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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 01116) (the "Company")

# INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016 amounted to approximately RMB178.4 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: approximately RMB213.2 million).
- Profit attributable to the owners of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2016 amounted to approximately RMB1.2 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: loss of approximately RMB7.5 million).
- Basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2016 amounted to approximately RMB 0.12 cents (for the six months ended 30 June 2015: loss per share of approximately RMB 0.77 cents).
- The directors of the Company do not recommend the declaration of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") is pleased to present the audited condensed consolidated interim financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (the "Period") together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2015.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification only

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**

For the six months ended 30 June 2016

|   | Notes | Six months end<br>2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited)                  | ded 30 June<br>2015<br><i>RMB</i> '000<br>(Unaudited)  |
|---|-------|--|--|
| <b>Revenue</b><br>Cost of sales   | 3     | 178,437<br>(153,925)   | 213,207<br>(198,772)   |
| Gross profit<br>Other income<br>Other net income/(loss)<br>Distribution costs<br>Administrative expenses<br>Other operating expenses<br>Profit/(loss) from operations<br>Impairment loss on amount due from<br>investee companies |       | 24,512<br>3,177<br>960<br>(8,101)<br>(14,043)<br>(532)<br>5,973<br>(192) | $ \begin{array}{c}     14,435 \\     3,582 \\     (794) \\     (8,234) \\     (13,800) \\     (1,970) \\     (6,781) \\     (32) \end{array} $ |
| Finance costs<br><b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b><br>Income tax expense  | 5     | (1,599)<br>4,182<br>(1,979)  | (1,228)<br>(8,041)   |
| Profit/(loss) for the period  | 4     | 2,203  | (8,041)  |
| <b>Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to:</b><br>Owners of the Company<br>Non-controlling interests  |       | 1,164<br>1,039<br>2,203  | (7,467)<br>(574)<br>(8,041)  |
| Earnings/(loss) per share   |       |  |  |
| Basic and diluted (RMB cents)   | 7     | 0.12   | (0.77)   |

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income** *For the six months ended 30 June 2016* 

|  | Six months ended 30 June              |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
|  | 2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | <b>2015</b><br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) |
| Profit/(loss) for the period   | 2,203                                 | (8,041)                                      |
| <b>Other comprehensive income:</b><br><i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:</i><br>Exchange differences on translating foreign operations | (1,322)                               | (33)   |
| Items that may not be reclassified to profit or loss:<br>Exchange differences on translating foreign operations  | 978                                   | (285)  |
| Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax  | (344)                                 | (318)  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period  | 1,859                                 | (8,359)                                      |
| Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:   |                                       |  |
| Owners of the Company  | 820                                   | (7,785)                                      |
| Non-controlling interests  | 1,039                                 | (574)  |
|  | 1,859                                 | (8,359)                                      |

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 June 2016

|   | Notes | 30 June<br>2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | 31 December<br>2015<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Audited) |
|---|-------|--|--|
| <b>Non-current assets</b><br>Property, plant and equipment<br>Prepaid land lease payments<br>Interest in a joint venture                                    |       | 38,120<br>6,307                                  | 38,734<br>6,418                                    |
| Available-for-sale financial assets   |       | 11,766   | 11,766   |
|   |       | 56,193   | 56,918   |
| <b>Current assets</b><br>Inventories<br>Trade and other receivables<br>Prepaid land lease payments<br>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 8     | 50,601<br>113,025<br>222<br>13,827               | 44,388<br>134,297<br>222                           |
| Cash and cash equivalents   |       | 123,194  | 77,986   |
|   |       | 300,869  | 256,893  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b><br>Trade and other payables<br>Current tax payable<br>Borrowings   | 9     | 82,720<br>118<br>80,388<br>163,226               | 86,292<br>   |
| Net current assets  |       | 137,643  | 135,059  |
| Total assets less current liabilities   |       | 193,836  | 191,977  |
| NET ASSETS  |       | 193,836  | 191,977  |
| Capital and reserves<br>Share capital<br>Reserves   |       | 88,872<br>54,928                                 | 88,872   |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company<br>Non-controlling interests   |       | 143,800<br>50,036                                | 142,980<br>48,997                                  |
| TOTAL EQUITY  |       | 193,836  | 191,977  |

