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XINGFA ALUMINIUM HOLDINGS LIMITED

興發鋁業控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 98)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Revenue increased by 33% to approximately RMB3,053.4 million (1H16: RMB2,289.0 million).
2. Sales volume rose by 23% to approximately 168,700 tonnes (1H16: 136,900 tonnes).
3. Profit for the period increased by 5% to approximately RMB142.4 million (1H16: RMB135.4 million).
4. Earnings per share were RMB0.34 (1H16: RMB0.32).
5. The Board did not recommend any payment of an interim dividend for 1H17 (1H16: Nil).

RESULTS

The board of directors (the “Directors” or the “Board”) of Xingfa Aluminium Holdings Limited (the “Company” or “Xingfa Aluminium”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”, “our Group”, “we” or “us”) prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (“1H17”), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2016 (“1H16”) and the relevant explanatory notes as set out below. The consolidated results are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Board and the Company’s independent auditors, KPMG.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 June 2017 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2017	2016
	<i>Note</i>	<i>RMB’000</i>	<i>RMB’000</i>
Revenue	3	3,053,421	2,288,985
Cost of sales		<u>(2,614,927)</u>	<u>(1,922,170)</u>
Gross profit		438,494	366,815
Other net income		21,615	19,013
Distribution costs		(91,891)	(58,695)
Administrative expenses		<u>(154,033)</u>	<u>(110,244)</u>
Profit from operations		214,185	216,889
Finance costs	4(a)	(60,124)	(59,346)
Share of profit of an associate		<u>2,042</u>	<u>1,396</u>
Profit before taxation	4	156,103	158,939
Income tax	5	<u>(13,686)</u>	<u>(23,544)</u>
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		<u>142,417</u>	<u>135,395</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share			
<i>(RMB yuan)</i>	7	<u>0.34</u>	<u>0.32</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2017 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Profit for the period	142,417	135,395
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of operations outside the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") which may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	<u>(342)</u>	<u>(161)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	<u>142,075</u>	<u>135,234</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2017 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

		At 30 June 2017 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 31 December 2016 <i>RMB'000</i>
	<i>Note</i>		
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		1,816,823	1,794,185
Lease prepayments		290,943	294,461
Interest in an associate		9,306	9,515
Deferred tax assets		54,276	42,562
		<u>2,171,348</u>	<u>2,140,723</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	8	1,308,239	963,458
Trade and other receivables	9	1,687,298	1,582,028
Pledged deposits		247,484	212,815
Cash and cash equivalents		672,425	443,431
		<u>3,915,446</u>	<u>3,201,732</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	1,976,173	1,772,676
Loans and borrowings		1,763,013	1,384,150
Current taxation		23,846	27,514
		<u>3,763,032</u>	<u>3,184,340</u>
Net current assets		<u>152,414</u>	<u>17,392</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,323,762</u>	<u>2,158,115</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings		452,005	419,252
Deferred tax liabilities		1,618	3,096
Deferred income		40,144	47,847
		<u>493,767</u>	<u>470,195</u>
Net assets		<u>1,829,995</u>	<u>1,687,920</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		3,731	3,731
Reserves		1,826,264	1,684,189
Total equity		<u>1,829,995</u>	<u>1,687,920</u>

Notes:

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited interim financial information was extracted from the interim financial report of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2017.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Listing Rules”), including compliance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34, Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). It was authorised for issue on 31 August 2017.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2016 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2017 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in Note 2.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with IAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2016 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”).

2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The IASB has issued several amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. None of these developments has had a material effect on how the group’s results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented in this interim financial report.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3 SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group manages its businesses by product lines. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following reportable segments.

- Industrial aluminium profiles: this segment manufactures and sells plain aluminium profiles, mainly for industrial usage.
- Construction aluminium profiles: this segment manufactures and sells aluminium profiles with surface finishing, including anodic oxidation aluminium profiles, electrophoresis coating aluminium profiles, powder coating aluminium profiles and PVDF coating aluminium profiles. Construction aluminium profiles are widely used in architectural decoration.

Other segments include the provision of processing services, manufacture and sale of aluminium panels, moulds and spare parts and property development.

