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CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of Directors

Executive Directors Mr. Ou Yaping (Chairman) Mr. Tang Yui Man Francis (Vice Chairman) Mr. Chen Wei (Managing Director) Mr. Li Fujun Mr. Shen Lian Jin Mr. Zhang Keyu

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Fok Kin-ning, Canning Mr. To Chi Keung, Simon (alternate director to Mr. Fok Kin-ning, Canning)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit Mr. Ge Ming Mr. Li Xiao Ru

Authorised Representatives Mr. Ou Yaping Mr. Tang Yui Man Francis

Compliance Officer Mr. Li Fujun

Qualified Accountant

Mr. Yu Man To, Gerald MBA, CPA (Aust.), CPA

Company Secretary

Mr. Lo Tai On

Audit Committee

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Principal Bankers

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The board of directors (the "Board") of Panva Gas Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Group's turnover increased to approximately HK\$958 million representing an increase of 12.89% from the same period last year.
- Gross profit increased to approximately HK\$225 million representing an increase of approximately 31.28% from the same period last year.
- Net profit attributable to shareholders increased to approximately HK\$128 million representing an increase of approximately 34.01% from the same period last year.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The PRC economy remained in good shape during the first half of 2005, showing high growth with low inflation. According to a report of the People's Bank of China, the PRC is expected to record a growth of 9.2% in gross domestic product for the first six months. It is anticipated that rapid growth will be phasing over to solid growth as the PRC enters into a new stage of economic expansion. A solidly growing economy will provide good conditions for the Group to accelerate its development.

For the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$958,053,000, an increase of 12.89% over the same period last year. Gross profit grew by 31.28% to approximately HK\$225,036,000. Profit attributable to shareholders increased by 34.01% to approximately HK\$128,249,000.

Wholesale of LP Gas

Wholesale of LP Gas comprises the sale of LP Gas in bulk and in cylinders to wholesale customers by tank lorries and tank vessels. Confronted by the rising costs of LP Gas in the PRC during the first half of 2005, the Group through further realigning its resources and increasing its economies-of-scale advantages has effectively alleviated the operating risks brought by the rising costs of LP Gas. As a result, the LP Gas wholesale business maintained solid development. For the six months ended 30 June 2005, the turnover decreased slightly by 10.71% to approximately HK\$418,779,000, accounting for approximately 43.71% of the Group's total turnover. The decrease was mainly due to a supplier of the Group underwent a biannual maintenance overhand resulting in less LP Gas available for sale during the period.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

Retail of LP Gas

This business comprises the direct sale of LP Gas in cylinders to end-user customers. For the six months ended 30 June 2005, turnover derived from the business grew by 41.35% to approximately HK\$256,117,000, accounting for approximately 26.73% of the Group's total turnover. The growth was a result of an increase in the volume and price of LP Gas.

Sale of Piped Gas

This business comprises the direct sale of piped LP Gas and piped natural gas to enduser households. Turnover of the business increased by 62.97% to approximately HK\$54,997,000, accounting for approximately 5.74% of the Group's aggregate turnover derived from the gas fuel businesses during the period. The increase was a result of additional households connected as well as a general increase in the consumption of piped gas.

Gas Pipeline Development

The Group's gas pipeline development business mainly includes the construction and maintenance of piped gas stations and networks, through which the Group provides direct connection of piped gas to end-user households and receives a connection fee. For the six months ended 30 June 2005, the Group received approximately HK\$199,197,000 in connection fee, an increase of approximately 34.13% over the same period last year, accounting for approximately 20.79% of the Group's total turnover.

New Project Development

With the PRC's rising need for energy infrastructure development and the PRC Government's strong efforts to transform the state-owned gas enterprises, more opportunities are emerging on the horizon for the Group's expansion of city gas businesses. The Group is accelerating its new project development in the PRC. Following last year's conclusion of projects in Qigihar, Changchun and Anshan in the three northeastern PRC provinces, the Group early this year commenced discussions in more than 10 premium PRC cities of large and medium size on joint venture opportunities. It is expected that some of these projects will be concluded in the second half of this year, which will further increase the Group's economies-of-scale and competitive advantages. In another focal region, the southwestern PRC region, the Group apart from concluding the Jianyang project also entered into discussions with gas operators in Chongqing and other cities in Sichuan province during the first half. The Group looks forward to satisfactory results from these discussions in the second half of the year. Besides the northeastern and southwestern PRC regions, the Group also negotiated for selective projects in the northern and southern PRC regions during the first half and made solid progress.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

New Project Development (Cont'd)

Moreover, the Group is discussing LP Gas projects in several large and medium sized cities in order to further strengthen its leading position in the LP Gas market in the PRC. The Group is hopeful that some of these provincial city gas projects will be concluded in the second half of the year.

Sichuan Jianyang Project

The Group through its wholly-owned subsidiary Panriver Investments Company Limited entered into an acquisition agreement with Jianyang Development Bureau to acquire 100% equity interest in Jianyang Natural Gas Company for a consideration of RMB28,500,000. Lezhi Panva Gas Co., Ltd., another wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, has taken up a 10% interest in Jianyang Natural Gas Company which was renamed as Jianyang Panva Gas Company Limited ("Jianyang Panva Gas"). As part of the acquisition, Jianyang Panva Gas was granted an exclusive right to operate natural gas business in Jianyang city for 30 years.

Jianyang occupies an area of approximately 2,215 square kilometres, with a population of approximately 1,430,000 and connectable natural gas households of approximately 376,000. Located in the western part of Sichuan Basin, Jianyang is 55 kilometres from Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan, and adjacent to the stateendorsed Chengdu Economic and Technological Development Zone. As such, Jianyang is well positioned to benefit from the eastern and southern developments of Chengdu. Armed with provincial-class tourism, economic and technological development zones, Jianyang is a city with highly promising prospects in the Chengdu Plain Economic Circle. Its prime location, outstanding competitive advantages, strong economic infrastructure and well-integrated strengths provide a favourable market for natural gas development.

Jianyang Panva Gas is principally engaged in the provision of natural gas, with ancillary businesses that include the design and installation of natural gas facilities, the repair and maintenance of natural gas utensils, the retail of natural gas equipment and parts, and the retail of building materials.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (Cont'd)

Financial Position

The Group continued to enjoy a healthy financial position. As at 30 June 2005, the Group's cash and bank balances amounted to approximately HK\$1,480,787,000, which were mostly denominated in Renminbi, Hong Kong dollars and the United States dollars.

As at 30 June 2005, the Group's short-term bank loans and other borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$1,897,103,000, of which approximately HK\$1,859,263,000 arose from the issue of guaranteed senior notes in September 2004 and the Group's issue of 5-year convertible bonds in April 2003. The Group ended the period under review with a current ratio of approximately 5.8 times and a gearing ratio of approximately 21.8% (net debt to equity). Total assets pledged in securing these bank loans had a net book value of approximately HK\$56,145,000 as at 30 June 2005. The strong financial position enables the Group to undertake new development projects.

