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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 2019

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Revenue increased by 22.5% to approximately RMB4,954.9 million (1H18: RMB4,043.8 million).
2. Sales volume rose by 26.5% to approximately 277,654 tonnes (1H18: 219,500 tonnes).
3. Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company increased by 32.9% to approximately RMB236.7 million (1H18: RMB178.1 million).
4. Earnings per share were RMB0.57 (1H18: RMB0.43).
5. The Board did not recommend any payment of interim dividend for 1H19 (1H18: Nil).

RESULTS

The board (“**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of Xingfa Aluminium Holdings Limited (“**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “**Group**”, “**our Group**”, “**we**”, “**us**” or “**Xingfa Aluminium**”) prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (“**1H19**”), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2018 (“**1H18**”) 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 2019 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2019	2018
	Note	RMB’000	RMB’000
			(Note)
Revenue	3	4,954,876	4,043,760
Cost of sales	8	(4,326,252)	(3,532,318)
Gross profit		628,624	511,442
Other income		30,685	28,077
Distribution costs		(111,891)	(93,058)
Administrative expenses		(204,567)	(159,847)
Profit from operations		342,851	286,614
Finance costs	4(a)	(74,044)	(82,680)
Share of profit of an associate		4,793	2,176
Profit before taxation	4	273,600	206,110
Income tax	5	(39,132)	(27,998)
Profit for the period		234,468	178,112
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		236,686	178,112
Non-controlling interests		(2,218)	–
Profit for the period		234,468	178,112
Basic and diluted earnings per share <i>(RMB yuan)</i>	7	0.57	0.43

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

Details of dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company are set out in Note 6.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2019 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note)
Profit for the period	234,468	178,112
Other comprehensive income for the period:		
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of operations outside the People's Republic of China ("PRC") which may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(371)	2,288
Total comprehensive income for the period	234,097	180,400
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	236,315	180,400
Non-controlling interests	(2,218)	–
Total comprehensive income for the period	234,097	180,400

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2019 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	Note	At 30 June 2019 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 December 2018 RMB'000 (audited) (Note)
Non-current assets			
Other property, plant and equipment		2,045,519	1,952,185
Right-of-use assets	2	369,293	–
Lease prepayments		–	365,114
Interest in an associate		27,316	21,140
Deferred tax assets		39,974	38,423
		<u>2,482,102</u>	<u>2,376,862</u>
Current assets			
Inventories and other contract costs	8	1,274,726	1,144,044
Trade and other receivables	9	2,831,162	2,792,028
Pledged deposits		386,078	346,762
Cash and cash equivalents		544,240	448,787
		<u>5,036,206</u>	<u>4,731,621</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	2,558,564	2,451,474
Contract liabilities	11	221,577	218,248
Loans and borrowings		1,487,985	1,467,523
Lease liabilities	2(d)	1,311	–
Current taxation		35,086	52,806
		<u>4,304,523</u>	<u>4,190,051</u>
Net current assets		<u>731,683</u>	<u>541,570</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,213,785</u>	<u>2,918,432</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings		496,572	378,204
Lease liabilities	2(d)	7,452	–
Deferred tax liabilities		4,421	5,387
Deferred income		37,231	30,983
		<u>545,676</u>	<u>414,574</u>
Net assets		<u>2,668,109</u>	<u>2,503,858</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		3,731	3,731
Reserves		2,664,548	2,500,379
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		<u>2,668,279</u>	<u>2,504,110</u>
Non-controlling interest		<u>(170)</u>	<u>(252)</u>
Total equity		<u>2,668,109</u>	<u>2,503,858</u>

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2019 – unaudited

(Expressed in Renminbi)

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
Note	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note)
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operations	434,102	246,787
Income tax paid	(58,119)	(33,502)
PRC Land Appreciation Tax paid	(1,250)	–
Net cash generated from operating activities	374,733	213,285
Investing activities		
Payment for the purchase of property, plant and equipment	(237,819)	(172,193)
Payment for pledged deposits	(512,735)	(207,794)
Proceeds received upon maturity of pledged deposits	473,419	174,445
Other cash flow arising from investing activities	14,751	3,456
Net cash used in investing activities	(262,384)	(202,086)
Financing activities		
Capital element of lease rentals paid	(401)	–
Interest element of lease rentals paid	(221)	–
Interest paid	(84,046)	(83,223)
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	1,468,053	1,520,173
Repayment of loans and borrowings	(1,329,223)	(1,339,778)
Capital injecting from the non-controlling interest of subsidiary	2,300	–
Dividends paid to equity shareholders of the Company	(73,465)	(70,483)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(17,003)	26,689
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	95,346	37,888
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	448,787	579,450
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes	107	656
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	544,240	617,994

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

Notes:

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

This unaudited interim financial information was extracted from the interim financial report of Xingfa Aluminium Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

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, 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 20 August 2019.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2018 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2019 annual financial statements. Details of the 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 2018 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”).

2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The IASB has issued a new IFRS and a number of amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group’s financial statements:

- IFRS 16, *Leases*
- Amendments to IAS 19, *Plan amendment, curtailment or settlement*
- Amendments to IAS 28, *Long-term interests in associates and joint ventures*
- Annual improvement to IFRSs 2015-2017 Cycle
- IFRIC23, *Uncertainty over income tax treatments*

Except for IFRS 16, *Leases*, none of the developments have 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.

