



中國包裝集團有限公司  
China Packaging Group Company Limited

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

(Stock Code: 572)

## INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The board of directors (the “Board” or the “Directors”) of China Packaging Group Company Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2008 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2007 as set out below. The interim results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Company’s auditors.

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

	NOTES	Six months ended 30 June	
		2008	2007
		RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Turnover	3	410,240	307,383
Cost of sales		(285,634)	(210,778)
Gross profit		124,606	96,605
Other income		4,735	1,969
Fair values adjustment on derivative financial instruments	11	(7,578)	(28,710)
Selling expenses		(11,684)	(8,953)
Administrative expenses		(12,188)	(12,186)
Finance costs		(2,934)	(3,265)
Profit before taxation	4	94,957	45,460
Income tax expense	5	(19,282)	(11,064)
Profit for the period		75,675	34,396
Dividends recognised as distribution during the period	6	24,190	22,726
Earnings per share	7		
- Basic		RMB0.125	RMB0.068
- Diluted		RMB0.125	RMB0.066

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30 June 2008

	NOTES	30 June 2008 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2007 RMB'000 (Audited)
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	292,508	277,845
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		81,547	81,253
Prepaid lease payments		104,244	82,868
Pledged bank deposits		35,701	4,678
		<u>514,000</u>	<u>446,644</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		33,335	29,170
Trade receivables	9	258,282	179,681
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		3,839	3,452
Prepaid lease payments		48	48
Pledged bank deposits		2,841	12,283
Bank balances and cash		413,160	400,060
		<u>711,505</u>	<u>624,694</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables	10	46,375	32,470
Bills payable		—	14,080
Receipt in advance, other payables and accrued charges		13,326	20,350
Amounts due to directors		117	154
Taxation payable		13,536	9,853
Dividend payable		24,190	—
Bank loans - amount due within one year		107,592	88,382
Derivative financial instruments	11	109,052	113,656
		<u>314,188</u>	<u>278,945</u>
Net current assets		<u>397,317</u>	<u>345,749</u>
		<u>911,317</u>	<u>792,393</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital		63,144	62,516
Reserves		777,133	718,962
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		<u>840,277</u>	<u>781,478</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Bank loans - amount due after one year		71,040	10,915
		<u>911,317</u>	<u>792,393</u>

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

Notes:

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”).

## 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair value, as appropriate.

The accounting policies used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the annual financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2007.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time some new Interpretations (“HK(IFRIC) - INT”) issued by the HKICPA, which are effective for the Group’s financial year beginning on 1 January 2008.

The adoption of the new Interpretations had no material effect on how the results and financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods are prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been recognised.

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKAS”)s and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”)s or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of financial statements <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing costs <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and separate financial statements <sup>2</sup>
HKAS 32 & 1 (Amendments)	Puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidation <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 2 (Amendment)	Vesting conditions and cancellations <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business combinations <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 8	Operating segments <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)* - INT 13	Customer loyalty programmes <sup>3</sup>
HK(IFRIC) - INT 15	Agreements for the construction of real estate <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC) - INT 16	Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation <sup>4</sup>

- 1 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009.
- 2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009.
- 3 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008.
- 4 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008.

\* IFRIC represents the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee.

The adoption of HKFRS 3 (Revised) may affect the accounting treatment for business combination for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009. HKAS 27 (Revised) will affect the accounting treatment for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control, which will be accounted for as equity transactions. The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the other new or revised standards and interpretations will have no material impact on the results or financial position of the Group.

### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

#### Business segments

For management reporting purposes, the Group is currently organised into two divisions - (a) manufacture and sale of tinplate cans; and (b) provision of tinplate lacquering and printing services in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

The Group's operation by business segment is as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	2007
	<b>RMB'000</b>	RMB'000
Turnover - external		
Manufacture and sale of tinplate cans	<b>376,668</b>	276,317
Tinplate lacquering and printing services	<b>33,572</b>	31,066
	<u><b>410,240</b></u>	<u>307,383</u>
Segment results		
Manufacture and sale of tinplate cans	<b>93,197</b>	70,629
Tinplate lacquering and printing services	<b>16,492</b>	15,413
	<u><b>109,689</b></u>	<u>86,042</u>
Interest income	<b>1,474</b>	1,969
Fair values adjustment on derivative financial instruments	<b>(7,578)</b>	(28,710)
Unallocated corporate expenses, net	<b>(5,694)</b>	(10,576)
Finance costs	<b>(2,934)</b>	(3,265)
	<u><b>94,957</b></u>	<u>45,460</u>
Income tax expense	<b>(19,282)</b>	(11,064)
	<u><b>75,675</b></u>	<u>34,396</u>
Profit for the period	<u><b>75,675</b></u>	<u>34,396</u>

#### 4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	15,143	7,764
Minimum lease payments in respect of:		
– land and buildings	524	528
– machinery and equipment	1,000	1,180
Release of prepaid lease payments	24	24
and after crediting:		
Interest income	<u>1,474</u>	<u>1,969</u>

#### 5. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007
	RMB'000	RMB'000
The charge comprises:		
Income tax calculated at the rates prevailing in the PRC		
– current period	<u>19,282</u>	<u>11,064</u>

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

On 16 March 2007, the PRC promulgated the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "New Tax Law") by Order No. 63 of the President of the PRC. On 6 December 2007, the State Council of the PRC issued Implementation Regulations of the New Law.

The enactment of the New Tax Law and Implementation Regulations has changed the preferential tax rate of a PRC subsidiary, which is located in a coastal city economic development zone of the Fujian province, from 15% in 2007 to 18% starting from 1 January 2008. The existing preferential tax rate is expected to gradually increase to the applicable PRC Enterprise Income Tax rate of 25% over a five-year transition period starting from 2008 to 2012. The New Tax Law has set out the increment of preferential tax rate at 2% annually from 2008 to 2011, and gradually increases to the standard rate of 25% in 2012.

Another PRC subsidiary operating in the Shanxi province was subject to PRC Enterprise Income Tax at a preferential rate of 15%, after the exemption under PRC Foreign Enterprise Income Tax commenced in 2005 for its first two profit-making years and thereafter a 50% tax relief for its next three profit-making years since 2007. The applicable PRC Enterprise Income Tax rate of this subsidiary is 30% after exemption for 3% local enterprise tax rate, and gradually decreases to the standard rate of 25% after the tax relief period under the New Tax Law.

No provision for deferred taxation has been recognised in the condensed consolidated financial statements as there are no significant temporary differences arising during the period or at the balance sheet date.

## 6. DIVIDENDS

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 13 June 2008, a final dividend of HK\$0.045 (equivalent to approximately RMB0.042) per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2007, amounting to RMB24,190,000 was approved.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 5 June 2007, a final dividend of HK\$0.045 (equivalent to approximately RMB0.044) per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2006, amounting to RMB22,726,000, was approved.

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008. No interim dividend was declared by the directors for the six months ended 30 June 2007.

## 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	2007
	<b>RMB'000</b>	RMB'000
Earnings:		
Profit for the period for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share	<b>75,675</b>	34,396

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	2007
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	<b>604,898,773</b>	506,878,915
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Share options	<u><b>2,855,991</b></u>	<u>12,828,165</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	<u><b>607,754,764</b></u>	<u>519,707,080</u>

For the six months ended 30 June 2007 and 30 June 2008, the computation of diluted earnings per share did not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding warrants since their exercise price was higher than the average market price of the Company's shares during these periods.

#### **8. ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

During the current period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment of RMB29,806,000 (six months ended 30 June 2007: RMB25,273,000).