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 30 June 2005, the Group had 3,693 full time employees, an increase of 14.12% from the end of last year. Approximately 99% of the Group's full time employees are located in the PRC. The Group remunerates its employees based on individual's performance and capability. On top of promotion opportunities and other incentives (including grant of share options), the Group also provides its staff with various training opportunities. The Group has also developed a systematic staff development programme to facilitate the Group's further advancement in technology and management.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group has no material contingent liabilities as at the balance sheet date.

Group Restructuring

On 7 April 2005, the Board was informed by Sinolink Worldwide Holdings Limited ("Sinolink"), the controlling shareholder of the Company, that Sinolink agreed to sell, and Enerchina Holdings Limited ("Enerchina") agreed to purchase, a 58.45% interest in the Company. The purchase was completed on 2 June 2005 and Enerchina became the controlling shareholder of the Company. Enerchina is a subsidiary of Sinolink and the shares of Enerchina are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

PROSPECTS

The PRC is making further efforts to reform its economic system. In 2005, the State Council Office of Northeast Revitalization published the "Implementation Opinions on the Further Opening of the Northeastern Industrial Base to Foreign Investment", pursuant to which certain sectors in the northeastern PRC region will be further opened up to foreign investment. These sectors included the development and operation of city gas, heat and water pipelines, where the restrictions on foreign equity investments will be relaxed, to the extent that foreign investors might hold controlling interests upon approval by the PRC authorities. In February 2005, the State Council released a new policy paper on "Encouraging, Supporting and Guiding the Development of the Non-State Sector" which lowers the threshold for private businesses' entry into sectors the State previously monopolised. This coincided with the formation of the first non-State oil enterprise in the PRC, providing ample evidence that the market economy of the PRC is gradually becoming more sophisticated. Such favourable conditions provide good opportunities for the Group in new project development.

The Group at this stage is adhering equal importance to corporate management and new project development, and focusing on the parallel expansion of piped gas business and LP Gas business. As far as corporate management is concerned, the Group is making realignments and enhancements for its new acquired enterprises, targeting at their specific needs that arise from the differences in geographic characteristics and individual circumstances. With regard to new project development, the Group will continue to increase its penetration in the target cities in Sichuan province and northeastern PRC region, while seeking for quality projects in the northern, eastern and southern PRC regions on a selective basis. The Group aims to further enhance the efficiency of its existing operations and simultaneously increase the Group's market share through new project development.

> By Order of the Board Chen Wei Managing Director

Hong Kong, 12 August 2005

OTHER INFORMATION

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Directors' Interests or short positions in Shares and in share options

At 30 June 2005, the interests and short positions of the Directors of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") which require notification to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of SFO); or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or which were required, pursuant to rules 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

		nterest in Shares sitions/(Short posi Interest of	itions)	Interest in underlying Shares	Aggregate interest/	Approximate percentage of the Company's
Name of Directors	Beneficial owner	controlled corporation	Total interest in Shares	pursuant to share options	(Short positions)	issued share capital
Chen Wei	4,160,000	_	4,160,000	8,040,000	12,200,000	1.29%
Cheung Hon Kit	_	_	_	800,000	800,000	0.08%
Ge Ming	_	_	_	800,000	800,000	0.08%
Li Fujun	1,000,000	_	1,000,000	2,600,000	3,600,000	0.38%
Li Xiao Ru	_	_	_	800,000	800,000	0.08%
Ou Yaping	_	569,305,587 (19,230,769) (Note)	569,305,587 (19,230,769)	3,600,000	572,905,587 (19,230,769)	60.80% (2.04%)
Shen Lian Jin	_	_	_	2,300,000	2,300,000	0.24%
Tang Yui Man Francis	5,440,000	_	5,440,000	3,960,000	9,400,000	1.00%
Zhang Keyu	-	_	_	2,000,000	2,000,000	0.21%

Note:

The 569,305,587 Shares represent (i) 394,732,462 Shares held by Kenson Investment Limited ("Kenson"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Enerchina. 74.88% interests of Enerchina are held by Sinolink. 58.48% interests of Sinolink are held by Asia Pacific Promotion Limited ("Asia Pacific"). Mr. Ou is the sole beneficial owner of Asia Pacific. Mr. Ou is deemed under the SFO to be interested in these Shares; (ii) 5,081,600 Shares held by Asia Pacific directly. The entire issued share capital of Asia Pacific is legally and beneficially held by Mr. Ou; and (iii) 169,491,525 Shares held by Enerchina. Mr. Ou is deemed under the SFO to be interested in these Shares.

Kenson is under an obligation to transfer 19,230,769 Shares to Hutchison International Limited ("Hutchison International") upon full exchange of a HK\$62,500,000 redeemable note (the "Note") held by Hutchison International in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note.

Details of the directors' interests in share options granted by the Company are set out under the heading "Directors' rights to acquire Shares" below.

Directors' rights to acquire Shares

Pursuant to the Company's share option schemes, the Company has granted to certain directors of the Company options to subscribe the Shares, details of which are as follows:

Name of Directors	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Exercise price HK\$	Number of Shares subject to outstanding options as at 1.1.2005 and 30.6.2005	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Chen Wei	04.04.2001 04.04.2001	01.01.2003 - 03.04.2011 01.01.2004 - 03.04.2011	0.475 0.475	1,800,000 1,800,000	0.19% 0.19%
	13.11.2001	13.11.2002 - 13.02.2007	0.473	1,440,000	0.15%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	900,000	0.10%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	900,000	0.10%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	1,200,000	0.13%
Cheung Hon Kit	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	320,000	0.03%
Ge Ming	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	320,000	0.03%
Li Fujun	04.04.2001	01.01.2003 - 03.04.2011	0.475	920,000	0.10%
	04.04.2001	01.01.2004 - 03.04.2011	0.475	1,200,000	0.13%
	13.11.2001	13.11.2002 - 13.02.2007	0.940	480,000	0.05%

Directors' rights to acquire Shares (Cont'd)

Name of		Exercisable	Exercise	Number of Shares subject to outstanding options as at 1.1.2005 and	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share
Directors	Date of grant	period	price HK\$	30.6.2005	capital
Li Xiao Ru	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	240,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	320,000	0.03%
Ou Yaping	04.04.2001	01.01.2003 - 03.04.2011	0.475	1,800,000	0.19%
	04.04.2001	01.01.2004 - 03.04.2011	0.475	1,800,000	0.19%
Shen Lian Jin	04.04.2001	01.01.2004 - 03.04.2001	0.475	300,000	0.03%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	600,000	0.06%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	600,000	0.06%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	800,000	0.08%
Tang Yui Man Francis	13.11.2001 19.11.2004 19.11.2004 19.11.2004	13.11.2002 - 13.02.2007 31.12.2005 - 13.02.2007 31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011 31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	0.940 3.500 3.500 3.500	960,000 900,000 900,000 1,200,000	0.10% 0.10% 0.10% 0.13%
Zhang Keyu	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500	600,000	0.06%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500	600,000	0.06%
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500	800,000	0.08%

Directors' rights to acquire Shares (Cont'd)

Notes:

- 1. The vesting period of the share options is from the date of grant until the commencement of the exercise period.
- 2. During the period, no options were granted to or exercised by the directors and no option held by the directors was lapsed or cancelled.
- 3. These options represent personal interest held by the directors as beneficial owner.