IFRS 16, *Leases*

IFRS 16 replaces IAS 17, *Leases*, and the related interpretations, IFRIC 4, *Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease*, SIC 15, *Operating leases – incentives*, and SIC 27, *Evaluating the substance of transactions involving the legal form of a lease*. It introduces a single accounting model for lessees, which requires a lessee to recognise a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases, except for leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less (“**short-term leases**”) and leases of low value assets. The lessor accounting requirements are brought forward from IAS 17 substantially unchanged.

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 as from 1 January 2019. The Group has elected to use the modified retrospective approach and has therefore recognised the cumulative effect of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2019. Comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under IAS 17.

Further details of the nature and effect of the changes to previous accounting policies and the transition options applied are set out below:

(a) *Changes in the accounting policies*

(i) *New definition of a lease*

The change in the definition of a lease mainly relates to the concept of control. IFRS 16 defines a lease on the basis of whether a customer controls the use of an identified asset for a period of time, which may be determined by a defined amount of use. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

The Group applies the new definition of a lease in IFRS 16 only to contracts that were entered into or changed on or after 1 January 2019. For contracts entered into before 1 January 2019, the Group has used the transitional practical expedient to grandfather the previous assessment of which existing arrangements are or contain leases.

Accordingly, contracts that were previously assessed as leases under IAS 17 continue to be accounted for as leases under IFRS 16 and contracts previously assessed as non-lease service arrangements continue to be accounted for as executory contracts.

(ii) *Lessee accounting*

IFRS 16 eliminates the requirement for a lessee to classify leases as either operating leases or finance leases, as was previously required by IAS 17. Instead, the Group is required to capitalise all leases when it is the lessee, including leases previously classified as operating leases under IAS 17, other than those short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and non-lease component(s), the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for each lease component and any associated non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases.

When the Group enters into a lease in respect of a low-value asset, the Group decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis. The lease payments associated with those leases which are not capitalised are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and hence are charged to profit or loss in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

The right-of-use asset recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, and any initial direct costs incurred. Where applicable, the cost of the right-of-use assets also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, discounted to their present value, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Group will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

(b) Critical accounting judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty in applying the above accounting policies

Determining the lease term

As explained in the above accounting policies, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term. In determining the lease term at the commencement date for leases that include renewal options exercisable by the Group, the Group evaluates the likelihood of exercising the renewal options taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Group to exercise the option, including favourable terms, leasehold improvements undertaken and the importance of that underlying asset to the Group's operation. The lease term is reassessed when there is a significant event or significant change in circumstance that is within the Group's control. Any increase or decrease in the lease term would affect the amount of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets recognised in future years.

(c) Transitional impact

At the date of transition to IFRS 16 (i.e. 1 January 2019), the Group determined the length of the remaining lease terms and measured the lease liabilities for the leases previously classified as operating leases at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the relevant incremental borrowing rates at 1 January 2019. The weighted average of the incremental borrowing rates used for determination of the present value of the remaining lease payments was 4.9%.

To ease the transition to IFRS 16, the Group applied the following recognition exemption and practical expedients at the date of initial application of IFRS 16:

- (i) the Group elected not to apply the requirements of IFRS 16 in respect of the recognition of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets to leases for which the remaining lease term ends within 12 months from the date of initial application of IFRS 16, i.e. where the lease term ends on or before 31 December 2019;
- (ii) when measuring the lease liabilities at the date of initial application of IFRS 16, the Group applied a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics (such as leases with a similar remaining lease term for a similar class of underlying asset in a similar economic environment); and
- (iii) when measuring the right-of-use assets at the date of initial application of IFRS 16, the Group relied on the previous assessment for onerous contract provisions as at 31 December 2018 as an alternative to performing an impairment review.

The following table reconciles the operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018 to the opening balance for lease liabilities recognised as at 1 January 2019:

	1 January 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>
Operating lease commitments at 31 December 2018	12,395
<i>Less:</i> commitments relating to leases exempt from capitalisation:	
– short-term leases and other leases with remaining lease term ending on or before 31 December 2019	(1,296)
– leases of low-value assets	–
<i>Add:</i> lease payments for the additional periods where the Group considers it reasonably certain that it will exercise the extension options	–
	11,099
<i>Less:</i> total future interest expenses	(1,935)
	9,164
<i>Add:</i> finance lease liabilities recognised as at 31 December 2018	–
Total lease liabilities recognised at 1 January 2019	<u>9,164</u>

The right-of-use assets in relation to leases previously classified as operating leases have been recognised at an amount equal to the amount recognised for the remaining lease liabilities, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the statement of financial position at 31 December 2018.

The Group presents right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately in the statement of financial position.