#### **9. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

The Group allows an average credit period of three months to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables at the balance sheet date:

	<b>30 June 2008 RMB'000</b>	31 December 2007 RMB'000
Not yet due	<b>241,600</b>	176,237
Over due within 30 days	<u><b>16,682</b></u>	<u>3,444</u>
	<u><b>258,282</b></u>	<u>179,681</u>

## 10. TRADE PAYABLES

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

	<b>30 June 2008 RMB'000</b>	31 December 2007 RMB'000
Within 3 months	46,092	32,343
Over 3 months but not more than 6 months	204	20
Over 6 months	79	107
	<u>46,375</u>	<u>32,470</u>

## 11. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	<b>30 June 2008 RMB'000</b>	31 December 2007 RMB'000
Warrants	1,016	4,319
Swaps derivatives	108,036	109,337
	<u>109,052</u>	<u>113,656</u>

### Warrants

As announced by the Company on 9 May 2006, the Company entered into a warrant instrument dated 4 May 2006 (the "Instrument") with an independent subscriber (the "Subscriber"). Pursuant to the Instrument, the Company agreed to issue and the Subscriber agreed to subscribe for the warrants conferring rights to subscribe up to 38,000,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company, at an initial subscription price of HK\$0.88 per share, subject to adjustments, at any time from 21 May 2006 to 18 May 2009, both dates inclusive (the "Warrants").

The initial subscription price per share is HK\$0.88 (equivalent to approximately RMB0.82) as at the date of issue of the Warrants until 18 May 2007, and thereafter will be HK\$0.88 as adjusted downward by the Company on the first anniversary of the date of issue of the Warrants. The adjusted subscription price will be such price in Hong Kong dollars as equals the market price of shares determined on the first anniversary of the date of issue of the Warrants, but in no case will be less than HK\$0.71 (equivalent to approximately RMB0.692). There is no adjustment in subscription price after the first anniversary of the date of issue of warrants.

No Warrants have been exercised since the date of issue and the Warrants are carried at fair value. Exercise in full of the outstanding Warrants would result in the issuance of 38,000,000 additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company. During the period, a gain on change in fair value of RMB3,303,000 (six months ended 30 June 2007: a loss on change in fair value RMB13,241,000) was recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement.

## Swaps derivatives

During the year ended 31 December 2007, the Company entered into two structured five-year interest rate swaps (the “Swaps”) as part of its financial management strategy with a commercial bank (the “Bank”). On effective date of respective Swaps, the Company received total upfront payments of approximately HK\$78,000,000 from the Bank. The fair value of the Swaps at the balance sheet date is provided by the Bank. Major terms of the Swaps are set out below:

Notional amount	Upfront payments	Effective date	Maturity date	Swaps	Fair value	
					At 30.6.2008	At 31.12.2007
HK\$390,000,000	HK\$39,000,000	28 February 2007	28 February 2012	The Company receives: 7.0% semi-annually for first 6 months; thereafter: 7.0% * n/m <sup>(Note i)</sup> , The Company pays: 9.0% semi-annually	HK\$50,856,000	HK\$48,830,000
US\$50,000,000	US\$5,000,000	23 April 2007	23 April 2012	The Company receives: 8.0% semi-annually The Company pays: 10.0% semi-annually for first 6 months; thereafter: 10.0% minus 5*(Index of YoY Return - 1.0%) <sup>(Note ii)</sup> coupon capped at 13.0% and floored at 0%	HK\$57,180,000	HK\$60,507,000

### Notes:

- (i) n : Number of business days in the calculation period that HK\$ 10-years CMS # minus HK\$ 2-years CMS<sup>^</sup> ≥ 0%
- m: Total number of business days in the calculation period
- # Mid-market quarterly swap rate expressed as a percentage for a HK\$ interest rate swap transaction with a term equal to 10 years which appears on the Reuters Screen ISDAFIX5 Page 11:00 am Hong Kong time fixing on each day in the Accrual Period.
- ^ Mid-market quarterly swap rate expressed as a percentage for a HK\$ interest rate swap transaction with a term equal to 2 years which appears on the Reuters Screen ISDAFIX5 Page 11:00 am Hong Kong time fixing on each day in the Accrual Period.

- (ii) Index\* of YoY Return: The closing level of the Index five business days prior to the end of the relevant coupon payment period/ closing level of the Index five business days prior to the payment date which is two coupon payment periods prior to the relevant coupon payment (or effective date in cash of the second coupon payment period) - 1.