Interests in shares in associated corporations

	Name of	Interest of	Interest in sh	Total	Interest in underlying shares		Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the
Name of Directors	associated corporations	controlled corporations	Family interest	interest in shares	pursuant to share options	Aggregate interest	associated corporation
Chen Wei	Sinolink	_	_	_	12,000,000	12,000,000	0.51%
Ou Yaping	Sinolink	1,374,222,000 (Note 1)	6,475,920	1,380,697,920	_	1,380,697,920	58.76%
	Enerchina	3,617,895,635 (Note 2)	_	3,617,895,635	2,288,000	3,620,183,635	74.92%
Shen Lian Jin	Sinolink	_	_	_	3,000,000	3,000,000	0.13%
Tang Yui Man Francis	Sinolink	_	_	_	19,000,000	19,000,000	0.81%
TIANUS	Enerchina	_	_	—	22,880,000	22,880,000	0.47%
Zhang Keyu	Sinolink	_	_	_	2,000,000	2,000,000	0.09%

Notes:

- 1. These shares are held by Asia Pacific, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is legally and beneficially owned by Mr. Ou Yaping, Chairman of the Company.
- 2. The 3,617,895,635 shares in Enerchina represent the aggregate of: (i) the 3,393,905,282 shares held by Sinolink (Mr. Ou Yaping through his wholly-owned company, Asia Pacific, holds approximately 58.48% of the existing issued share capital of Sinolink and is therefore deemed to be interested in all the shares in which Sinolink is interested); and (ii) the 223,990,353 shares held by Smart Orient Investments Limited ("Smart Orient"). 100% interests of Smart Orient are held by Sinolink. Mr. Ou is deemed under the SFO to be interested in these shares.

Interests in options to subscribe for shares of associated corporations

Name of Directors	Name of associated corporations	Date of grant	Exercise period	Exercise price HK\$	Number of Share subject to outstanding options as at 1.1.2005 and 30.6.2005	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the associated corporation
Chen Wei	Sinolink	28.12.2004	31.12.2005 - 24.05.2012	1.126	3,600,000	0.15%
		28.12.2004	30.06.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	3,600,000	0.15%
		28.12.2004	31.12.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	4,800,000	0.20%
Ou Yaping	Enerchina	09.06.2004	09.06.2004 - 08.06.2014	0.440	2,288,000	0.05%
Shen Lian Jin	Sinolink	28.12.2004	31.12.2005 - 24.05.2012	1.126	900,000	0.04%
		28.12.2004	30.06.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	900,000	0.04%
		28.12.2004	31.12.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	1,200,000	0.05%
Tang Yui Man	Sinolink	28.12.2004	31.12.2005 - 24.05.2012	1.126	5,700,000	0.24%
Francis		28.12.2004	30.06.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	5,700,000	0.24%
		28.12.2004	31.12.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	7,600,000	0.32%
	Enerchina	09.06.2004	09.06.2004 - 08.06.2014	0.440	22,880,000	0.47%
Zhang Keyu	Sinolink	28.12.2004	31.12.2005 - 24.05.2012	1.126	600,000	0.03%
		28.12.2004	30.06.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	600,000	0.03%
		28.12.2004	31.12.2006 - 24.05.2012	1.126	800,000	0.03%

Notes:

- 1. The vesting period of the share options is from the date of grant until the commencement of the exercise period.
- 2. These options represent personal interest held by the directors as beneficial owner.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or chief executives or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interests or short positions in Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which require notification to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of SFO); or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or which were required, pursuant to rules 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

At 30 June 2005, the following person(s) or corporations, other than the Directors or chief executives of the Company as disclosed above, had an interest in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company which were recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions and short positions in Shares and underlying Shares in the Company

Name of shareholders	Capacity	Interest in Shares Long positions/ (short positions)	Interest in underlying Shares pursuant to the Note/ debentures	Aggregate interest/ (short positions)	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Asia Pacific	Interest of controlled corporation and beneficial owner	569,305,587 (19,230,769) (Note 1)	_	569,305,587 (19,230,769)	60.42% (2.04%)
Sinolink	Interest of controlled corporation	564,223,987 (19,230,769) (Note 1)	_	564,223,987 (19,230,769)	59.88% (2.04%)
Enerchina	Interest of controlled corporation	564,223,987 (19,230,769) (Note 1)	_	564,223,987 (19,230,769)	59.88% (2.04%)
Kenson	Beneficial owner	394,732,462 (19,230,769) (Note 1)	_	394,732,462 (19,230,769)	41.89% (2.04%)
Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft	Beneficial owner and securities interest in Shares	24,394,282	48,081,000	72,475,282	7.69%
Hutchison International Limited	Beneficial owner	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 2)	6.12%
Hutchison Whampoa Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 2)	6.12%
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 3)	6.12%

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (Cont'd)

Long positions and short positions in Shares and underlying Shares in the **Company** (Cont'd) . .

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Name of shareholders	Capacity	Interest in Shares Long positions/ (short positions)	Interest in underlying Shares pursuant to the Note/ debentures	Aggregate interest/ (short positions)	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited	Trustee	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 3)	6.12%
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited	Trustee and beneficiary of a trust	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 3)	6.12%
Lai Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited	Trustee and beneficiary of a trust	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 3)	6.12%
Li Ka-shing	Interest of controlled corporation and as founder of discretionary trusts	38,461,538	19,230,769	57,692,307 (Note 3)	6.12%
Value Partners Limited	Investment manager	48,000,000 (Note 4)	_	48,000,000	5.09%
Cheah Cheng Hye	Interest of controlled corporation	48,000,000 (Note 4)	_	48,000,000	5.09%

Notes:

1. Enerchina is interested in the entire issued share capital of Kenson. Therefore, by virtue of Section 310 of Part XV of the SFO, the 394,732,462 Shares in which Kenson is shown as being interested are included in and duplicate with interest in Shares held by Enerchina, Sinolink and Asia Pacific. Mr. Ou Yaping is the sole beneficial shareholder of Asia pacific. Mr. Ou Yaping is deemed under Part XV of the SFO to have an interest in the Shares held by Kenson. In addition, 169,491,525 Shares held by Supreme All, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Enerchina. Therefore, Sinolink is deemed to be interested in 564,223,987 Shares.