The following table summarises the impacts of the adoption of IFRS 16 on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position:

	Carrying amount at 31 December 2018 <i>RMB'000</i>	Capitalisation of operating lease contracts <i>RMB'000</i>	Carrying amount at 1 January 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>
Line items in the consolidated statement of financial position impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16:			
Right-of-use assets	–	374,278	374,278
Lease prepayments	365,114	(365,114)	–
Total non-current assets	2,376,862	9,164	2,386,026
Lease liabilities (current)	–	1,250	1,250
Current liabilities	4,190,051	1,250	4,191,301
Net current assets	541,570	(1,250)	540,320
Total assets less current liabilities	2,918,432	7,914	2,926,346
Lease liabilities (non-current)	–	7,914	7,914
Total non-current liabilities	414,574	7,914	422,488
Net assets	2,503,858	–	2,503,858

The analysis of the net book value of the Group's right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset at the end of the reporting period and at the date of transition to IFRS 16 is as follows:

	At 30 June 2019 RMB'000	At 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Interest in leasehold land held for own use under operating leases, carried at the depreciated cost	360,727	365,114
Other properties leased for own use, carried at the depreciated cost	<u>8,566</u>	<u>9,164</u>
	<u>369,293</u>	<u>374,278</u>

(d) Lease liabilities

The remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities at the end of the reporting period and at the date of transition to IFRS 16 are as follows:

	At 30 June 2019		At 1 January 2019	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000
Within 1 year	1,311	1,347	1,250	1,285
After 1 year but within 2 years	1,268	1,367	1,268	1,367
After 2 years but within 5 years	3,658	4,353	3,600	4,285
After 5 years	2,526	3,410	3,046	4,162
	<u>7,452</u>	<u>9,130</u>	<u>7,914</u>	<u>9,814</u>
	<u>8,763</u>	10,477	<u>9,164</u>	11,099
Less: total future interest expenses		<u>(1,714)</u>		<u>(1,935)</u>
Present value of lease liabilities		<u>8,763</u>		<u>9,164</u>

(e) *Impact on the financial result, segment results and cash flows of the Group*

After the initial recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019, the Group as a lessee is required to recognise interest expense accrued on the outstanding balance of the lease liability, and the depreciation of the right-of-use asset, instead of the previous policy of recognising rental expenses incurred under operating leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. This results in a positive impact on the reported profit from operations in the Group's consolidated statement of profit or loss, as compared to the results if IAS 17 had been applied during the year.

In the cash flow statement, the Group as a lessee is required to split rentals paid under capitalised leases into their capital element and interest element. These elements are classified as financing cash outflows, similar to how leases previously classified as finance leases under IAS 17 were treated, rather than as operating cash outflows, as was the case for operating leases under IAS 17. Although total cash flows are unaffected, the adoption of IFRS 16 therefore results in a significant change in presentation of cash flows within the cash flow statement.

The following tables may give an indication of the estimated impact of adoption of IFRS 16 on the Group's financial result, segment results and cash flows for the six months ended 30 June 2019, by adjusting the amounts reported under IFRS 16 in these interim financial statements to compute estimates of the hypothetical amounts that would have been recognised under IAS 17 if this superseded standard had continued to apply to 2019 instead of IFRS 16, and by comparing these hypothetical amounts for 2019 with the actual 2018 corresponding amounts which were prepared under IAS 17.

	2019			2018	
	Amounts reported under IFRS 16 (A) RMB '000	Add back: IFRS 16 depreciation and interest expense (B) RMB '000	Deduct: Estimated amounts related to operating leases as if under IAS 17 (Note 1) (C) RMB '000	Hypothetical amounts for 2019 as if under IAS 17 (D=A+B-C) RMB '000	Compared to amounts reported for 2018 under IAS 17 RMB '000
Financial result for the six months ended 30 June 2019 impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16:					
Profit from operations	342,851	598	(622)	342,827	286,614
Finance costs	(74,044)	221	–	(73,823)	(82,680)
Profit before taxation	273,600	819	(622)	273,797	206,110
Profit for the period	234,468	819	(622)	234,665	178,112
Reportable segment profit (gross profit) for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (Note 3(b)) impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16:					
– Industrial aluminium profiles	106,983	598	(622)	106,959	136,123
– Construction aluminium profiles	483,885	–	–	483,885	346,860
– Property development	9,823	–	–	9,823	–
– Other	27,933	–	–	27,933	28,459
– Total	628,624	598	(622)	628,600	511,442

	2019		2018	
	Amounts reported under IFRS 16 (A) RMB'000	Estimated amounts related to operating leases as if under IAS 17 (Notes 1 & 2) (B) RMB'000	Hypothetical amounts for 2019 as if under IAS 17 (C=A+B) RMB'000	Compared to amounts reported for 2018 under IAS 17 RMB'000
Line items in the condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six months ended 30 June 2019 impacted by the adoption of IFRS 16:				
Cash generated from operations	434,102	622	434,724	246,787
Net cash generated from operating activities	374,733	622	375,355	213,285
Capital element of lease rentals paid	(401)	401	–	–
Interest element of lease rentals paid	(221)	221	–	–
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(17,003)	622	(16,381)	26,689

Note 1: The “estimated amounts related to operating leases” is an estimate of the amounts of the cash flows in 2019 that relate to leases which would have been classified as operating leases, if IAS 17 had still applied in 2019. This estimate assumes that there were no differences between rentals and cash flows and that all of the new leases entered into in 2019 would have been classified as operating leases under IAS 17, if IAS 17 had still applied in 2019. Any potential net tax effect is ignored.

Note 2: In this impact table these cash outflows are reclassified from financing to operating in order to compute hypothetical amounts of net cash generated from operating activities and net cash used in financing activities as if IAS 17 still applied.