(a) Information about profit or loss, assets and liabilities

In accordance with IFRS 8, segment information disclosed in the interim financial report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the information used by the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments. In this regard, the Group's senior executive management monitors the results attributable to each reportable segment.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to sales generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation or amortization of assets attributable to those segments. However, assistance provided by one segment to another, including sharing of assets and technical know-how, is not measured.

The measure used for reporting segment profit is gross profit. The Group's senior executive management is provided with segment information concerning segment revenue and profit. Segment assets and liabilities are not reported to the Group's senior executive management regularly.

Information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 respectively is set out below:

	Industrial aluminium profiles		Construction aluminium profiles		Other segments		Total	
	Six months ended 30 June 2017 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2016 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2017 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2016 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2017 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2016 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2017 RMB'000	Six months ended 30 June 2016 RMB'000
Reportable segment revenue								
Revenue from external customers	<u>706,410</u>	<u>337,907</u>	<u>2,283,126</u>	<u>1,923,577</u>	<u>63,885</u>	<u>27,501</u>	<u>3,053,421</u>	<u>2,288,985</u>
Reportable segment profit								
Gross profit	<u>82,666</u>	<u>48,476</u>	<u>320,797</u>	<u>305,336</u>	<u>35,031</u>	<u>13,003</u>	<u>438,494</u>	<u>366,815</u>

(b) Reconciliations of reportable segment profit or loss

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Reportable segment profit derived from the Group's external customers	438,494	366,815
Other net income	21,615	19,013
Distribution costs	(91,891)	(58,695)
Administrative expenses	(154,033)	(110,244)
Finance costs	(60,124)	(59,346)
Share of profit of an associate	2,042	1,396
	<u>156,103</u>	<u>158,939</u>
Consolidated profit before taxation	<u>156,103</u>	<u>158,939</u>

4 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

(a) Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expenses on bank loans	52,472	52,078
Interest expenses on discounted bills	7,652	7,210
Finance charges on obligations under finance lease	–	58
	<u>60,124</u>	<u>59,346</u>

(b) Other items:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Depreciation	132,370	113,889
Amortisation of lease prepayments	3,517	3,517
Impairment losses recognised/(reversed) for doubtful debts	12,885	(9,182)
Operating lease charges	1,009	456
Interest income	2,786	3,711
Research and development costs	62,509	116,541
Cost of inventories (i)	2,614,927	1,922,170

- (i) During the six months ended 30 June 2017, cost of inventories includes RMB163,714,000 relating to depreciation, amortisation, operating lease charges and research and development costs (six months ended 30 June 2016: RMB178,441,000), which amount is also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above, and RMB171,086,000 relating to staff costs (six months ended 30 June 2016: RMB135,417,000).

5 INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Current tax – PRC corporate income tax	25,900	19,162
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax	978	195
Deferred tax	(13,192)	4,187
	<u>13,686</u>	<u>23,544</u>

- (a) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands (the “BVI”), the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and the BVI, respectively.
- (b) The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax for the six months ended 30 June 2017 is calculated by applying the estimated annual effective tax rate of 16.5% (six months ended 30 June 2016: 16.5%).
- (c) Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, the PRC subsidiaries of the Group are liable to PRC corporate income tax as follows:
- Foshan Xingfa Real Estate Co., Ltd. and Foshan Xingfa Trading Co., Ltd. are liable to the PRC corporate income tax at a rate of 25% for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: 25%).
 - Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium Co., Ltd. (“Guangdong Xingfa”), Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium (Henan) Co., Ltd. (“Xingfa Henan”) and Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium (Jiangxi) Co., Ltd. (“Xingfa Jiangxi”) were certified as “Advanced and New Technology Enterprises” and entitled to the preferential income tax rate of 15% for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: 15%).
 - Xingfa Aluminium (Chengdu) Co., Ltd. (“Xingfa Chengdu”) was qualified as “the encouraged industries of the Western Development Strategy” and enjoyed a preferential tax rate of 15% since 2016 to 2020.
- (d) During the six months ended 30 June 2017, Guangdong Xingfa, Xingfa Henan and Xingfa Jiangxi obtained approval from local tax authorities to claim super deduction on research and development expenses. As such, the income tax for the six months ended 30 June 2017 was reduced by RMB7,701,000 (six months ended 30 June 2016: RMB3,616,000). Such additional tax deduction on research and development expenses equals to 50% of the amount actually incurred in previous year.