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the six months ended 30 June 2016

#### 1. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In the current period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (the "HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to its operations and effective for its accounting period beginning on 1 January 2016. HKFRSs comprise Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards; Hong Kong Accounting Standards (the "HKAS"); and Interpretations. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies, presentation of the Group's financial statements and amounts reported for the current period and prior years.

The Group has not applied the other new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of those new and revised HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

The Interim Financial Statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in a full set of financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 ("2015 Annual Report").

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the Interim Financial Statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of 2015 Annual Report of the Group.

#### 3. **REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by a mixture of both business lines (products and services) and geography. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the board of directors of the Company, being the Group's chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. The Group has presented the following two reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

- Steel PRC: this segment primarily derive its revenue from the manufacture and trading of steel pipes, steel sheets and other products made of steel. These products are manufactured in the Group's manufacturing facilities located in the PRC.
- Investments: this segment invests in equity securities to generate dividend income and interest income and/or to gain from the appreciation in the investments' values in the long term.

### (a) Segment results, assets and liabilities

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's chief operating decision maker monitors the results, assets and liabilities attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Segment assets include all tangible assets and current assets with the exception of corporate assets. Segment liabilities include all liabilities including trade and other payables and borrowings managed directly by the segments with the exception of corporate liabilities.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to sales generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation or amortisation of assets attributable to those segments. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. The measure used for reporting segment profit is "EBIT" i.e. "earnings before interest and taxes".

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance is set out below:

| Period ended 30 June 2016 (Unaudited) | Steel – PRC<br>RMB'000        | Investment<br>RMB'000 | Total<br><i>RMB'000</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue from external customers       | 178,437                       |                       | 178,437                 |
| Segment profit                        | 8,376                         | 738                   | 9,114                   |
| At 30 June 2016 (Unaudited)           |                               |                       |                         |
| Segment assets                        | 328,526                       | 14,775                | 343,301                 |
| Segment liabilities                   | 106,895                       | 2,931                 | 109,826                 |
| Period ended 30 June 2015 (Unaudited) | Steel – PRC<br><i>RMB'000</i> | Investment<br>RMB'000 | Total<br><i>RMB'000</i> |
| Revenue from external customers       | 213,207                       |                       | 213,207                 |
| Segment (loss)/profit                 | (2,033)                       |                       | (2,033)                 |
| At 31 December 2015 (Audited)         |                               |                       |                         |
| Segment assets                        | 299,113                       | 616                   | 299,729                 |
| Segment liabilities                   | 83,069                        | 8                     | 83,077                  |

### Reconciliations of reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities:

|  | Six months er<br>2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | nded 30 June<br>2015<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Profit or loss:</b><br>Total profit/(loss) of reportable segments | 9,114  | (2,033)   |
| Finance cost   | (1,599)  | (1,228)   |
| Corporate and unallocated profit or loss                             | (3,333)  | (4,780)   |
| Consolidated profit/(loss) before taxation for the period            | 4,182  | (8,041)   |
|  | At   | At  |
|  | 30 June  | 31 December   |
|  | 2016   | 2015  |
|  | <i>RMB'000</i>   | <i>RMB'000</i>  |
|  | (Unaudited)  | (Audited)   |
| Assets:  |  |   |
| Total assets of reportable segments                                  | 343,301  | 299,729   |
| Corporate and unallocated assets:                                    |  |   |
| <ul> <li>Available-for-sale financial assets</li> </ul>              | 11,766   | 11,766  |
| – Others   | 1,995  | 2,316   |
| Consolidated total assets  | 357,062  | 313,811   |
|  |  |   |
| Liabilities:   |  |   |
| Total liabilities of reportable segments                             | 109,826  | 83,077  |
| Corporate and unallocated liabilities                                | 53,400   | 38,757  |
| Consolidated total liabilities                                       | 163,226  | 121,834   |

Over 90% of the Group's revenue and assets are derived from customers and operations based in the PRC and accordingly, no further analysis of the Group's geographical information is disclosed.