3 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group manages its businesses by product lines. In a manner consistent with the way in which the 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 architecture decoration.
- Property development: this segment develops and sells office premises and residential properties.
- Other products and services included the provision of processing services, manufacturing and sale of aluminium alloy, moulds and spare parts. None of these products and services meets any of the quantitative thresholds for determining reportable segments according to IFRS 8.

(a) Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major products or service lines and geographical location of customers is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15		
Disaggregated of product lines		
– Industrial aluminium profiles	1,070,592	1,072,838
– Construction aluminium profiles	3,781,875	2,905,557
– Sales of completed properties	16,778	–
– Other products and services	85,631	65,365
	4,954,876	4,043,760
Disaggregated by geographical location of customers		
– Mainland China, except for Hong Kong	4,828,556	3,876,169
– Hong Kong	82,468	119,241
– Asia Pacific, except for Mainland China and Hong Kong	31,857	28,502
– Africa	11,437	18,644
– Other regions	558	1,204
	4,954,876	4,043,760

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by the timing of revenue recognition is disclosed in Note 3(b).

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group's customer base is diversified and does not include any individual customer (six months ended 30 June 2018: Nil) with whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's revenue.

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

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by timing of revenue recognition, as well as 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 period is set out below:

	Industrial aluminium profiles		Construction aluminium profiles		Property development		All other segments		Total	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note)								(Note)	
Revenue from external customers recognised by point in time	1,070,592	1,072,838	3,781,875	2,905,557	16,778	–	85,631	65,365	4,954,876	4,043,760
Reportable segment profit										
Gross profit	106,983	136,123	483,885	346,860	9,823	–	27,933	28,459	628,624	511,442

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

(c) Reconciliation of reportable segment profit or loss

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note)	
Reportable segment profit derived from the Group's external customers	628,624	511,442
Other income	30,685	28,077
Distribution costs	(111,891)	(93,058)
Administrative expenses	(204,567)	(159,847)
Finance costs	(74,044)	(82,680)
Share of profit of an associate	4,793	2,176
Consolidated profit before taxation	273,600	206,110

Note:

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

4 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

(a) Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note)
Interests expenses on bank loans	66,765	69,552
Interests expenses on discounted bills	7,058	13,128
Interest on lease liabilities	221	—
	<u>74,044</u>	<u>82,680</u>

(b) Staff costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries, wages, bonuses and benefits	308,029	268,298
Contribution to defined contribution retirement schemes	29,741	25,319
	<u>337,770</u>	<u>293,617</u>

(c) Other items

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note)
Depreciation charge		
– Other property, plant and equipment	156,945	135,914
– Right-of-use assets	4,985	—
Amortisation of lease prepayments	—	4,383
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables (Note 9)	15,929	1,819
Operating lease charges	734	1,295
Interest income	11,602	3,369
Cost of inventories (i)/(Note 8)	4,326,252	3,532,318
Research and development costs (ii)	147,488	165,060

Note: The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

- (i) During the six months ended 30 June 2019, cost of inventories included RMB141,550,000 relating to depreciation and operating lease charges (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB136,405,000), which amount is also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above, and RMB193,870,000 relating to staff costs (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB178,108,000) as disclosed in Note 4(b).
- (ii) Research and development costs for the period ended 30 June 2019 included RMB36,954,000 (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB26,460,000) relating to staff costs of employees which amount is also included in total staff costs as disclosed in Note 4(b).

5 INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current tax – PRC corporate income tax	33,319	24,222
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax	257	979
Provision for PRC Land Appreciation Tax (“LAT”)	4,073	–
Deferred tax	1,483	2,797
	<u>39,132</u>	<u>27,998</u>

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (six months ended 30 June 2018: 16.5%).
- (iii) Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, the PRC subsidiaries of the Group are liable to PRC corporate income tax at a rate of 25% for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (six months ended 30 June 2018: 25%) except for Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium Co., Ltd. (“**Guangdong Xingfa**”), Xingfa Aluminium (Chengdu) Co., Ltd. (“**Chengdu Xingfa**”), Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium (Henan) Co., Ltd. (“**Xingfa Henan**”) and Guangdong Xingfa Aluminium (Jiangxi) Co., Ltd. (“**Xingfa Jiangxi**”) which were certified as “Advanced and New Technology Enterprises” (“**ANTE**”) and entitled to the preferential income tax rate of 15% for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (six months ended 30 June 2018: 15%).
- (iv) Pursuant to the new tax law in the PRC, from 1 January 2008, non-resident enterprises without an establishment or place of business in the PRC or which have an establishment or place of business in the PRC but whose relevant income is not effectively connected with the establishment or a place of business in the PRC, will be subject to withholding tax at the rate of 10% (unless reduced by tax treaty) on various types of passive income such as dividends derived from sources within the PRC. Pursuant to the Sino-Hong Kong Double Tax Arrangement and the related regulations, a qualified Hong Kong tax resident will be liable for a reduced withholding tax rate of 5% on dividends from a PRC enterprise if the Hong Kong tax resident is the “beneficial owner” and holds 25% or more of the equity interest of the PRC enterprise. As Guangdong Xingfa is held by a Hong Kong incorporated subsidiary, which is qualified as Hong Kong tax resident, a rate of 5% is applicable to the calculation of this withholding tax.