6 DIVIDENDS

(a) Dividends payable to equity shareholders attributable to the interim period

The directors do not propose any payment of interim dividends for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: nil).

(b) Dividends payable to equity shareholders attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Final dividends in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period ended 30 June 2017 (six months ended 30 June 2016: HKD9 cents per share)	—	31,895
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7 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of RMB142,417,000 (six months ended 30 June 2016: RMB135,395,000) and 418,000,000 shares (six months ended 30 June 2016: 418,000,000 shares) in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2017.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue for the six months ended 30 June 2017 and 2016, and therefore, the diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share.

8 INVENTORIES

	At 30 June 2017 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 31 December 2016 <i>RMB'000</i>
Aluminium profiles manufacturing		
Raw materials	432,313	274,478
Work in progress	121,082	82,074
Finished goods	451,771	352,628
	<u>1,005,166</u>	<u>709,180</u>
Property under development for sale	<u>303,073</u>	<u>254,278</u>
	<u>1,308,239</u>	<u>963,458</u>

During the six months ended 30 June 2017, RMB2,614,927,000 (six months ended 30 June 2016: RMB1,922,170,000) has been recognised as cost of sales in profit or loss.

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

As of the end of the reporting period, the aging analysis of trade debtors and bills receivable (which are included in trade and other receivables), based on the invoice date and net of allowance for doubtful debts, is as follows:

	At 30 June 2017 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 31 December 2016 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 month	868,265	879,189
1 to 3 months	476,021	394,522
3 to 6 months	181,199	181,662
Over 6 months	47,036	33,427
Trade debtors and bills receivable, net of allowance for doubtful debts	1,572,521	1,488,800
Other receivables, net of allowance for doubtful debts	15,232	12,037
Prepayments and deposits	88,762	80,817
Prepaid tax for pre-sales of property	10,783	374
	1,687,298	1,582,028

10 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

As of the end of the reporting period, the aging analysis of trade creditors and bills payable (which are included in trade and other payables), based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	At 30 June 2017 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 31 December 2016 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 month	460,189	496,569
1 to 3 months	398,465	653,090
3 to 6 months	224,446	145,557
Over 6 months	282,784	26,230
Trade creditors and bills payable	1,365,884	1,321,446
Receipts in advance	132,021	112,791
Receipts in advance from pre-sales of property	188,069	11,490
Accrued payroll and benefits	96,496	135,220
Other payables	163,937	160,862
Interest payable	7,126	5,742
Deferred income	22,640	25,125
	1,976,173	1,772,676

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Xingfa Aluminium is one of the leading aluminium profiles manufacturers in the PRC and principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of aluminium profiles which are applied as construction and industrial materials. Currently, we are the largest provider of electricity conductive aluminium profile for metro vehicles in the PRC. Leveraging on our advanced R&D capability and commitment to quality, our Group has established extensive and stable sales networks in the PRC and overseas for the past 30 years. In 1H17, though the market economy is still fragile in China, we are very excited to see the fruitful returns through increase in sales volume.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Revenue and sales volume were recorded approximately at RMB3,053.4 million and 168,700 tonnes respectively for 1H17 (1H16: RMB2,289.0 million and 136,900 tonnes respectively). The increase in revenue during the period was mainly due to the increase in sales volume and the increase in average market price of aluminium ingots. The growth in sales volume was driven by the successful execution of our marketing strategies and expansion of our sales channels.

During 1H17, the sales volume of construction aluminium profiles increased by approximately 9% to approximately 124,400 tonnes (1H16: 114,000 tonnes). Meanwhile, the sales volume of industrial aluminium profiles also increased by approximately 93% to approximately 44,300 tonnes in 1H17 (1H16: 22,900 tonnes).

Cost of sales

Cost of sales increased from approximately RMB1,922.2 million in 1H16 to approximately RMB2,614.9 million in 1H17 which was in line with the increase in revenue.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Gross profit margin slightly decreased to 14.4% (1H16: 16.0%), whilst sales to production ratio increased to 96.6% in 1H17 (1H16: 94.7%).