\* Index means the “Deutsche Bank Pan-Asian Forward Rate Bias Index” (the “Index”) as published on Bloomberg Page DBFRASI3 <Index>

During the period, a loss on change in fair value of RMB10,881,000 (six months ended 30 June 2007: a loss of RMB15,469,000) was recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement.

The Group has to make payments under the Swaps with the Bank semi-annually. During the period, total amount of RMB12,182,000 were settled with the Bank.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

For the six months ended 30 June 2008, the unaudited turnover of the Group was approximately RMB410.2 million (30 June 2007: RMB307.4 million), representing a growth of 33.5% as compared to that of the last corresponding period.

The operating profit for the six months ended 30 June 2008 increased by approximately 36% to approximately RMB105.5 million (30 June 2007: RMB77.4 million) as compared to that of the last corresponding period. The net profit and net profit margin for the six months ended 30 June 2008 increase by approximately 120% and approximately 64% to approximately RMB75.7 million and approximately 18.4% respectively as compared to that of the last corresponding period.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

With the rapid growth of China’s economy underway, there emerge more extensive uses of packaging products, which facilitate a rapid growth in the packaging industry at a compound annual growth rate in double digits with continued vibrant expansion in market demand. The rapid growth of the industry has been driving the Group forward in a sustained and rapid manner. In the first half of 2008, apart from actively expanding its businesses for existing products, the Group strove to increase the sales volumes of new product businesses, while internal management was subdivided to result in effective cost control. Meanwhile, the Group strengthened its establishment of sales networks and started a new round of capacity expansion. The steady progression as planned of each work ensured solid growth in revenue from operations.

## **I. Overview of industrial development:**

China's food industry staged a growth of 32% with a value exceeding RMB3 trillion, accounting for 12.5% of GDP, in 2007, and was going to grow with a value over RMB4 trillion by 2010. In 2007, the packaging industry saw sales revenue of RMB510 billion, representing an annual growth rate of 21%, in which, sales revenue of RMB46.3 billion with a year-on-year increase of 18% was realized by metal packaging industry.

China's beverage market, in turn, has been continuing its expansion. During January to June 2008, the production volume of soft drinks in China amounted to 52.0351 million tonnes, representing a year-on-year increase of 13.83%. The expected production volume of soft drinks in China for 2008 would amount to over 60 million tonnes, a growth rate of about 17% compared with last year. On the other hand, the aggregate growth rate of soft drinks packaging products would be maintained at about 15%. The sales growth in traditional carbonated drinks had significantly slowed down, while non-carbonated drinks, natural, low-sugar and healthy functional drinks were increasingly sought after. From 2003 to 2007, sales revenue from three-piece drink cans recorded an annual growth of 35.8%. However, in terms of either gross volume or consumption per capita, there remained a relatively large gap between China's consumption volume for soft drinks and that of developed countries in the world. As China's food production industry and beverage production industry continue to thrive, the use value in metal packaging products will be further enhanced with enormous room for market development.

Benefited from the driving forces from deep processing of packaged farm products and small packaged instant consumption food, the consumption demand for three-piece food cans in 2007 already amounted to 6.5 billion cans, representing a year-on-year increase of 14.9%. From 2003 to 2007, sales revenue from ordinary three-piece food cans had an annual growth rate of 23%. During January to May 2008, the aggregate can production volume nationwide amounted to 2.2 million tonnes, an increase of 16% compared with the same period of last year.

## **II. Business analysis**

### **1. Production capacity of easy-open cans enhancing greater competitive advantage**

The Group began its another period of production capacity expansion, which kept pace with the rapid growth of sales volume of three-piece easy-open can products. Fujian Fuwang Metal Products Co., Ltd. (“Fujian Fuwang”) commenced operation of two new high-speed automatic beverage can production lines in 2007. During the first half year, their smooth operation enabled annual production capacity of three-piece easy-open can products to increase by more than 50%. Utilization of such production lines further improved the quality of our products and lifted our level of production technology. Meanwhile, business relationship between the Group and its clients was strengthened, as evidenced by a year-on-year increase of around 30% in clients’ purchase orders for our products. In the beginning of 2008, a moderate increase in product prices by the Group lifted the consolidated gross profit margin of the Group to an above average level within the industry.