At 30 June 2019, deferred tax liabilities of RMB4,421,000 (that of 2018: RMB4,421,000) have been provided for in this regard based on the expected dividends to be distributed from Guangdong Xingfa in the foreseeable future in respect of the profits generated since 1 January 2008.

- (v) During the period of six months ended 30 June 2019, 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 2019 was reduced by RMB11,843,000 (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB8,755,000). Such additional tax deduction on research and development expenses equals 50% of the amount actually incurred.
- (vi) LAT is levied on properties developed in the PRC by the Group for sale, at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, which under the applicable regulations is calculated based on the proceeds of sales of properties less deductible expenditures including lease charges of land use rights, borrowing costs and relevant property development expenditures.

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 2019 (six months ended 30 June 2018: 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	
	2019	2018
	<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 2019 of HKD0.2 per share (six months ended 30 June 2018: HKD0.2 per share)	<u><u>73,465</u></u>	<u><u>70,483</u></u>

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 RMB236,686,000 (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB178,112,000) and 418,000,000 shares (six months ended 30 June 2018: 418,000,000 shares) in issue during the interim period.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018, and therefore, the diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share.

8 INVENTORIES AND OTHER CONTRACT COSTS

	At 30 June 2019 RMB'000	At 31 December 2018 RMB'000
Inventories		
Aluminium products	1,007,766	866,355
Properties under construction	<u>266,960</u>	<u>273,826</u>
	<u>1,274,726</u>	<u>1,140,181</u>
Other contract costs	<u>—</u>	<u>3,863</u>
	<u>1,274,726</u>	<u>1,144,044</u>

Note:

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, inventories of RMB4,326,252,000 (2018: RMB3,532,318,000) were recognised as an expense during the period and included in 'cost of sales'. No inventory provision was recorded in this period (2018:Nil).

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing 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 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 31 December 2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 month	1,095,800	1,177,207
1 to 3 months	781,004	782,075
3 to 6 months	420,384	524,965
Over 6 months	328,365	136,337
Trade debtors and bills receivable, net of allowance for doubtful debts (i)(ii)	2,625,553	2,620,584
Other debtors, net of loss allowance (iii)	66,775	23,314
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	2,692,328	2,643,898
Deposits and prepayments	138,834	148,130
	2,831,162	2,792,028

- (i) Trade debtors and bills receivable are due within 60 days to 180 days from the date of billing. Debtors with balances that are more than 6 months past due are requested to settle all outstanding balances before any further credit is granted.
- (ii) Trade debtors with carrying value of RMB44,309,000 were pledged as securities for bank loans of the Group as at 30 June 2019 (31 December 2018: RMB57,659,000).

Certain bills receivable with carrying value of RMB9,987,000 were pledged as securities for bank loans of the Group as at 30 June 2019 (31 December 2018: RMB192,333,000).

- (iii) As at 30 June 2019, loss allowances of RMB62,252,000 was recognised on trade debtors and other debtors (31 December 2018: RMB46,323,000) (*Note 4(c)*).

10 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing 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 2019 RMB'000	At 31 December 2018 RMB'000
Within 1 month	766,862	771,715
1 to 3 months	351,622	470,252
3 to 6 months	522,250	517,031
Over 6 months	503,220	153,029
Trade creditors and bills payable	2,143,954	1,912,027
Trade payables	680,192	664,605
Bills payable	1,463,762	1,247,422
Accrued payroll and benefits	116,456	186,842
Other payables and accruals	279,644	316,794
Interest payable	2,486	12,709
Deferred income	16,024	23,102
	2,558,564	2,451,474

11 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	At 30 June 2019 RMB'000	At 31 December 2018 RMB'000
Aluminium profiles		
– Billings in advance of performance	192,417	194,439
Property development		
– Forward sales deposits and instalments received	29,160	23,809
	221,577	218,248

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Industry Review

In the first half of 2019, China's economy continued its stable and healthy growing momentum. The sustained economic development attracts more people to settle in cities and facilitates urbanization construction. The official data revealed that China's urban resident population in 2018 was 831 million, representing an increase of 2.2% year-on-year, and urban population accounted for 59.58% of the total population, increased by 1.06 percentage points year-on-year. At the end of last year, the Chinese government put forward the promotion of settling 100 million non-registered residents in cities and supported the high-quality development of new urbanization. Thanks to the policy promotion, local governments had invested more resources in urbanization construction, including public buildings construction, transportation networks expansion and commercial streets renovation, in which they had stimulated the demand for aluminium profiles products of the Group.

During the period under review, China's real estate market development remained stable. In recent years, the Chinese government has adhered to its core control vision of "houses are for living in but not for speculation" and strengthened its efforts in curbing speculative activities. However, the rising living standards and urban population have increased housing demand. In the first half of 2019, there were signs showing the easing of control measures in many regions, however the overall property prices remained stable with minor fluctuations. It was worth mentioning that China's real estate market was accelerating its inclinations to clustering on leading enterprises as the sales of top 20 real estate enterprises have accounted for over half of the overall sales. Among them, Vanke, Country Garden, Sunac, China Overseas, China Resources, Greentown, Seazen, China Fortune, Shimao Property, Jinke and Agile are customers of the Group in which we have close and long-term partner relationships. We also have cooperation in projects with other major real estate enterprises. The integration of the real estate market has helped us to consolidate our sales of construction aluminium profiles.