### 4. **PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD**

The Group's profit/(loss) for the period is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

|   | Six months ended 30 June |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2016                     | 2015        |
|   | RMB'000                  | RMB'000     |
|   | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |
| Cost of inventories sold                    | 153,925                  | 198,772     |
| Depreciation                                | 2,758                    | 3,138       |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payments      | 111                      | 111         |
| Net exchange (gains)/losses                 | (57)                     | 782         |
| Staff costs including directors' emoluments |                          |             |
| – Salaries, bonus and allowances            | 11,391                   | 9,722       |
| - Retirement benefits scheme contributions  | 2,548                    | 2,173       |
|   | 13,939                   | 11,895      |

### 5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|                            | Six months ended 30 June |             |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                            | 2016 2                   |             |
|                            | RMB'000                  | RMB'000     |
|                            | (Unaudited)              | (Unaudited) |
| Current tax                |                          |             |
| PRC corporation income tax | 1,862                    | _           |
| Hong Kong profits tax      | 117                      |             |
|                            | 1,979                    |             |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is provided at 16.5% based on the assessable profit for the period. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the period ended 30 June 2016 as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong in that period.

Tax charge on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretation and practices in respect thereof.

#### 6. INTERIM DIVIDEND

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

#### 7. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

#### **Basic earnings/(loss) per share**

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the profit attributable to owners of the Company of approximately RMB1,164,000 (six months ended 2015: loss of approximately RMB7,467,000) and the weighted average number of 972,564,000 ordinary shares (six months ended 2015: 972,564,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the period.

#### Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share is equal to basic earnings/(loss) per share as there are no potential ordinary shares outstanding for both period.

#### 8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The trade and other receivable included trade receivables of approximately RMB103,007,000 as at 30 June 2016. The aging analysis of trade receivables, based on invoiced date, and net of allowance, is as follows:

|   | 30 June<br>2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | 31 December<br>2015<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Audited) |
|---|--|--|
| 0 to 30 days<br>31 to 60 days<br>61 to 90 days<br>91 to 180 days<br>Over 180 days | 31,227<br>30,166<br>25,437<br>15,688<br>489      | 32,860<br>31,664<br>21,663<br>18,666<br>1,128      |
|   | 103,007  | 105,981  |

### 9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The trade and other payables included trade payables of approximately RMB16,301,000 as at 30 June 2016. The aging analysis of the trade payables, based on the date of receipt of goods, is as follows:

|                 | 30 June<br>2016<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Unaudited) | 31 December<br>2015<br><i>RMB'000</i><br>(Audited) |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 0 to 30 days    | 14,011   | 17,503   |
| 31 to 60 days   | 1,254  | 906  |
| 61 to 90 days   | 306  | 362  |
| 91 to 180 days  | 43   | 72   |
| 181 to 365 days | 572  | 144  |
| Over 365 days   | 115  | 28   |
|                 | 16,301   | 19,015   |

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

For the six months ended 30 June 2016 (the "Period"), the Group reported consolidated revenue of approximately RMB178,437,000 representing a decrease of 16.3% compare to same period last year's RMB213,207,000. Gross profit margin was 13.7% compared to the same period of last year's 6.8%. Profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB1,164,000, compared with same period of last year's loss attributable to owners RMB7,467,000. Earnings per share for the Period was RMB0.12 cents versus same period of last year's loss per share RMB0.77 cents.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The primary business focus for the management of the Group in the year of review is still the publication of all outstanding financial results. In this regard, a number of legal actions have been taken by the Group during the past two years. The progress and the latest updates of those legal efforts, together with all other material information of the Company, had been disclosed in details by the Company's prompt announcements during the financial year under review and the monthly periodic announcements since May 2015.