### **2. Continuous launching of new two-piece can products adding vigor to profit growth**

The great demand for the high-end two-piece food cans in the canned food industry presented the Group with new market opportunities and room for technological development. The newly acquired two-piece food can production line of Fuqing Plant with various new can shape moulds, which commenced operation in July 2007, greatly enriched our variety in types of two-piece can products. As a result, an annual production capacity of over 200 million two-piece cans elevated the Group to a leading enterprise among its domestic peers. Thus, our results of the two-piece cans underwent a period of rapid growth, in which our competitive advantages and benefit from economy of scale were further highlighted.

In the first half of 2008, the year-on-year increase in two-piece can production volume and sales revenue were 80% and 25% respectively, mainly driven by the continuous new products launches and simultaneous expansion of production capacity, as well as cost saving and reduction in administration, and improved product quality and production yield. The enhanced sales revenue and consolidated gross profit level of the Group’s two-piece can products had thus become new profit drivers of the Group, which led to a steady increase in our overall profitability. At the same time, the Group made greater marketing efforts, particularly towards clients who might bring about high revenue. As a result, we steadily gained market share. In the first half of 2008, we acquired a new two-piece can product client, which was a major and leading farming produce canned food company, mainly including aquaculture food such as tuna and sardine, with great business development potential in the future.

### **3. Solid improvement in results of Shanxi production base**

The Group strengthened its management over the Shanxi production base to fully enhance its sales and production capabilities. Sales of Shanxi Zhanpen Metal Products Co., Ltd. (“Shanxi Zhanpen”) benefited from the commencement of a new three-piece easy-open can production line, while its production scale and efficiency enjoyed overall improvement. Sales volume was up by about 20% on year-on-year basis, and about 10 new customers were procured.

### **4. Three-piece food cans**

In the first half of 2008, sales volume of three-piece food cans increased by approximately 50%, while sales revenue grew by 18%, compared with the same period of last year. Such increases were mainly attributable to our stable product quality. The Group amassed a certain extent of competitive advantage in respect of brand recognition and technical expertise over the previous years. Moreover, the Group was the first in the industry to apply a new environmental-friendly coating technology, making the most of our first-mover advantage in terms of market competitiveness.

### **5. Color printing processing**

The innovative and ever-improving technologies in the Group’s color printing processing business had provided increased added value to the products of our clients, therefore stabilizing the results of our external color printing businesses compared with the same period of 2007.

## **III. Actively preparing the construction of the new processing base in Southwestern region**

Sichuan Zhanwang Metal Products Co., Ltd. (四川省展旺金屬製品有限公司) (“Sichuan Zhanwang”), a subsidiary incorporated in Chengdu, formally signed State-owned Land Use Right Grant Contract (《國有土地使用權出讓合同》) with the Land Resources Bureau of Guanghan City, Sichuan Province (廣漢市國土資源局) in May for acquisition of a parcel of land, which significantly expanded the Group’s production bases again. Presently, a professional firm has been engaged to perform preliminary geological exploration work for the parcel of land. Planning designs of the plants and application processes with government authorities are in progress. Meanwhile, we are actively preparing land formation and wall building works. The land is planned to be constructed as a complex of 30,000 sq.m. in floor area including office, production, sales and servicing facilities. Upon completion, the complex will be the largest modern three-piece drink cans processing plant in the Southwestern region.

The Group has already moved a three-piece easy-open cans production line and other ancillary equipment from the production base of Fujian Fuwang to a new production base we leased in Chengdu. Technological modifications of such equipment are now under intensive adjustment and testing. That production base has abundant customer resources mainly due to branches of the Group's long-term customers located in Southwestern region. We have already indicated our intention to cooperate with these companies. The commencement of our new bases in Southwestern region has greatly reduced the transportation time required for our products to reach customers, as a result boosting our delivery efficiency.