China's aluminium profiles market has maintained a relatively fragmented situation, the integration of old production capacity is conducive to the consolidation of the Group's business. In recent years, the Chinese government has put stringent control over the discharge of pollutants, implemented the most stringent environmental control standards in history on factories, and some industry peers have suspended their operations because of failing to meet the standards. At the same time, downstream customers such as real estate developers incline to award orders to aluminium profiles suppliers with relatively larger scale and reliable quality, whereby they have accelerated the reshuffling of the aluminium profiles industry. As one of China's leading aluminium profiles manufacturers, we will continue to benefit under the new round of industry integration.

Business Review

Xingfa Aluminium is one of the leading aluminium profiles manufacturers in the PRC and is principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of aluminium profiles which are being used as construction and industrial materials. Since 2002, the Group has been awarded as the “No. 1 of the National Construction Aluminium Profiles Enterprises” by China Non-Ferrous Metals Fabrication Industrial Association for three consecutive sessions. Currently, we are also one of the largest suppliers of electricity conductive aluminium profiles for metro vehicles in the world. Leveraging on our advanced research and development capability and commitment to quality, our Group has established extensive and stable sales networks in the PRC and overseas for the past 35 years. Since 2017, the Group has focused on establishing our sales outlets in the prefecture-level cities in Southern China and Eastern China, and at the same time invested its resources to establish sales outlets in key cities of relatively underdeveloped regions and positive results were achieved as seen from their regional sales data.

In the first half of 2019, the Group continued to facilitate the development of the two principal businesses of the manufacture and sale of construction aluminium profiles and industrial aluminium profiles. Over the years, our revenue is mainly derived from the sale of construction aluminium profiles products. For construction aluminium profiles, we are the leader in terms of industry technology and have occupied an adequate market share, bringing to the Group stable and substantial returns. The Group also noticed that the industrial aluminium profiles market has gradually developed in recent years, however, owing to its segmented market nature, the technical requirements of each kind of product are relatively higher. The Group is determined to leverage the advantages of construction aluminium profiles to expand the industrial aluminium profiles business to achieve the dual-engine development of these two segments. Of which, the industrial aluminium profiles manufacturing base located in Guangdong has laid its foundation in the beginning of this year and is at the stage of comprehensive factory construction. It is scheduled to be formally put into operation next year. At the same time, the Group continued to conduct management transformation to improve production efficiency, enhance decision-making efficiency, quality management and improve informatization circulation, with a view to strengthen the Group’s competitiveness in the long run and take the opportunity lead in various respects. The Group had also formulated its future development strategy to lay a good foundation for factory management in different locations in future.

During the period under review, “Xingfa System”, “Xingfa Doors and Windows” and “Paxdon System (帕克斯頓系統)” and other doors and windows systems for engineering decoration and home decoration purposes have already been introduced to the market and started to contribute to the profitability to the Group.

At the same time, the Group continued to strengthen its overseas sales, and after successfully penetrated into the markets in Vietnam and Australia, the Group also achieved initial results in developing the markets in South Africa, West Africa, Singapore, Indonesia, Myanmar, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Thailand and South America.

Revenue

For the six months ended 30 June 2019, the revenue and sales volume of the Group increased by 22.5% and 26.5% to approximately RMB4,954.9 million and 277,654 tonnes respectively (1H18: RMB4,043.8 million and 219,500 tonnes respectively). Of which, the sales of construction aluminium profiles and industrial aluminium profiles accounted for 76.3% and 21.6% of the revenue respectively. The gross profit of the Group for the period increased by 22.9% year-on-year to RMB628.6 million. The gross profit margin was 12.7%. During the period under review, the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company was RMB236.7 million, representing an increase of 32.9% year-on-year.

Construction aluminium profiles

The construction aluminium profiles are aluminium profiles with surface finishing, which are mainly used for construction and installation of doors and windows, curtain walls, ceilings and blinds and other decorative products.

In the first half of 2019, the revenue of construction aluminium profiles increased by RMB876.3 to approximately RMB3,781.9 (1H18: RMB2,905.6 million), and sales volume increased by 35.1% to approximately 208,072 tonnes (1H18: approximately 154,000 tonnes).

Industrial aluminium profiles

The industrial aluminium profiles are mainly plain aluminium profiles, which can be used as container box and new conductive profiles of urban railway locomotives etc. Moreover, the industrial aluminium profiles can also be produced in other different forms and shapes, such as central processing unit (CPU) and display thermal sinks and electronic consumer product frames.

The revenue of industrial aluminium profiles for the first half of 2019 was approximately RMB1,070.6 million (1H18: RMB1,072.8 million), and sales volumes was 67,302 tonnes (1H18: approximately 65,500 tonnes).

Prospect

1H19 was full of challenges and opportunities for the Group. Xingfa Aluminium continued to promote its management transformation in the first half year, with a view to improve its production, strengthen cost control, and enhance the Group's long-term competitiveness. This transformation will be implemented at various production sites in the second half year, and changes in operational efficiency are expected to emerge next year.