Up to the date of this results announcement, the only active operating subsidiary of the Company is still Guangzhou Mayer, which is a manufacturer and distributor of steel pipes, steel sheets and other metal products in the PRC. The market territories of Guangzhou Mayer include the domestic sales of the steel products in the PRC and the indirect export distribution. The Company indirectly holds 81.4% equity interest in Guangzhou Mayer through Bamian Investments PTE Limited, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company incorporated in Singapore. The Group's effective interest in Guangzhou Mayer is 81.4%.

To help the Company understand the latest development of the project of the Dan Tien Port in Vietnam (the "Dan Tien Port Project", 越南民進港項目), the auditor of the Company (the "Auditor") commenced the audit procedures in early 2015 in Vietnam over the financial data of the Dan Tien Port Project for the respective financial years ended at 31 December 2011, 31 December 2012, 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014. Although the Auditor had completed the audit works on the Dan Tien Port Project in April 2016, the Auditor was not able to issue an auditor report at the level of a subsidiary of the Company due to a number of uncertainties which had been fully disclosed in the Company's periodic announcement dated 3 May 2016. On 4 March 2016, the Stock Exchange issued a letter to the Company informing that the Stock Exchange has placed the Company into the first delisting stage (the "First Delisting Stage") under Practice Note 17 to the Listing Rules. The First Delisting Stage will expire on 23 September 2016 and the Company was required to submit a viable resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange at least 10 business days before the First Delisting Stage expires (that is, 8 September 2016) to address the resumption conditions. On 8 April 2016, the Company submitted to the listing committee of the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Committee") an application for a review of the decision of the First Delisting Stage pursuant to Rule 2B.06(1) of the Listing Rules and the review hearing was arranged and held on 17 May 2016. Thereafter, the Listing Committee informed the Company on 24 May 2016 of the conclusions of the review hearing that the decision of the First Delisting Stage had been upheld. The Company has then engaged legal consultants and a financial adviser to address the matters in respect of the resumption of the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

On 7 March 2016, the Company was notified by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") that it had commenced proceedings in the Market Misconduct Tribunal (the "MMT") against (i) the Company for failing to disclose price sensitive information as soon as reasonably practicable; and (ii) the nine former Directors and the former company secretary and financial controller of the Company for their reckless or negligent conduct causing the alleged breach by the Company of the provisions of the statutory corporate disclosure regime. The details of the proceedings in the MMT had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 14 March 2016.

On 30 June 2016, the SFC (also, the "Petitioner") served the Company and its three former Directors a sealed copy of petition (the "Petition") filed in the High Court of Hong Kong under Miscellaneous Proceedings numbered 1673 of 2016. Pursuant to the Petition, the three former Directors had conducted in a manner involving defalcation, misfeasance or misconduct towards the Company and/or unfairly prejudicial to its members or part of its members under the *Securities and Futures Ordinance*, and in particular, in causing the Company to commit to the alleged wrong-doing transactions, the three former Directors had failed to perform their duties owed to the Company with care, skill, and competence in matters concerning the Company's financial position, due diligence and assessment of contractual integrity. The Petitioner thereby asked the court to grant disqualification orders and orders against the three former Directors and other parties at fault for seeking recovery of compensation or damage for the loss and damage suffered by the Company as a result of their breach of director's duties under the common law. The details of this legal action had been disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 4 July 2016.

# **PRODUCTION AND SALES**

The revenue from indirect export sales of steel products in the PRC during the Period was approximately RMB59,453,000, representing a decrease of approximately 41.5% compared with approximately RMB101,652,000 for the same period of last year. The market for indirect export sales in the PRC continued to be the core market for the Group's steel segment.

The revenue from domestic sales of steel products in the PRC during the Period was approximately RMB114,896,000, representing an increase of approximately 6.2% compared with the same period of last year's approximately RMB108,230,000.