The following table sets forth the gross profit margin of our aluminium profiles:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
Overall	14.4%	16.0%
Industrial aluminium profiles	11.7%	14.3%
Construction aluminium profiles	14.1%	15.9%

The drop in gross profit margin in 1H17 as compared to 1H16 was mainly due to the combined effect of: 1) the gradual decrease in the processing fee in order to maintain the price competitiveness of our products; and 2) the increase in depreciation of moulds used for production of RMB23.0 million recorded in 1H17 as compared to that in 1H16 due to the changes in estimates on the expected useful life of the moulds in July 2016.

Other net income

Our Group recorded other net income of approximately RMB21.6 million for 1H17 (1H16: RMB19.0 million).

Government grants represent various forms of incentives and subsidies received from the local government authorities in the PRC. During 1H17, the Group recognized government grants of approximately RMB17.8 million (1H16: RMB10.2 million) as other income. Besides, due to the appreciation of Renminbi against foreign currencies during 1H17, our Group recorded a net foreign exchange losses of approximately RMB3.6 million (1H16: RMB1.9 million), in relation to the receivables denominated in foreign currencies.

In contrary, due to the decrease in the average balance of pledged deposits during 1H17, interest income decreased to approximately RMB2.8 million (1H16: RMB3.7 million). In addition, the rental income decreased to RMB4.7 million (1H16: RMB7.1 million) as a result of termination of leased properties since June 2017.

Distribution costs

Distribution costs increased by approximately 57% to approximately RMB91.9 million for 1H17 (1H16: RMB58.7 million), whilst our distribution costs as a percentage of revenue increased to approximately 3.0% (1H16: 2.6%). Such increase was mainly attributable to the increase in commission fee of approximately RMB21.6 million in relation to the pre-sales of the property under development. Further, due to surge of sales volume, transportation costs increased which was in the line with the revenue growth in 1H17.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses were recorded at approximately RMB154.0 million in 1H17, which was approximately 40% higher than that in 1H16 (1H16: RMB110.2 million). Such increase was contributed by the increase in provision for doubtful debts in 1H17 of RMB12.9 million (1H16: reversal of provision for doubtful debts of RMB9.2 million) as a result of the increase in aged receivables. Our administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue also increased slightly to 5.0% in 1H17 (1H16: 4.8%).

Finance costs

Finance costs remained steady and were recorded at approximately RMB60.1 million in 1H17 (1H16: RMB59.3 million). Despite the average amount of borrowings increased by 7% in 1H17, as benefited from the drop in average borrowing cost of 8%, finance costs remained steady in 1H17.

Income tax

Income tax was reduced by approximately 42% and was recorded at approximately RMB13.7 million in 1H17 (1H16: RMB23.5 million). Such decrease was mainly attributable to the combined effect of: 1) saving of income tax arising from the increase in super deduction on R&D expenses of approximately RMB7.7 million (1H16: RMB3.6 million); and 2) the decrease in withholding tax expenses of approximately RMB3.4 million on dividends receivables from the PRC subsidiaries.

Profit for the period and net profit margin

Our Group recorded profit for the period of approximately RMB142.4 million in 1H17, representing a growth of approximately 5% as compared to that in 1H16 (1H16: RMB135.4 million), whilst the net profit margin decreased to approximately 4.7% in 1H17 (1H16: 5.9%).

The growth in net profit was mainly attributable to the increase in sales volume and gross profit in 1H17. In addition, the decrease in income tax arising from the super deduction on R&D expenses and deferred tax credit in relation to the decrease in withholding tax expenses on dividends receivables from the PRC subsidiaries also contributed to the profit growth. However, the slight drop in gross profit margin due to the increase in depreciation of moulds used for production of approximately RMB23.0 million; the increase in distribution expenses arising from the commission in relation to pre-sales of property under development of approximately RMB21.6 million; and the increase in administrative expenses arising from the increase in provision for doubtful debts of approximately RMB12.9 million had partly offset against the above growth in net profit in 1H17.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Current and quick ratios

The following table sets out our Group's current and quick ratios as at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016:

	At 30 June 2017	At 31 December 2016
Current ratio (<i>Note</i>)	1.04	1.01
Quick ratio (<i>Note</i>)	0.69	0.70

Note:

Current ratio is calculated based on the total current assets divided by the total current liabilities at the end of the period/year.