#### **IV. Upgrade of infrastructure**

To coordinate with overall project implementation of the Group, we have, on one hand, enhanced our division of work in supply chain management to lower procurement costs. On the other hand, we accelerated the process of product and equipment technological advancement, in order to achieve greater added value to our products. During the first half of 2008, we made continuous efforts in upgrading our infrastructure by:

- 1) rectifying environmental exhaust treatment facilities in the production base of Fujian Fuwang, and
- 2) purchasing a solvent recovery processing system ( 溶劑再生機處理系統 ) to recycle used waste solvent, thus achieving the aim of recycling to lower production costs and better conserve energy for environmental protection purpose.

## **PROSPECTS**

In the second half of 2008, the Group will implement progressively its operation plans developed in the beginning of the year. We will explore new product markets, enrich our production lines, and strengthen risk management capabilities of the Group. In the meantime, we will actively and closely follow up on merger and acquisition opportunities within the industry, and will carry out the following important plans with the ultimate aim of expanding and strengthening our core businesses:

### **I. Establishing the construction of a new processing base in Southwestern region with a view to strengthening the competitiveness of our core businesses**

In the second half of 2008, as modifications and testing of the production line in our new Sichuan processing base are still ongoing, and while we are conducting all kinds of preparation work and staff trainings prior to formal operation, we aim to fully reap the benefits of the new production line as soon as possible, so that a solid foundation is laid for the rapid business growth in our new processing base. At the same time, we will commence Phase I of construction works, which mainly include ancillary works such as land formation, production workshops for can manufacturing and color printing, warehouses, environmental protection facilities, and roads, etc. Phase II of construction works will be performed in 2009, which mainly consist of planning and construction of the office buildings, staff quarters, interior decorations, utility facilities, etc., as well as comprehensive ancillary work for the whole project.

This new processing base project is a major investment in the Group's history. Commencement of the new base would mean a relatively substantial improvement in our production capability, efficiency and scale, technological level of equipment and product quality. In the long-run, this would significantly boost our growth.

### **II. A new round of acquisitions and new construction plans**

Our production expansion for three-piece easy-open can and two-piece can products will be completed during 2008-09. To cater to our long-term development, the Group is making early preparation for a new phase of acquisitions together with new construction plans. Our proposed new land acquisitions in the Fuqing Xia Cao and Shanxi Fenyang production bases are in progress. We expect the relevant approval procedures to be completed this year. It is also worth mentioning that upon commencement of operation, the Sichuan Guanghan and Fuqing Xia Cao production bases will substantially expand the Group's overall production capacity and further strengthen our competitiveness.

### **III. Acceleration of improvement of production and equipment technologies for greater added value to our products**

#### **1) Acquiring environmental protection facilities**

In order to adapt the commencement of color printing businesses and new businesses, our Fuqing plant area engaged a professional technology company to rectify and convert the environmental exhaust treatment facilities inside the production bases of Fujian Fuwang in June during the year. This new environmental protection system makes use of a new HT-type high-efficiency desulphurization technology. When compared with the traditional technology, this system uses simplified technological processes, optimizes output performance and lowers operational costs, and ultimately creates a clean environment for working and living.

#### **2) Equipment modification and technological upgrade**

In response to the continued expansion of Fujian Fuwang's businesses and the diversified needs of groups of clients, the Group modified the equipment of, and upgraded the technologies for, among other things, the color printing processing production line, bottom cover production line, iron rolling machines and sealing machines so as to ensure stability and reliability in the precision, performance and product quality of our equipment and enhanced its utilization rate.

Our management believes that with steady progression in each of the abovementioned plans and sound developments of our businesses, the Group is confident to maintain solid growth in our 2008 results.

## **LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

During the period under review, the Group financed its operations by internally generated cashflows and banking facilities provided by its bankers.