In the future, the Group will continue to take construction aluminium profiles and industrial aluminium profiles as its dual-engine development direction. The industrial aluminium profiles have been flourished in the PRC with tremendous market potential and many opportunities, but we also notice that the industrial aluminium profiles technology still has a lot of room for improvement. The Group will invest more in its research and development on industrial aluminium profiles, set up the Xingfa Research Institute (興發研究院), and work with universities in the PRC to study the lightweight, highly malleable and environmentally friendly aluminium profiles products. At the same time, the industrial aluminium profiles manufacturing base in Guangdong has laid its foundation in the beginning of this year and is scheduled to put into operation next year. The base will manufacture industrial aluminium profiles for lightweight traffic, high-end electronic communications equipment, thermal sink devices, etc., and its annual output is expected to reach 100,000 tonnes. Owing to the higher technical barrier of industrial aluminium profiles products, the profit margin is higher. The advantage of our leading position in technology will facilitate the Group to obtain better contracts from our customers and increase our gross profit margin in the long run.

The Group is forged ahead to expand our overseas markets and is considering setting up production bases overseas. In recent years, the global demand for aluminium profiles continues to increase, and the Group has continued to expand our overseas sales as well as export to Vietnam, Australia, Indonesia, Myanmar, South Africa, West Africa, Singapore, Thailand and Mauritius. The Group will explore the feasibility of setting up new production base with a view to mainly serve overseas customers. At the same time, we will closely monitor merger and acquisition opportunities within the industry and identify suitable targets to expand the Group's production capacity and enhance our competitiveness.

In the long run, the Group believes the market competition in aluminium profiles will intensify, but the sustained and stable development of the China economy will bring continuous huge demand, including the continuous facilitation of urbanization and the settlement of at least 100 million of rural population in urban regions, in which they will also generate huge infrastructure investments and provide continuous support for the sale of aluminium profiles products of the Group. The Group will make efforts to seize these opportunities in seeking fruitful returns for shareholders of the Company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The revenue and sales volume of the Group for 1H19 increased by 22.5% and 26.5% year-on-year to approximately RMB4,954.9 million and 277,654 tonnes respectively (1H18: RMB4,043.8 million and 219,500 tonnes respectively). The growth was attributable to the significant increase in sales orders due to the successful implementation of marketing strategies and expansion of sales channels.

The sales volume of construction aluminium profiles for 1H19 increased by 35.1% to 208,072 tonnes (1H18: 154,000 tonnes). Meanwhile, the sales volume of industrial aluminium profiles for 1H19 also increased by 2.7% to 67,302 tonnes (1H18: 65,500 tonnes).

The following table sets forth the details of our revenue by category for 1H19 and 1H18:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Manufacturing and sale of aluminium profiles		
– Construction aluminium profiles	3,781,875	2,905,557
– Industrial aluminium profiles	1,070,592	1,072,838
	4,852,467	3,978,395
Sale of properties	16,778	–
Others (<i>Note</i>)	85,631	65,365
Total	4,954,876	4,043,760

Note: Our Group's other revenue represents revenue generated from service contracts and sale of aluminium panels, aluminium alloy, moulds and spare parts.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The gross profit of the Group for 1H19 increased by 22.9% year-on-year to approximately RMB628.6 million (1H18: RMB511.4 million).

The overall gross profit margin for 1H19 of the Group remained stable at 12.7% (1H18: 12.6%), while the sales to production ratio increased to 98.6% (1H18: 94.8%).

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

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
Overall	12.7%	12.6%
Construction aluminium profiles	12.8%	11.9%
Industrial aluminium profiles	10.0%	12.7%

The gross profit ratio of construction aluminium profiles for 1H19 remained steady as compared to that of 1H18.

The gross profit ratio of industrial aluminium profiles for 1H19 decreased as the Group adjusted its sales strategy and lowered the selling price of some products under the intensified market competition. In addition, as the production capacity was fully loaded during 1H19, the Group outsourced some of the sales orders to external sub-contractors, which increased the overall production costs.

Other income

The other income of the Group for 1H19 increased by 9.3% year-on-year to approximately RMB30.7 million (1H2018: RMB28.1 million), which was mainly attributable to the increase in the interest income.

Distribution costs

The distribution costs of the Group for 1H19 increased by 20.2% to approximately RMB111.9 million (1H18: RMB93.1 million), which was 2.3% of the revenue (1H18: 2.3%). The transportation costs increased significantly as the sales increased in 1H19.

Administrative expenses

The number of management team staff increased in 1H19 as the Group's business grew, so the staff costs increased correspondingly. In addition, the provisions for trade and other receivables increased as a result of the business expansion of the Group and the market conditions in 1H19. As a result, the administrative expenses of the Group for 1H19 increased by 28.0% to approximately RMB204.6 million (1H18: RMB159.8 million), which was 4.1% of the revenue (1H18: 3.9%).

Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company and net profit margin

The profit attributable to shareholders of the Company for 1H19 increased by 32.9% to approximately RMB236.7 million (1H18: RMB178.1 million), whilst the net profit margin increased to 4.8% (1H18: 4.4%).

The Board believes that such increase in profit was primarily attributable to the significant increase in sales orders due to the successful implementation of marketing strategies and expansion of sales channels.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Current and quick ratios

The following table sets out our Group's current and quick ratios as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	At 30 June 2019	At 31 December 2018
Current ratio (<i>Note i</i>)	1.17	1.13
Quick ratio (<i>Note ii</i>)	0.87	0.86

Note:

- (i) Current ratio is calculated based on the total current assets divided by the total current liabilities at the end of the period/year.
- (ii) 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 2019 as compared to that as at 31 December 2018.

