new production facilities in Shanghai for the provision of expansion in die casting services. Under the turbulence of the die casting markets, the Group's new production facilities, which originally expected to be completed in the first half of 2006, was planned to be finished and commenced operation in late 2006. With the completion of the project, the Group will be a step further to solidify its position as a world-class company both in terms of scale and quality. Moreover, it can focus more resources on serving the brand-own customers, which is one of the key industries in the PRC in the upcoming years. Based on the healthy financial position, the Group is in best preparation for the bright future, amidst the high raw material prices in the upcoming years. The Group will continue to explore business opportunities with new clients through the diversification of new product ranges. By leveraging on its solid foundation and establishment in the industry as well as the long-term relationship with its customers, the Group is confident of overcoming the challenges ahead.

We truly trusted our supportive shareholders, dedicated staff member, loyal customers and suppliers are the key to the Group's remarkable success. On behalf of United Metals, I would like to express my heartful gratitude to all the stakeholders for their invaluable contribution to the continued success of the business.

Thomas Lau, Luen-hung Chairman

Hong Kong, 13th April, 2006

於二零零六年,壓鑄市場,尤其中國市場將繼續維持龐 大潛力。為把握汽車、資訊科技、電訊及電子零件於未來 數年日益增加之需求,本集團現正於上海興建新生產設 施,以擴充壓鑄服務。由於壓鑄市場波動不定,本集團原 定於二零零六年上半年落成之新生產設施現計劃於二 零零六年年底落成及投入運作。隨著計劃完成,就規模 及質素而言,本集團將進一步鞏固其作為世界級公司之 地位。此外,本集團將可調配更多資源為於中國未來主 要工業之一一擁有商標之客戶提供服務。由於財政狀況 穩健,儘管未來數年原料價格將仍然高企,本集團已準 備就緒迎接更美滿將來。本集團將透過多元化發展新產 品範疇,繼續與新客戶開拓商機。憑藉其穩固基礎、於業 內所建立聲譽以及與客戶之長期關係,本集團深信定能 克服未來種種挑戰。

我們深信一直鼎力支持之股東、努力不懈之員工、忠誠 客戶及供應商乃是本集團成績卓越之關鍵。本人謹代表 科鑄向全體股東對業務持續成功所作之寶貴貢獻致以 衷心感謝。

**劉鑾鴻** 主席

香港,二零零六年四月十三日