The revenue from direct export sales of steel products outside the PRC during the Period was approximately RMB4,088,000 representing an increase of approximately 22.9% while it was approximately RMB3,325,000 for the same period of last year.

## **GROSS PROFIT**

The Group recorded a gross profit of approximately RMB24,512,000 for the Period, with a gross profit margin of approximately 13.7%, compared with the gross profit of approximately RMB14,435,000 and a gross profit margin of approximately 6.8% for the same period of last year. This was mainly attributable to the decrease in the material cost for the Period.

## **OPERATING EXPENSES**

The total operating expenses of the Group for the Period were approximately RMB22,676,000, of which approximately RMB8,101,000 in distribution costs, RMB14,043,000 in administrative expenses and RMB532,000 in other operating expenses, accounting for approximately 4.5%, 7.9%, and 0.3% of revenue respectively while the amounts for the same period of last year were approximately RMB8,234,000, RMB13,800,000, and RMB1,970,000 respectively, accounting for approximately 3.9%, 6.5%, and 0.9% respectively.

## FINANCE COSTS

During the Period, the Group incurred approximately RMB1,599,000 in finance costs, compared with approximately RMB1,228,000 for the same period of last year. The Group relied on bank borrowings to finance its trading activities, the increase in finance costs paid during the Period was mainly due to the increase in interest rates.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TREASURY POLICIES

The Group continues to adhere to prudent treasury policies. The Group continued to insure against major receivables in order to lower the risks of credit sales and to ensure that funds would be recovered on a timely basis, hence fulfilling the requirements for debt repayments and working capital commitments.

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had bank deposits and cash balances of approximately RMB123,194,000.

The Group had net current assets of approximately RMB137,643,000 as at 30 June 2016 as compared with RMB135,059,000 as at 31 December 2015. The current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) changed to approximately 1.84 as at 30 June 2016 from 2.11 as at 31 December 2015.

The Group had a total of approximately RMB25,000,000 financing facilities from banks were available as at 30 June 2016, of which approximately RMB25,000,000 mainly denominated in US dollars with fixed interest rates, had been drawn down to finance the Group's working capital purposes and capital expenditures.

The gearing ratio (net debt divided by total capital) as at 30 June 2016 was approximately 84.2% while it was 63.5% as at 31 December 2015. Current portion of borrowings accounted for approximately 22.5% and 11.3% of the total assets of the Group as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively.

# **CASH FLOW**

For the period, the Group generated net cash inflow of RMB3,940,000 from its operating activities, as compared to net cash inflow of approximately RMB1,703,000 for the same period of last year. The increase in net cash inflow from operating activities was primarily due to the increase in profit generated and decrease in trade receivable and bills receivable. Net cash outflow of approximately RMB1,667,000 was from investing activities for the Period, mainly resulted from purchase of property, plant and equipment. Net cash inflow of approximately RMB43,247,000 was from financing activities, mainly resulted from net repayment of bank borrowings. Banks deposits and cash balances as at 30 June 2016 amounted to approximately RMB123,194,000, mainly denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"), US dollars and HK dollars.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURES

As most of the Group's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in RMB, US dollars and HK dollars and those currencies remained relatively stable during the Period, the Group was not exposed to any significant foreign exchange risk. In general, it is the Group's policy for each operating entity to borrow in local currencies, where necessary, to minimize currency risk.

# CHARGE ON GROUP ASSETS

As at 30 June 2016, no assets were pledged to banks for securing banking or other financing facilities granted to the Group.