Kenson is under an obligation to transfer 19,230,769 Shares to Hutchison International upon full exchange of the Note held by Hutchison International in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (Cont'd)

Long positions and short positions in Shares and underlying Shares in the Company (Cont'd)

2. Hutchison International is interested in 38,461,538 Shares and in the Note which is exchangeable into existing Shares at the exchange price of HK\$3.25 (subject to adjustment) per share. Upon full exchange of the Note at the initial exchange price, Hutchison International shall be entitled to 19,230,769 Shares and is accordingly interested in an aggregate of 57,692,307 Shares.

Hutchison International is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited ("Hutchison Whampoa"). By virtue of Part XV of the SFO, Hutchison Whampoa is deemed to be interested in 57,692,307 Shares.

3. Certain subsidiaries of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited ("Cheung Kong") are entitled to exercise or control the exercise of more than one-third of the voting power at the general meetings of Hutchison Whampoa.

Li Ka-Shing Unity Holdings Limited, of which each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor and Mr. Li Tzar Kai, Richard is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital, owns the entire issued share capital of Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited ("TUT1"). TUT1 as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust, together with certain companies which TUT1 as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of more than one-third of the voting power at their general meetings, hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of Cheung Kong.

In addition, Li Ka-Shing Unity Holdings Limited also owns the entire issued share capital of Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited ("TDT1") as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust ("DT1") and Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited ("TDT2") as trustee of another discretionary trust ("DT2"). Each of TDT1 and TDT2 holds units in The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust.

By virtue of the SFO, each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, being the settlor and may being regarded as a founder of each of DT1 and DT2 for the purpose of the SFO, TDT1, TDT2, TUT1 and Cheung Kong is deemed to be interested in the 38,461,538 Shares and in the Note representing 19,230,769 underlying Shares both held by Hutchison International.

4. These 48,000,000 Shares are held by Value Partners Limited, a company which is held by 31.82% by Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye. Accordingly, Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye is deemed to be interested in these Shares.

Save as disclosed above, no person had registered an interest in the share capital of the Company that was required to be disclosed under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and the GEM Listing Rules.

Save for the shareholders as disclosed herein, the directors are not aware of any persons who, as at 30 June 2005, were entitled to exercise or control the exercise of 5% or more of the voting power at general meetings of the Company and were also, as a practicable matter, able to direct or influence the management of the Company.

SHARE OPTIONS

Movements of the share options, which have been granted under the Pre-Listing Share Option Scheme ("Pre-Listing Options") and Share Option Schemes which were approved by sole shareholder on 4 April 2001 and granted in 2001 ("2001 Options") and in 2004 ("2004 Options"), during the period are set out below:

	Option types	Outstanding at 1.1.2005	Lapsed during the period	Outstanding at 30.6.2005
Category 1: Directors				
Chen Wei	Pre-Listing Options 2001 Options 2004 Options	3,600,000 1,440,000 3,000,000		3,600,000 1,440,000 3,000,000
Cheung Hon Kit	2004 Options	800,000	_	800,000
Ge Ming	2004 Options	800,000	_	800,000
Li Fujun	Pre-Listing Options 2001 Options	2,120,000 480,000	_	2,120,000 480,000
Li Xiao Ru	2004 Options	800,000	_	800,000
Ou Yaping	Pre-Listing Options	3,600,000	_	3,600,000
Shen Lian Jin	Pre-Listing Options 2004 Options	300,000 2,000,000		300,000 2,000,000
Tang Yui Man, Francis	2001 Options 2004 Options	960,000 3,000,000		960,000 3,000,000
Zhang Keyu	2004 Options	2,000,000		2,000,000
Total Directors		24,900,000		24,900,000
Category 2: Employees				
	Pre-Listing Options 2001 Options 2004 Options	4,250,000 5,689,000 8,800,000	(440,000)	4,250,000 5,249,000 8,800,000
Total Employees		18,739,000	(440,000)	18,299,000
All categories		43,639,000	(440,000)	43,199,000

SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

Details of specific categories of options are as follows:

Option types	Date of grant	Exercise period	Exercise price HK\$
Pre-Listing Options	04.04.2001	01.01.2003 - 03.04.2011	0.475
	04.04.2001	01.01.2004 - 03.04.2011	0.475
2001 Options	13.11.2001	13.02.2002 - 13.02.2007	0.940
	13.11.2001	13.05.2002 - 13.02.2007	0.940
	13.11.2001	13.11.2002 - 13.02.2007	0.940
2004 Options	19.11.2004	31.12.2005 - 30.03.2011	3.500
	19.11.2004	31.12.2006 - 30.03.2011	3.500
	19.11.2004	31.12.2007 - 30.03.2011	3.500

Notes:

- 1. The vesting period of the share options is from the date of grant until the commencement of the exercise period.
- 2. During the period, no options were granted, exercised and cancelled under the share option schemes.
- 3. 440,000 options were lapsed during the period.

COMPETING INTERESTS

Mr. FOK Kin-ning, Canning, non-executive director of the Company, is also the group managing director of Hutchison Whampoa Limited and the co-chairman of Husky Energy Inc.. The core businesses of Hutchison Whampoa Limited include energy and Husky Energy Inc. is engaged in integrated oil and gas business. Such businesses may compete, or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee with written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.30 of the GEM Listing Rules. The audit committee has 3 members comprising 3 independent non-executive directors, Messrs. Cheung Hon Kit, Ge Ming and Li Xiao Ru. The audit committee's principal duties are the review and supervision of the Company's financial reporting process and internal control systems, including a general review of the unaudited financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2005. In carrying out this review, the audit committee has obtained explanations from management.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the code provision regarding securities transactions by directors as set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules during the relevant accounting period. Having made specific enquiry, all directors have complied with the required standard of dealings set out therein.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

In the opinion of the directors, during the relevant accounting period, the Company complied with the code on corporate governance practices (the "Code") as set out in the Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules except that the chairman and other members of the audit committee were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 21 April 2005 because they were out of Hong Kong at that time for their personal business commitment. This constitutes a deviation from the first sentence of the code provision E.1.2 of the Code.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities.

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Panva Gas Holdings Limited (incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Introduction

We have been instructed by Panva Gas Holdings Limited (the "Company") to review the interim financial report set out on pages 20 to 36.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report, 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.

Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with the Statement of Auditing Standards 700 ("SAS 700") "Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of group management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial report and, based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial report.

Review conclusion

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

Without modifying our review conclusion, we draw to your attention that the condensed consolidated income statement for each of the three-month periods ended 30 June 2005 and 2004 disclosed in the interim financial report have not been reviewed in accordance with SAS 700.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 12 August 2005

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the three and six months ended 30 June 2005

		Six months ended 30 June		Three months ended 30 June		
		2005	2004	2005	2004	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	Notes	(unaudited)	(restated)	(unaudited)	(restated)	
Turnover	3	958,053	848,634	489,790	437,396	
Cost of sales		(733,017)	(677,218)	(373,857)	(346,736)	
Gross profit		225,036	171,416	115,933	90,660	
Other operating income		28,592	4,681	11,472	649	
Distribution expenses		(22,901)	(19,440)	(11,326)	(9,793)	
Administrative expenses		(60,160)	(35,232)	(29,495)	(17,959)	
Other operating expenses		(823)	(1,574)	(496)	(410)	
Profit from operations		169,744	119,851	86,088	63,147	
Finance costs		(37,860)	(5,155)	(23,006)	(2,395)	
Share of results of associates		28,561		22,956		
Profit before taxation	4	160,445	114,696	86,038	60,752	
Taxation	5	(16,055)	(6,206)	(11,658)	(4,364)	
Net profit for the period		144,390	108,490	74,380	56,388	
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the parent		128,249	95,699	70,086	49,348	
Minority interests		16,141	12,791	4,294	7,040	
		144,390	108,490	74,380	56,388	
		HK cents	HK cents	HK cents	HK cents	
Earnings per share	6					
— Basic		13.61	10.24	7.44	5.24	
— Diluted		12.75	9.44	6.99	4.83	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2005

	Notes	30.6.2005 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31.12.2004 HK\$'000 (audited) (restated)
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Intangible assets Goodwill	7	1,226,129 9,132 46,449	1,019,782 9,160 24,485
Interests in associates Investments in securities	8	454,030	70,795
Available-for-sale investments Prepaid lease payments Pledged bank deposits	9	208,999 44,028 136,568	36,150 77,950
Current assets		2,125,335	1,248,737
Inventories Trade receivables Other receivables, deposits and prepayments Prepaid lease payments Bank balances and cash	10	59,241 235,426 483,665 1,482 1,344,219	39,677 187,451 401,905 1,266 2,096,553
Current liabilities		2,124,033	2,726,852
Trade payables Other payables and accrued charges Taxation Amounts due to minority shareholders Borrowings - amount due within one year	11 12	79,318 177,428 53,881 21,687 35,688	24,076 131,443 47,020 16,495 29,420
		368,002	248,454
Net current assets		1,756,031	2,478,398
Total assets less current liabilities		3,881,366	3,727,135
Non-current liabilities Borrowings - amount due after one year Derivative financial instruments	12	1,861,415 106,168	1,871,927
		1,967,583	1,871,927
Net assets		1,913,783	1,855,208
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	13	94,225 1,463,991	94,225 1,427,957
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent Minority interests	t	1,558,216 355,567	1,522,182 333,026
Total equity		1,913,783	1,855,208

Total HK\$ 000 (unaudited)	844,691 61,789	906,480	(3,179)	15,520 795	609,277	52,032) 2 733		(31)	45,837	2,62,8	(375)	(1,472)	(3,684)	312,007	1,855,208	1,855,208 (101,109)	1,754,099	(1,144)	0,030	7,488	(1,088) 144 200	N/C('++	1,913,783	
				-)9						_		ſ		1,85	-	l						1,91	
Minority interests HK\$*000 (unaudited)	264,637 (1,857)	262,780	I		Ι	I		(31)	45,837	3,252	(375)	(1,472)	(3,684)	707/13	333,026	333,026	333,026	I		7,488	(1,088) 16 141	141/01	355,567	
Total HK\$(000 (unaudited)	580,054 63,646	643,700	(3,179)	15,520 795	609,277	(52,032)	-	I	Ι	I	Ι	I		200,500	1,522,182	1,522,182 (101,109)	1,421,073	(1,144)		Ι	- 178 740		1,558,216	
Retained earnings HK\$'000 (un aud ited)	358,037 20,177	378,214	I		Ι	I	(1,248)	Ι	I	I	Ι	I		202'202	662,334	662,334 (101,109)	561,225	I	(257)	I	128 249		689,217	
Convertible bonds HK\$'000 (unaudited)	48,350	48,350	I		Ι	I		I	I	I	I	I	I		48,350	48,350	48,350	I		Ι			48,350	
ent General HK\$'000 (unaudited)	4,310	4,310	I		Ι	I	1,248	I	I	I	I	I	I		5,558	5,558	5,558	I	757	I			5,815	
Iders of the par Capital reserve (unaudited)	1,101	1,101	I		Ι	I		Ι	I	I	I	I	I		1,101	1,101	1,101	I		I			1,101	
Attributable to equity holders of the parent Asset Employee Asset share-based ation compensation Capital SYOD H/SYOD H/SYOD //SYOD Attacld lunaudited) (un	I I		I		Ι	- 722		I	I	I	Ι	I	I		2,733	2,733	2,733	1 80		I			12,771	
Attributal Asset revaluation co HK\$'000 (restated)	4,881 (4,881)		I		Ι	I		Ι	I	I	I	I	I	1	1			I		I			1	
Exchange reserve HK\$'000 (unaudited)	(1,277)	(1,277)	(3,179)		Ι	I		Ι	I	I	Ι	I	I	 	(4,456)	(4,456)	(4,456)	(1,144)		I			(2,600)	
Share Share HK\$'000 (unaudited)	135,092	135,092	I		609,277	(52,032)		I	I	I	I	I	I		712,337	712,337	712,337	I		I			712,337	
2 005 Share capital (unaudited)		77,910	I	15,520 795	2	I		I	Ι	I	I	I	I	1	94,225	94,225	94,225	I		I			94,225	
For the six months ended 30 June 2005 sha unition (madic	At 1 lanuary 2004 As originally stated Effects of changes in accounting policies	As restated	Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements of overseas operations and loss not recognised in consolidated income statement	Issue of shares on placing and subscription arrangements Issue of shares on the exercise of share ontions	Premium arising on issue of shares	Expenses incurred in connection with the issue of shares Decomption of acuity cottload chare bacad a symmetric	necognition of equity-section state vased payments Transfer	Disposal of subsidiaries	Captial contribution from minority shareholders of subsidiaries	Acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries Changes in minority interests on partial disposal	of interest in a subsidiary	Reduction in minority interests on acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	Net profit for the year	At 31 December 2004	At 1 January 2005 Effects of changes in accounting policies	- As restated	Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements of overseas operations and loss not recognised in consolidated income statement	kecognition of equity-settled snare based payments Transfer	Acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries	Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries		At 30 June 2005	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Cont'd) For the six months ended 30 June 2005