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB413.2 million (31 December 2007: RMB400.1 million) and had total borrowings of approximately RMB178.6 million (31 December 2007: RMB99.3 million). Where, RMB29 million were fixed rate debts with interest rate at 5.85% to 7.29% per annum and the remaining RMB149.6 million of bank loan was subject to floating rate ranging from 2% to 3.5% over HIBOR (2007: 2% to 2.75% over HIBOR) per annum and 1.75% over LIBOR (2007: 1.75% over LIBOR) per annum. As at 30 June 2007, RMB107.6 million are repayable in instalments within one year and the remaining RMB71.0 million are repayable in instalment more than one year. All of the aforementioned bank loans were guaranteed by either corporate guarantees, pledged bank deposit from the Company or pledged bank deposit given by a director of the Company.

The Group's current ratio (current assets to current liabilities) was approximately 2.3 (31 December 2007: 2.2) and the Group's gearing ratio (total interest-bearing borrowings to total assets) was approximately 14.6% (31 December 2007: 9.3%).

Since the Group's transactions are mostly settled in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi, the exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations is minimal, therefore no use of financial instruments for hedging purpose is considered necessary.

## **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

During the six months period ended 30 June 2008, a total of 7,000,000 ordinary shares were issued upon exercise of share options by the option holders of the Company.

As a result, the total number of issued share capital was 608,791,081 ordinary shares as at 30 June 2008.

## **PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

As at 30 June 2008, bank deposit of approximately RMB38.5 million (31 December 2007: RMB17.0 million) was pledged to a bank for banking facilities granted to the Group to the extent of the amount of deposits placed with the banks.

## **SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS**

During the six months ended 30 June 2008, the Group did not have any significant investment (2007: Nil).

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities (2007: Nil).

## **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounting to approximately RMB58 million (31 December 2007: RMB66 million).

## **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Segment information of the Group is set out in note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

## **MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS/DISPOSALS**

During the six months ended 30 June 2008, the Group made no material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies (2007: Nil).

## **EMPLOYEES AND EMOLUMENT POLICY**

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had 468 employees (31 December 2007: 450 employees) situated mainly in the PRC and Hong Kong. The Group's emoluments policy is formulated based on industry practices and performance of individual employees. During the six months ended 30 June 2008, the total staff costs (including Directors' emoluments) amounted to approximately RMB6.5 million (30 June 2007: RMB5.1 million).

The Group operates a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to the eligible participants for their contributions to the Group. There were totalling 29,500,000 share options were granted during the six months ended 30 June 2008.

## **PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY**

During the six months ended 30 June 2008, neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities (2007: Nil).

## **MODEL CODE**

The Company has adopted the model code set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry to all Directors, the Company confirmed that all the Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2008.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Company is committed to maintain a high standard of corporate governance. It is believed that high standards of corporate governance provide a framework and solid foundation for promoting high standards of accountability, transparency and responsibility to our shareholders.

The Board considers that the Company has complied throughout the six months ended 30 June 2008 with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except that (i) there is no division of roles of chairman and chief executive officer that both offices are held by Mr. Yang Zongwang; and (ii) the independent non-executive Directors are not appointed for specific terms. The reasons for such deviation from the code provisions had been stated in the Company's 2007 Annual Report.

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The remuneration committee was established on 21 September 2005 with written terms of reference. The remuneration committee, which consists of three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Tong Hing Wah, Mr. Chong Hoi Fung and Mr. Ng Wai Man, is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the remuneration policies of Directors and senior management and making recommendations to the Board from time to time.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee consists of three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Tong Hing Wah, Mr. Chong Hoi Fung and Mr. Ng Wai Man. The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The written terms of reference of the audit committee was revised on 21 September 2005 to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

As at this date of announcement, the Board comprises of:

### *Executive Directors*

Yang Zongwang

*(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)*

Xue De Fa

Xie Xi

Liu Zhi Qiang

### *Independent Non-Executive Directors*

Tong Hing Wah

Chong Hoi Fung

Ng Wai Man

By order of the Board of  
**China Packaging Group Company Limited**  
**Yang Zongwang**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong SAR, 17 September 2008