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group has contingent liabilities in connection to the following litigations outstanding up to the date of this report:

- 1. In January 2012, the Group commenced litigation against Make Success Limited and certain parties (the "Defendants") involved in the acquisition of Yield Rise Limited to claim for the damages and rescission of the agreement for breach of the agreement and misrepresentation made by them and repayment of consideration. The Group is negotiating with the Defendants for the settlement of the claims and proposes to enter a settlement deed with Make Success to resolve the matter of Yield Rise. Pursuant to the draft settlement deed, the Agreement shall be rescinded. Make Success shall (i) return the consideration shares to the Company and (ii) surrender the promissory notes and convertible bonds. The Company shall return the shares in Yield Rise to Make Success. Therefore, the directors consider that the investment in Yield Rise Group, the promissory notes and convertible bonds were not recognised in the consolidated financial statements.
- 2. On 4 August 2014, Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing, a former director of the Company, filed a Winding Up Petition dated 29 July 2014 against the Company under the Grant Court of Cayman Islands ("Grant Court") to demand for the repayment of loan of HK\$11,030,000 due to him. The Group acknowledged the loan was owing to him. On 7 November 2014 and judgment was handed down by Grant Court to dismiss the petition. Subsequently an appeal against the decision of the Grant Court was filed by Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing. On 19 October 2017, the Company filed an application to strike out the appeal to the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal. The hearing of the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal was held on 15 November 2017 and order that both the appeal filed by Mr. Lai Yueh-Hsing and the Company be dismissed. Therefore, it is the opinion of the directors that the outcome will not have a material impact on the Group's financial position.
- 3. Guangzhou Mayer, a subsidiary of the Company, had received a notice dated 6 December 2017 from the Intermediate Court of Guangzhou Municipality, Guangdong Province (the "Intermediate Court") that the Intermediate Court had received the application of the winding up petition against Guangzhou Mayer filed by Wealth & Health Investments Limited and Taishun Industrial (Inner Mongolia) Food Co., Limited. The Intermediate Court has not decided the date for hearing of the said winding up petition. According to legal advice, the winding up petition against Guangzhou Mayer do not meet the conditions required by the relevant laws. The directors believe that the application of the winding up petition will be strike out by Intermediate Court.
- 4. On 29 March 2012, writs of summons were issued by Capital Wealth Finance Company Limited and Capital Wealth Corporation Limited against the Company to claim the sum of HK\$15,500,000 plus relevant legal costs incurred/to be incurred. The Company intends to contest the claim. In the directors' opinion, the ultimate liability, if any, will not have a material impact on the Group's financial position.

# EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

As at 30 June 2016, the Group had total of about 300 employees. Total staff costs of for the Period were approximately RMB13,939,000, including retirement benefits cost of approximately RMB2,548,000. Remuneration packages of the Group are maintained at a competitive level to attract, retain and motive employees and are reviewed on a periodic basis.

The Group always maintains good relation with its employees and is committed to employee training and development on a regular basis to maintain the quality of our products. In addition, the Company has a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants. No option has been granted under the scheme since its adoption.

# OUTLOOK

With its official entrance into Guangzhou Mayer in the third quarter of 2017, the new management of Guangzhou Mayer started to implement comprehensive management, and undertake market restructuring and repositioning. The development of carbon steel cutting, steel pipe and stainless steel pipe businesses have moved onto a steady development track.

Focusing on the businesses in relation to the steel sheets used in motor vehicles and the steel pipes used in motor vehicles as well as stainless steel drinking water pipes, Guangzhou Mayer adjusted its marketing strategies based on the actual situation in response to the market. Striving for creation, improvement and perfection, we aim to expand our market share and enhance the value of our products.

Looking ahead to 2018, we will continue to proceed with our steel processing and distribution business (including carbon steel cutting) and to better serve the existing customers. Meanwhile, we will explore new customers by leveraging on our existing advantages and boost sales through developing new domestic resources for steel plants. We strive to enhance our carbon steel pipe production ability, expand the business of pipes used in motor vehicles and gradually phase out from our low-end pipe business, enhancing the profitability of pipe business. We will actively promote the stainless steel drinking water pipe business by expanding its sales volume through integrating distribution channels, and foster regional direct sales channel at the same time. First, we will strenuously explore the direct sales market for stainless steel pipe materials and pipe fittings in Southern China so as to increase profit. In addition, we will actively seek for new projects that suit the need for corporate development in order to create new growth engines for the Group.