				Attribut	Attributable to equity holders of the parent	olders of the pa	rent					
	Share capital HK\$'000 (un audited)	Share premium HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Exchange reserve HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Asset revaluation reserve HK\$'000 (restated)	Employee share-based compensation reserve HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Capital reserve HK\$'000 (unaudited)	General reserve HK\$ '000 (un audited)	Convertible bonds reserve HK\$*000 (unaudited)	Retained earnings HK\$'000 (un aud ited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Minority interests HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$ '000 (unau dited)
At 1 January 2004 As originally stated Effects of changes in accounting policies	77,910	135,092	(1,277)	4,881 (4,881)	1 1	1,101	4,310	48,350	358,037 20,177	580,054 63,646	264,637 (1,857)	844,691 61,789
As restated	77,910	135,092	(1,277)	I		1,101	4,310	48,350	378,214	643,700	262,780	906,480
lssue of shares on placing and subscription arrangements	15,520	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	15,520	I	15,520
Issue of shares on the exercise of share options	795	Ι	Ι	I	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	795	Ι	795
Premium arising on issue of shares	I	609,277	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	609,277	Ι	609,277
Expenses incurred in connection with issue of shares	I	(32,032)	Ι	Ι	I	I	I	Ι	I	(32,032)	I	(32,032)
Transfer	I	I	Ι	I	I	Ι	409	I	(409)	I	Ι	I
Capital contribution from minority shareholders of subsidiaries	I	Ι	Ι	I	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	45,837	45,837
Acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	3,252	3,252
changes in minority interests on partial disposal of interest in a subsidiary	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	(375)	(375)
Reduction in minority interests on acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	(1,472)	(1,472)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	I	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	I	Ι	(3,684)	(3,684)
Net profit for the period	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	I	Ι	95,699	95,699	12,791	108,490
At 30 June 2004	94,225	712,337	(1,277)	I	1	1,101	4,719	48,350	473,504	1,332,959	319,129	1,652,088

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

	Six months ended 30.6.2005 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Six months ended 30.6.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i> (restated)
Net cash used in operating activities	(46,020)	(18,866)
Net cash used in investing activities Cash paid for the acquisition of an associate Cash paid for acquisition of available-for-sale investments	(307,951) (229,546)	_
Cash paid for the acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired) Other investing cash flows	(45,458) (96,822) (679,777)	(44,626) (121,101) (165,727)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(25,393)	682,070
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(751,190) 2,096,553 (1,144)	497,477 356,809
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period, representing bank balances and cash	1,344,219	854,286

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 16 November 2000 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (Revised) Chapter 22 of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company (the "Shares") have been listed on the Growth Enterprise Market (the "GEM") of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 20 April 2001.

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the sale and distribution of liquefied petroleum gas ("LP Gas") and natural gas (together "Gas Fuel") in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") including the sale of LP Gas in bulk and in cylinders, the provision of piped LP Gas and natural gas, construction of gas pipelines, the operation of city gas pipeline network, the operation of Gas Fuel automobile refilling stations, and the sale of LP Gas and natural gas household appliances.

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "GEM Listing Rules") on the GEM of the Stock Exchange and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") Interim Financial Reporting.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair values.

The accounting policies used in the condensed financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 except as described below.

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "new HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. The application of the new HKFRSs has resulted in a change in the presentation of the consolidated income statement, consolidated balance sheet and the consolidated statement of changes in equity. In particular, the presentation of minority interests and share of tax of associates have been changed. The changes in presentation have been applied retrospectively. The adoption of the new HKFRSs has resulted in changes to the Group's accounting policies in the following areas that have an effect on how the results for the current or prior accounting periods are prepared and presented.

HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment

The Company has changed its accounting policy and elected for the leasehold buildings of the Group to be stated at cost less accumulated depreciation rather than at their revalued amount. As the value of the properties within the Group have not experienced any material fluctuations in the past, the Company believes that by stating its building at cost would reflect a more accurate position to user of the financial statements.

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

HKAS 17 Leases

The adoption of HKAS 17 has resulted in a change in accounting policy relating to leasehold land. Leasehold land and buildings were previously carried at valuation less accumulated depreciation. In accordance with the provisions of HKAS 17, a lease of land and building should be split into a lease of land and a lease of building in proportion to the relative fair values of the leasehold interest in the land element and the building element of the lease at the inception of the lease.

HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

The adoption of HKAS 32 and HKAS 39 has resulted in change in accounting policy for recognition, measurement, derecognition and disclosure of financial instruments.

Convertible bonds

HKAS 32 requires an issuer of a compound financial instrument (that contains both financial liability and equity components) to separate the compound financial instrument into its liability and equity components on its initial recognition and to account for these components separately. In subsequent periods, the liability component is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The principal impact of HKAS 32 on the Group is in relation to convertible bonds issued by the Company that contain both liability and equity components. Previously, convertible loan notes were classified as liabilities on the balance sheet. Because HKAS 32 requires retrospective application, comparative figures have been restated. Comparative profit for 2004 has been restated in order to reflect the increase in effective interest on the liability component.

Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

Until 31 December 2004, the Group classified and measured its investment in equity securities in accordance with the benchmark treatment of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 24 ("SSAP 24"). Under SSAP 24, the Group classified its investments in equity securities as investment securities, which were securities held for an identified long-term strategic purpose, and were measured at subsequent reporting dates at cost, as reduced by any impairment loss that is other than temporary. From 1 January 2005 onwards, the Group classifies and measures its debt and equity securities in accordance with HKAS 39. Available-for-sale financial assets are carried at fair value with changes in fair values recognition in equity except for those investment in equity securities that do not have quoted market price in an active market which are carried at cost less impairment as their fair value cannot be reliably measured.

On 1 January 2005, the Group classified and measured its investment securities in accordance with the requirement of HKAS 39.

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Financial assets and financial liabilities other than debt and equity securities

From 1 January 2005, onwards, the Group classifies and measures its financial assets and financial liabilities other than debt and equity securities (which were previously outside the scope of SSAP 24) in accordance with the requirements of HKAS 39. Under HKAS 39, financial assets are classified as "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss", "available-for-sale financial assets", "loans and receivables" or "held-to-maturity financial assets". Financial liabilities are generally classified as "financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss" or "financial liabilities other than financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss" at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derivatives and hedging

From 1 January 2005 onwards, all derivatives that are within the scope of HKAS 39 are required to be carried at fair value at each balance sheet date regardless of whether they are deemed as held for trading or designated as effective hedging instruments. Under HKAS 39, derivatives (including embedded derivatives separately accounted for from the host contracts) are deemed as held-for-trading financial assets or financial liabilities, unless they qualify and are designated as effective hedging instruments. The corresponding adjustments on changes in fair values would depend on whether the derivatives are designated as effective hedging instruments, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. For derivatives that are deemed as held for trading, changes in fair values of such derivatives are recognised in the profit or loss for the period in which they arise. For derivatives that are not held for hedging purposes, on 1 January 2005, the Group recognised the fair value on that day amounting to HK\$101,335,000 in the Group's retained earnings.

