

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains certain forward-looking statements and information relating to us and our subsidiaries that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to our management. When used in this document, the words “aim”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “can”, “continue”, “could”, “forecast”, “expect”, “going forward”, “intend”, “ought to”, “may”, “might”, “plan”, “potential”, “predict”, “project”, “seek”, “should”, “will”, “would” and the negative of these words and other similar expressions, as they relate to our Group or our management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of our management with respect to future events, operations, financial performance, liquidity and capital resources, some of which may not materialize or may change. These statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the other risk factors as described in this document. You are strongly cautioned that reliance on any forward-looking statements involves known and unknown risks and uncertainties. The risks and uncertainties facing us which could affect the accuracy of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our operations and business prospects;
- our ability to maintain and enhance our market positions;
- future developments, trends and conditions in the industry and markets in which we operate;
- our business strategies and plans to achieve these strategies;
- our ability to identify and integrate suitable acquisition targets;
- general economic, political and business conditions in the markets in which we operate;
- changes to the regulatory environment and general outlook in the industry and markets in which we operate;
- the effects of the global financial markets and economic crisis;
- our ability to reduce costs;
- our dividend policy;
- the amount and nature of, and potential for, future development of our business;
- capital market developments;
- the actions and developments of our competitors;
- risks identified under “Risk Factors” in this document;
- certain statements in “Business” and “Financial Information” in this document with respect to trends in prices, volumes, operations, margins, overall market trends, risk management and exchange rates; and
- other statements in this document that are not historical facts.

We do not guarantee that the transactions and events described in the forward-looking statements in this document will happen as described, or at all. Actual outcomes may differ materially from the information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the risks and uncertainties set forth in “Risk Factors” in this document. You should read this document in its entirety and with the understanding that actual

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future results may be materially different from what we expect. The forward-looking statements made in this document relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made or, if obtained from third-party studies or reports, the dates of the respective studies or reports. Since we operate in an evolving environment where new risks or uncertainties may emerge from time to time, you should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We undertake no obligation, beyond what is required by law, to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made, even when our situation may have changed.