Nowadays, there is worldwide optimism about the PRC's future economic development. The pace of China's economic growth has remained in a reasonable range for years, demonstrating a development trend of growth amidst stability. The successful convention of the "19th National Congress of the CPC" has directed the future economic development of China and is going to pose significant impact on the global economy. Locating in the region of Pearl River Delta, one of the most prosperous regions of China, Guangzhou Mayer has unique advantages and we are confident of Guangzhou Mayer's future development. Stemming from 2017, we will strive to realize our business objectives in 2018, including a 16% growth in carbon steel cutting business, a 20% growth in stainless steel pipe business and a 10% growth in carbon steel pipe business, with more than 1,000 tonnes sales of motor vehicle steel pipes.

With its ability, wisdom and determination and with an unwavering focus on economic benefits, the management of Guangzhou Mayer is committed to optimizing the product structure and developing new products of competitiveness, enhancing product value and increasing customer satisfaction, seizing every opportunity that is beneficial to the Company's development and generating the best return to society, shareholders and investors.

# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

During the Period, the Group did not have any significant investments held or any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries or associated companies.

## CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The group has no other significant capital commitments as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") assists the Board in providing an independent review of the effectiveness of the financial reporting process, internal control and risk management systems of the Group, overseeing the audit process and performing other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board from time to time. The Audit Committee comprises independent non-executive directors of the Company; namely, Mr. Lau Kwok Hung (who is also the chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. Ng Cheuk Lun and Mr. Deng Shimin. The interim results of the Company for the Period have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company was not in compliance with the following code provisions:

| The then code provision | Reason for the non-compliance and improvement actions took or to be taken   |
|-------------------------|---|
| A.1.8                   | No insurance cover was arranged for the Financial Year. The<br>Company will arrange insurance cover immediately upon the<br>resumption of trading of the Company's shares.  |
| A.2.5                   | The Company was not in compliance with certain code<br>provisions as set out in the CG Code for the Financial Year. The<br>existing Chairman has confirmed that he will take active action<br>to improve and monitor the corporate governance practice of<br>the Group. |

| A.4.2                      | No general meeting was held during the Financial Year.<br>Therefore, no Directors have been subject to retirement and re-<br>election by the Shareholders at the general meeting. General<br>meeting will be held in due course for the retirement and re-<br>election of Directors. |
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| C.1.5                      | Due to change of auditor, there were no annual and interim<br>results of the Group for the Financial Year presented to regular<br>Board meetings for approval.   |
| E.1.1, E.1.2, E.1.3, E.2.1 | No general meeting was held during the Financial Year. General meeting of the Company will be arranged in due course.  |

# **INTERIM DIVIDENDS**

No dividend was paid during the period of six months ended 30 June 2016. The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Period.

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

During the Period, there was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of the Company's listed shares.

# PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

The interim results announcement is available for viewing on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkex.com.hk) and the Company (www.mayer.com.hk). The interim report of the Company for the Period containing all information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

# CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF THE TRADING IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Trading in the shares of the Company (the "**Shares**") on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") has been suspended from 9:00 a.m. on 9 January 2012. The Stock Exchange has placed the Company in the third delisting stage under the Practice Notice 17 to the Listing Rules on 14 June 2017. If the Company does not submit a viable resumption proposal to the Stock Exchange by the end of the third delisting stage (that is, 13 December 2017), the Company's listing status will be cancelled. The Company has engaged legal consultants and a financial adviser to address the matters in respect of the resumption of the trading of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

Up till the date of this results announcement, the trading in the Shares will continue to be suspended until further notice.

For and on behalf of the Board **Mayer Holdings Limited Lee Kwok Leung** *Chairman and Executive Director* 

Hong Kong, 9 April, 2018

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises three executive directors; namely, Mr. Lee Kwok Leung, Mr. Xu Lidi and Mr. Lin Jinhe; one non-executive director; namely, Mr. Wang Dongqi; and three independent non-executive directors; namely, Mr. Lau Kwok Hung, Mr. Ng Cheuk Lun and Mr. Deng Shimin.