HKFRS 2 Share-based Payments

The adoption of HKFRS 2 has resulted in a change in accounting policy for employee share options. The principal impact of HKFRS 2 on the Group is relation to the expensing of the fair value of directors' and employees' share options of the Company determined at the date of granted of the share options over the vesting period. Prior to the application of HKFRS 2, the Group did not recognise the financial effect of these share options until they were exercised.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

HKFRS 3 Business Combinations

The Group resolved to early adopted HKFRS 3 for business combinations with agreement date entered on or after 1 January 2002. The adoption of HKFRS 3 has resulted in a change in accounting policy for accounting goodwill and negative goodwill. Prior to this, goodwill was amortised on a straight line basis over a period of not exceeding 20 years and assessed for the impairment at each balance sheet date. Negative goodwill was presented as a deduction from assets and released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

In accordance with the transitional provisions of HKFRS 3, the Group ceased amortisation of goodwill from 1 January 2002 onwards and goodwill will be tested for impairment at least annually or in the financial year in which the acquisition takes place. The Group has derecognised all negative goodwill previously presented as a deduction from assets with a corresponding increase to retained earnings.

Effect of changes in the accounting policies on consolidated income statement

		Eff	ect of adoptin HKFRS 3*	g	
	HKAS 8# &		HKAS 36* &	HKAS 32# &	
	HKAS 17# HK\$'000	HKFRS 2# HK\$'000	HKAS 38* HK\$′000	HKAS 39^ HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
For the six months ended 30 June 2004					
Decrease in amortisation and depreciation of property, plant and equipment Increase in minority interest's ("MI's") share	20	_	_		20
of results for the period	(12)	_	_	_	(12)
Decrease in amortisation of goodwill Decrease in release of negative goodwill	—	—	619	—	619
to consolidated income statement			(284)		(284)
Increase in net profit for the period	8		335	_	343
Increase in basic earnings per share (HK cents)			0.04		0.04

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2. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Cont'd)

Effect of changes in the accounting policies on consolidated income statement (Cont'd)

		Effe	ct of adoptin HKFRS 3*	g	
	HKAS 8# &		HKAS 36*	HKAS 32# &	
	₩KAS 17# HK\$'000	HKFRS 2# HK\$'000	∝ HKAS 38* HK\$′000	₩ HKAS 39^ HK\$′000	Total HK\$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2005					
Increase in staff costs and related expenses Decrease in amortisation and depreciation	—	(10,038)	—	—	(10,038)
of property, plant and equipment Increase in MI's share of results	20	—	—	_	20
for the period	(12)	_	_	_	(12)
Decrease in amortisation of goodwill	_	_	2,373	_	2,373
Decrease in release of negative goodwill to consolidated income statement Decrease in effective interest	_	_	(692)	_	(692)
on convertible bonds	_	_	_	562	562
Decrease in effective interest on guaranteed senior notes	_	_	_	596	596
Increase in negative fair value of derivatives				(4,833)	(4,833)
Increase (decrease) in net profit for the period	8	(10,038)	1,681	(3,675)	(12,024)
Increase (decrease) in basic earnings per share (HK cents)	_	(1.07)	0.18	(0.39)	(1.28)

* adjustments which take effect prospectively from 1 January 2002

^ adjustments which take effect prospectively from 1 January 2005

adjustments which take effect retrospectively

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2. **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Cont'd)

Effect of changes in the accounting policies on consolidated balance sheet

			Effect of	adopting		
				HKFRS 3*		
		HKAS 8#		HKAS 36*	HKAS 32#	
		&		&	&	
	HKAS 1#	HKAS 17#	HKFRS 2#	HKAS 38*	HKAS 39^	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$′000	HK\$'000	HK\$′000	HK\$'000	HK\$′000
At 31 December 2004						
Increase (decrease) in						
Property, plant and equipme	nt —	(43,539)	_	—	—	(43,539)
Prepaid lease payments	_	37,416	_	_	_	37,416
Goodwill	_	_	_	2,629	—	2,629
Negative goodwill	—	—		40,125	—	40,125
Interests in associates	_	_	_	118	_	118
Pledged bank deposits	77,950	—		—	—	77,950
Bank balances and cash	(77,950)	—		—	—	(77,950)
Borrowings - amount due						
after one year	—	—		—	(49,077)	(49,077)
Employee share-based						
compensation reserve	_	_	2,733	—	—	2,733
Convertible bonds reserve	—	—		—	48,350	48,350
Asset revaluation reserve	—	(4,881)		—	—	(4,881)
Retained earnings	_	591	(2,733)	42,872	727	41,457
Minority interests	_	(1,833)	_	—	—	(1,833)

Effect of changes in the accounting policies on the Group's equity

			Effect of	1 0		
		HKAS 8# &		HKFRS 3* HKAS 36* &	HKAS 32# &	
	HKAS 1# HK\$'000	HKAS 17# HK\$'000	HKFRS 2# HK\$'000	HKAS 38* HK\$'000	HKAS 39^ HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 January 2004	11169 0000	110,000	11100 000	110.000	ΠΚφ 000	1110,000
Increase (decrease) in equity						
Retained earnings	—	575	_	19,602		20,177
Convertible bonds reserve	—		—	—	48,350	48,350
Asset revaluation reserve	_	(4,881)	_	_	_	(4,881)
Minority interests		(1,857)				(1,857)

* adjustments which take effect prospectively from 1 January 2002

^ adjustments which take effect prospectively from 1 January 2005

adjustments which take effect retrospectively

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3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Turnover represents the amounts received and receivable for goods provided to outside customers during the period, net of discounts and returns, value-added tax and sales tax.