Quick ratio is calculated based on the difference between the total current assets and the inventories divided by the total current liabilities at the end of the period/year.

Both ratios remained steady as at 30 June 2017 as compared to that as at 31 December 2016.

Gearing ratio

The following table sets out our Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016:

	At 30 June 2017	At 31 December 2016
Gearing ratio (<i>Note</i>)	36.4%	33.8%

Note:

Gearing ratio is calculated based on the loans and borrowings divided by total assets and multiplied by 100%.

As a result of the increase in loans and borrowings, gearing ratio as at 30 June 2017 increased as compared to that as at 31 December 2016.

Inventory turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's inventory turnover days during 1H17 and 1H16:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
Inventory turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	79	72

Note:

Inventory turnover days is calculated based on the average of the beginning and ending inventory balance before provision for the periods divided by the total cost of sales during the periods multiplied by 181 days.

Inventories balance as at the respective periods ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 represents aluminium profiles segment including our raw materials, work in progress and the unsold finished goods and property under development for sale.

The increase in inventory turnover days was mainly due to: 1) increased balance of property under development for sale; and 2) the Group piled up more raw materials at the end of 1H17 for the secured sales orders received in the 2nd quarter of 2017.

Debtors' turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's debtors' turnover days during 1H17 and 1H16:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
Debtors' turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	91	97

Note:

Debtors' turnover days is calculated based on the average of the beginning and ending balance of trade and bills receivables (net of allowance for doubtful debts) for the periods divided by revenue during the periods multiplied by 181 days.

Benefiting from better receivables management of the Group, debtors' turnover days decreased in 1H17.

Creditors' turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's creditors' turnover days during 1H17 and 1H16:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
Creditors' turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	93	110

Note:

Creditors' turnover days is calculated based on the average of the beginning and ending balance of trade and bills payables for the periods divided by the total cost of sales during the periods multiplied by 181 days.

Creditors' turnover days improved to 93 days as a result of better cash flow management adopted by the Group.

Cash flow

The table below summarises our Group's cash flow during 1H17 and 1H16:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017	2016
	<i>RMB'million</i>	<i>RMB'million</i>
Net cash generated from operating activities	70.1	418.6
Net cash used in investing activities	(191.0)	(102.0)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	352.9	(342.7)

We generally finance our operations through a combination of shareholders' equity, internally generated cash flows, bank borrowings and our cash and cash equivalents. Our Directors believe that on a long-term basis, our liquidity will be funded from operations and, if necessary, additional equity financing or bank borrowings.

Capital expenditures

Capital expenditure was used for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment and lease prepayment. During 1H17, our Group's capital expenditures were increased to approximately RMB159.7 million (1H16: RMB94.3 million), which mainly included acquisition of moulds for production of approximately RMB78.9 million (1H16: RMB65.0 million) and acquisition of other machineries and equipment of approximately RMB80.8 million (1H16: RMB29.3 million) so as to improve the production efficiency and enhance the production capacity.

Loans and borrowings

As at 30 June 2017, our Group's loans and borrowings amounted to approximately RMB2,215.0 million (31 December 2016: RMB1,803.4 million).

Banking facilities

As at 30 June 2017, the banking facilities of our Group amounted to approximately RMB4,299.7 million (31 December 2016: RMB4,006.3 million), of which approximately RMB2,776.9 million were utilised (31 December 2016: RMB2,311.0 million).

Property under development

As at 30 June 2017, the Group's property under development for sale amounted to approximately RMB303,073,000 (31 December 2016: RMB254,278,000). Such property, namely Project Xingfa Plaza, is 100% owned by the Group and is located at the northern side of Jihua Road and the western side of Changang Road, Chancheng District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province, the PRC. The development of the property is in the final stage of construction and is scheduled to be delivered in the second half of 2018. The land use rights of the property have been granted for a term of 40 years expiring on 19 May 2050 for commercial service, office, culture and entertainment uses. The property comprises a parcel of land with a site area of approximately 16,961.36 sq.m.. Upon completion, the development will have a planned gross floor area of approximately 123,716.39 sq.m.