Gearing ratio

The following table sets out our Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	At 30 June 2019	At 31 December 2018
Gearing ratio (<i>Note</i>)	26.4%	26.0%

Note:

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

The gearing ratio remained steady as at 30 June 2019 as compared to that as at 31 December 2018.

Inventory turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's inventory turnover days during 1H19 and 1H18:

	Six months ended 30 June 2019	2018
Inventory turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	51	71

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 2019 and 2018 represents aluminium profiles segment including our raw materials, work in progress and the unsold finished goods and property under development for sale.

The inventory turnover days for 1H19 decreased as compared to that of 1H18 which was mainly due to (i) the decrease in inventory level of property development as the sale of certain units of Xingfa Plaza completed during 1H19; (ii) the delivery period was shortened as the continuing adoption of lean production strategy.

Debtors' turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's debtors' turnover days during 1H19 and 1H18:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
Debtors' turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	96	96

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.

Debtors' turnover days remained steady for 1H19 as compared to that of 1H18.

Creditors' turnover days

The following table sets out our Group's creditors' turnover days during 1H19 and 1H18:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
Creditors' turnover days (<i>Note</i>)	85	63

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.

The Group settled the trade payables by bank notes (bills payables) which with longer credit period in 1H19, as a result, the creditors' turnover days increased as compared to that of 1H18.

Loans and borrowings

As at 30 June 2019, the Group's loans and borrowings amounted to approximately RMB1,984.6 million (31 December 2018: RMB1,845.7 million), among which amounted to approximately RMB1,199.1 million were at fixed interest rates.

Banking facilities and guarantee

As at 30 June 2019, the banking facilities of the Group amounted to approximately RMB6,912.8 million (31 December 2018: RMB6,151.8 million), of which approximately RMB2,893.0 million were utilized (31 December 2018: RMB2,472.9 million).

No banking facilities were guaranteed by related parties.

Capital structure

As at 30 June 2019, the Company had 418,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in issue. No shares of the Company has been issued or repurchased during 1H19.

CASH FLOW HIGHLIGHTS

The following table sets out our Group's cash flow highlights during 1H19 and 1H18:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Net cash generated from operating activities	374,733	213,285
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(237,819)	(172,193)
Interest paid	(84,046)	(83,223)
Net increase in bank borrowings	138,830	180,395
Dividends paid	(73,465)	(70,483)

We generally finance our operations through 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.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of RMB544.2 million (31 December 2018: RMB448.8 million), among which 4.1% was held in US dollars, 5.7% was held in HK dollars and the remaining balance was held in RMB.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Xingfa Plaza, wholly-owned property by the Group, is located at the northern side of Jihua Road and western side of Changang Road, Chancheng District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province, the PRC. 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. and the gross floor area of approximately 123,527.29 sq.m.. As at 30 June 2019, 32% of the saleable floor area have been delivered to the customers.

During 1H19, 18 units of "Xingfa Plaza" had been sold and delivered. The revenue recognised from such sale for 1H19 amounted to approximately RMB16.8 million (1H18: Nil), with gross profit margin at 35.3%

SIGNIFICANT EVENT OCCURRED DURING 1H19

As disclosed in the announcement jointly issued by the Company and Guangxin Aluminium (HK) Limited (“**Offeror**”) on 13 February 2019, Huatai Financial Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited, for and on behalf of the Offeror, made conditional mandatory cash offers (“**Offers**”) to acquire all of the Shares (other than those already owned or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it) and to cancel all the outstanding share options of the Company in accordance with Rule 26.1 and Rule 13 of the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers of Hong Kong. The composite offer and response document (“**Composite Document**”) in relation to the Offers was despatched jointly by the Company and the Offeror on 2 April 2019. As set out in the Composite Document, the share offer price for acquiring each offer share was HK\$5.60 (in cash) and the price for cancelling each share option was HK\$0.14 (in cash). On 23 April 2019, the Offeror and the Company jointly announced that the Offers had lapsed and no extension or revision of the Offers would be made. Please refer to the Composite Document and the announcements of the Company dated 13 February 2019 and 23 April 2019 for further details of the Offers.

Save as disclosed above, there was no other significant event affecting the Company that had occurred during or since the end of 1H19.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2019, our Group employed a total of approximately 8,130 full time employees in the PRC and Hong Kong which included management staff, technicians, salespersons and workers. In 1H19, our Group’s total expenses on the remuneration of employees were approximately RMB337.8 million (1H18: approximately RMB293.6 million) represented approximately 6.8% 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 (for the PRC employees), 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 of individual performance. In-house and external training programmes are provided as and when required.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors do not propose the payment of interim dividend for 1H19 (1H18: 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 1H19.

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 1H19, 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.

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 1H19.

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.

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, Ms. XIE Jingyun. 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 1H19.

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 1H19.

PUBLICATION OF 2019 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 2019 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.

By Order of the Board
Xingfa Aluminium Holdings Limited
LIU Libin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2019

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

Executive Directors:

Mr. LIU Libin (*Chairman*)
Mr. LIAO Yuqing (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Ms. ZHANG Li (*Chief Financial Officer*)
Mr. LAW Yung Koon
Mr. WANG Zhihua
Mr. LUO Jianfeng

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. ZUO Manlun
Ms. XIE Jingyun

Independent non-executive Directors:

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