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to profit from operations for the six months ended 30 June 2005 is as follows:

Six months ended 30 June 2005 REVENUE External 758,856 199,197 958,053 SEGMENT RESULTS 106,365 101,090 207,455 Other operating income Unallocated corporate expenses (66,303) 28,592 Profit from operations Finance costs 169,744 (37,860) Share of results of associates 28,561 28,561 Profit before taxation Taxation 160,445 (16,055) Net profit for the period 144,390 35 Six months ended 30 June 2004 REVENUE External 700,119 148,515 848,634 SEGMENT RESULTS 32,887 87,035 119,922 Other operating income Unallocated corporate expenses (4,752) 119,851 Finance costs (5,155) (5,155) Profit from operations Finance costs 114,696 (6,206) Net profit for the period 114,696 (6,206)		Sale and distribution of Gas Fuel and related products HK\$'000	Gas pipeline construction HK\$'000	Consolidated <i>HK\$'000</i>
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Taxation (6,206)	•			
Net profit for the period 108,490				
	Net profit for the period			108,490

No geographical segment analysis is shown as the Group's operating businesses are solely carried out in the PRC.

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4. Profit before taxation

	Six m ended 3	
	2005	2004
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Net interest receivable on interest rate swaps	26,609	15,183
(included in finance costs)	43,806	_
Share of tax of associates (included in share of results of associates)	5,336	

5. TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong Tax has been made as the Group's income neither arises in, nor is derived from, Hong Kong.

The tax rate applicable for all PRC subsidiaries ranges from 15% to 33%.

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, certain of the Company's PRC subsidiaries are entitled to exemption from PRC enterprise income tax for the first two years commencing from their first profit-making year of operation and thereafter, these PRC subsidiaries will be entitled to a 50% relief from PRC enterprise income tax for the following three years. The reduced tax rate for the relief period is ranging from 12% to 16.5%. PRC enterprise income tax for the period has been provided for after taking these tax incentives into account.

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the parent is based on the following data :

		months 30 June		months 30 June
	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$′000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$′000
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share (profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent)	128,249	95,699	70,086	49,348
Effect of dilutive potential shares: Interest on convertible bonds	6,645	3,619	3,245	1,766
Earnings for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	134,894	99,318	73,331	51,114

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6. EARNINGS PER SHARE (Cont'd)

		months 1 30 June		months 30 June
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	Number of	f shares ('000)	Number of s	shares ('000)
Weighted average number of shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	942,251	934,705	942,251	941,891
Effect of dilutive potential shares:	542,251	554,705	542,251	541,051
Options	17,671	20,023	8,787	19,350
Convertible bonds	97,851	97,851	97,851	97,851
Weighted average number of shares for the purposes of diluted				
earnings per share	,057,773	1,052,579	1,048,889	1,059,092

7. ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, the Group spent approximately HK\$180,644,000 (2004: HK\$211,546,000) on acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

8. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

During the period, the Group acquired a 48% equity interest in Changchun Gas Holdings Limited ("Changchun Gas Holdings") at a total consideration of HK\$354,724,000. Changchun Gas Holdings and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the production and/or distribution of natural gas, coal gas, LP Gas, metallurgical coke and coke oil.

9. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS

During the period, the Group acquired certain investments amounting to HK\$229,546,000. These investment represent both listed shares in Hong Kong and unlisted shares in the PRC.

10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The Group has a policy of allowing an average credit period ranging from 0 to 90 days to its customers.

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables at the reporting date:

	30.6.2005 <i>HK\$*</i> 000	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 to 90 days	225,265	184,318
91 to 180 days	2,080	841
181 to 360 days	2,161	1,798
Over 360 days	5,920	494
	235,426	187,451

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11. TRADE PAYABLES

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables at the reporting date:

		30.6.2005 HK\$'000	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	0 to 90 days 91 to 180 days 181 to 360 days	69,982 2,983 1,087	16,537 2,762 3,167
	Over 360 days	5,266	1,610
		79,318	24,076
12.	BORROWINGS		
		30.6.2005 HK\$'000	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	Bank loans - secured	26,333	26,941
	Bank loans - unsecured	—	18,850
	Other loans - secured	9,355	
	Other loans - unsecured	2,152	935
	Convertible bonds (<i>Note a</i>)	332,835	329,911
	Guaranteed senior notes (Note b)	1,526,428	1,524,710
		1,897,103	1,901,347
	The maturity of the above borrowings is as follows:		
	On demand or within one year	35,688	29,420
	More than one year but not exceeding two years	2,152	17,306
	More than two years but not exceeding five years	332,835	329,911
	More than five years	1,526,428	1,524,710
	Less: Amount due within one year shown	1,897,103	1,901,347
	under current liabilities	(35,688)	(29,420)
	Amount due after one year	1,861,415	1,871,927

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12. BORROWINGS (Cont'd)

Notes:

- (a) The convertible bonds were issued on 23 April 2003. The bonds are convertible into shares of the Company on or after 7 June 2003 and up to 9 April 2008. The conversion price at which each share shall be issued upon conversion was HK\$3.8043 per share (adjusted to account for the effect of the issue of additional new shares). The outstanding unconverted principal amount of the bonds will be redeemed on 23 April 2008 at 108.119%. Interest of 2% is payable per annum.
- (b) The Group issued US\$200,000,000 8.25% guaranteed senior notes due 2011 (the "Guaranteed Senior Notes") on 23 September 2004. The Guaranteed Senior Notes are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The Guaranteed Senior Notes bear interest at 8.25% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears. At any time prior to 23 September 2007, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of the Guaranteed Senior Notes with the net cash proceeds of one or more sales of the Company's shares in an offering at a redemption price of 108.25% of the principal amount of the Guaranteed Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

14.

	30.6.2005 and 31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
	200,000
	94,225
30.6.2005 HK\$'000	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
34.520	526,008

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15. INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not declare an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

16. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

In January 2005, the Group acquired 70% and 100% of the registered capital of Pengshan Panva Gas Co., Ltd. ("Pengshan Panva") and Jianyang Panva Gas Co., Ltd. ("Jianyang Panva") respectively for an aggregate cash consideration of approximately HK\$46 million. These transactions have been accounted for by the acquisition method of accounting.

	HK\$'000
Net assets acquired:	
Non-current assets	60,550
Current assets	16,916
Non-current liabilities	(12,004)
Current liabilities	(33,633)
Net assets acquired	31,829
Minority interests	(7,488)
Goodwill arising on acquisition	21,964
Cash consideration	46,305
Net cash outflow arising on acquisition:	
Cash consideration	46,305
Bank balances and cash acquired	(847)
Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of	
the acquisition of subsidiaries	45,458

* The acquiree's carrying amount of net assets before combination approximates to its fair value. Accordingly, no fair value adjustments are required.

The goodwill arising on the acquisition of Pengshan Panva and Jianyang Panva are attributable to the anticipated profitability of sales and distribution of Gas Fuel and related product of the Group and the gas pipeline construction operations.

Pengshan Panva and Jianyang Panva contributed HK\$29,069,000 and HK\$7,599,000 respectively to the Group's revenue and HK\$13,354,000 and HK\$740,000 respectively to the Group's profit before taxation for the period between the date of acquisition and the reporting date.