Human resources

As at 30 June 2017, our Group employed a total of approximately 6,344 full time employees in the PRC which included management staff, technicians, salespersons and workers. In 1H17, our Group's total expenses on the remuneration of employees were approximately RMB272.6 million, represented approximately 8.9% of the revenue of our Group. Our Group's emolument policies are formulated on the performance of individual employees, which will be reviewed regularly every year. Apart from the provident fund scheme (according to the provisions of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for Hong Kong employees) or state-managed retirement pension scheme, housing fund, medical insurance, unemployment insurance and other relevant insurance (according to the PRC rules and regulations for PRC employees), discretionary bonuses and employee share options are also awarded to employees according to the assessment results of individual performance.

PROSPECTS

Strengthening balance sheet management, optimizing product mix and enhancing operating efficiency will be our main focuses in the second half of 2017.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors do not propose the payment of interim dividend for 1H17 (1H16: Nil).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In the opinion of the Directors, save as mentioned below, the Company had complied with all the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the “Corporate Governance Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules for 1H17.

According to the code provision A.1.1 of the Corporate Governance Code, the Board should meet regularly and board meetings should be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals. During 1H17, the Board has held one full board meeting. The Company has deviated from this code provision as the Board has discussed the company matters through exchange of emails and informal meetings among the Directors and has obtained board consent through circulating written resolutions.

Code provision of A.2.7 of the Corporate Governance Code requires the Chairman of the Board to hold meetings at least annually with the non-executive Directors (including independent non-executive Directors) without the executive Directors present. As Mr. LIU Libin, the Chairman of the Board, is also an executive Director, the Company has deviated from this code provision as it is not applicable. Currently, the Chairman may communicate with the non-executive Directors on a one-to-one or group basis periodically to understand their concerns, to discuss pertinent issues and to ensure that there is access to adequate and complete information.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

Our Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding Directors’ securities transactions. After having made specific enquiry with all Directors, our Company has received confirmations from all Directors that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code for 1H17.

The Company has also adopted procedures on terms no less exacting than the Model Code in respect of the securities transactions of the employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company.

CHANGE IN CORPORATE POSITIONS

With effect from 26 May 2017, (i) Mr. CHEN Shengguang has resigned as a non-executive Director and a member of the audit committee of the Board; and (ii) Mr. LU Chaoying has been appointed as a non-executive Director and a member of the audit committee of the Board.

REVIEW BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Listing Rules require every listed issuer to establish an audit committee comprising at least three members who must be non-executive directors only, and the majority thereof must be independent non-executive directors, at least one of whom must have appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Company has an audit committee which is accountable to the Board and the primary duties of the audit committee include the review and supervision of our Group's financial reporting process and internal control measures.

The audit committee of the Board is composed of three independent non-executive Directors of the Company namely, Mr. CHEN Mo, Mr. HO Kwan Yiu and Mr. LAM Ying Hung, Andy ("Mr. LAM") and one non-executive Director namely, Mr. LU Chaoying. Mr. LAM, who has professional qualification and experience in financial matters, serves as the chairman of the audit committee.

The audit committee of the Board has met with the management and external auditors of our Company and has reviewed the consolidated results of our Group for 1H17.

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

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities for 1H17.

PUBLICATION OF 2017 INTERIM REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

This announcement is published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.xingfa.com), and the 2017 interim report of the Company containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

On behalf of the Board of
Xingfa Aluminium Holdings Limited
LIU Libin
Chairman

Foshan, 31 August 2017

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

Executive Directors:

Mr. LIU Libin (*Chairman*)
Mr. LUO Su (*Honorary Chairman*)
Mr. LUO Riming (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. LIAO Yuqing
Mr. DAI Feng (*Chief Financial Officer*)
Mr. LAW Yung Koon
Mr. WANG Zhihua

Non-executive Director:

Mr. LU Chaoying

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. CHEN Mo
Mr. HO Kwan Yiu
Mr. LAM Ying Hung, Andy
Mr. LIANG Shibin

Alternate Director to Mr. LIU Libin:

Mr. WONG Siu Ki (*Chief Investment Officer*)