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Hidili Industry International Development Limited

恒鼎實業國際發展有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1393)

**UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30 June		Change %
	2009	2008	
	<i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	<i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Turnover	635,852	1,190,733	-46.6%
Gross Profit	337,271	778,764	-56.7%
Profit before taxation	131,112	559,723	-76.6%
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	117,834	534,549	-78.0%
Basic earnings per share (<i>RMB cents</i>)	5.7	25.9	-78.0%

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Hidili Industry International Development Limited 恒鼎實業國際發展有限公司 (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (the “Review Period”), together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2008.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2009

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2009	2008
	Notes	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Turnover	4	635,852	1,190,733
Cost of sales		(298,581)	(411,969)
Gross profit		337,271	778,764
Other income	5	4,347	22,847
Distribution costs		(59,491)	(91,286)
Administrative expenses		(139,170)	(116,552)
Fair value gain/(loss) on financial instruments classified as held-for-trading		13,417	(10,986)
Finance costs	6	(25,262)	(23,064)
Profit before taxation	7	131,112	559,723
Taxation	8	(14,657)	(25,470)
Profit and comprehensive income for the period		116,455	534,253
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		117,834	534,549
Minority interests		(1,379)	(296)
		116,455	534,253
Dividends	9	—	173,040
Earnings per share, basic (RMB cents)	10	5.7	25.9

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2009

		30 June	31 December
		2009	2008
	<i>Notes</i>	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		5,418,843	5,129,237
Prepaid lease payment		31,400	31,737
Deposits for acquisition of coal mines		254,120	—
Intangible assets		117,692	119,591
Goodwill		11,848	11,065
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		5,833,903	5,291,630
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		153,872	132,851
Bills and trade receivables	11	340,736	686,158
Bills receivable discounted with recourse		251,729	315,140
Other receivables and repayments		241,699	103,136
Amounts due from related parties		—	7,645
Held-for-trading investments		41,556	23,139
Pledged bank deposits		641,483	31,448
Bank balance and cash		861,369	694,820
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		2,532,444	1,994,337
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade payables	12	107,197	130,528
Advances drawn on bills receivables discounted with recourse		251,729	315,140
Other payables and accrued expenses		571,096	697,878
Amounts due to a related party		600	2,200
Derivative financial instruments		—	1,873
Tax payables		50,830	51,086
Secured bank borrowings		1,260,000	160,000

		2,241,452	1,358,705
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NET CURRENT ASSETS

		290,992	635,632
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Share capital		198,605	198,605
Reserves		5,828,429	5,640,190

Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		6,027,034	5,838,795
Minority interests		44,538	35,759

TOTAL EQUITY		6,071,572	5,874,554
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITY

Deferred taxation		44,865	44,865
Provision for restoration and environmental costs		8,458	7,843

		53,323	52,708
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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General

Hidili Industry International Development Limited 恒鼎實業國際發展有限公司 (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 1 September 2006. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the Company’s ultimate holding company is Sanlian Investment Holding Limited (“Sanlian Investment”), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The Company together with its subsidiaries are hereafter collectively referred to as the Group. The Company acts as investment holding while its subsidiaries are engaged in coal mining, manufacture and sales of coke and clean coal and provision of transportation services.

2. Basis of Preparation

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

3. Principal Accounting Policies

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

The accounting policies used in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2008, with the following accounting policies newly adopted in the current interim period.

IAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements
IAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs
IFRS 2 (Amendment)	Vesting Conditions and Cancellations
IFRS7 (Amendment)	Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments
IFRS 8	Operating Segments

The adoption of these new Interpretations had no material effect on the results or financial position of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been recognized.

The Group has not early applied the following new standards or interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective.

IAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statement ¹
IAS 39 (Amendment)	Eligible Hedged Item ¹
IFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations ¹
IFRIC 9 & IAS 39 (Amendment)	Embedded Derivatives ²
IFRIC- 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners ¹
IFRIC- 18	Transfer of Assets from Customers ³

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 30 June 2009

³ Effective for transfer on or after 1 July 2009

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

4. Turnover and Segment Information

The Group is engaged in coal mining and manufacture and sales of coke, clean coal, alloy pig iron and related by-products.

Turnover is related to revenue earned from the sales described above and excluded applicable value-added tax in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

All of the Group's turnover is derived from the operation in the PRC and all customers of the Group are located in the PRC. In addition, the Group's assets are substantially located in the PRC. Therefore, no geographical segment is presented.

Business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organized into two main operating divisions — coal mining and coking. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Principal activities of the Group are as follows:

Coal mining — Coal mining and sales of raw coal, clean coal and its by-products

Coking — Manufacture and sales of coke and its by-products

Others — Manufacture and sales of alloy pig iron and others

Consolidated income statement

Six months ended 30 June 2009 (unaudited)

	Coal			Inter-	
	Mining	Coking	Others	segment	Consolidated
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	eliminations	RMB'000
				RMB'000	RMB'000
GROSS REVENUE					
External	245,921	386,325	3,607	—	635,852
Inter-segment	272,393	—	—	(272,393)	—
Total	518,314	386,325	3,607	(272,393)	635,852

Inter-segment transactions were carried out at a margin of 35%.

RESULT

Segment results	94,210	182,760	811		277,780
Unallocated corporate expenses					(139,170)
Unallocated corporate income					4,347
Fair value gain on financial instruments classified as held-for-trading					13,417
Finance costs					(25,262)
Profit before taxation					131,112
Taxation					(14,657)
Profit for the period					116,455

Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)

	Coal			Inter- segment	
	Mining	Coking	Others	eliminations	Consolidated
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
GROSS REVENUE					
External	503,616	680,437	6,680	—	1,190,733
Inter-segment	360,041	—	—	(360,041)	—
Total	<u>863,657</u>	<u>680,437</u>	<u>6,680</u>	<u>(360,041)</u>	<u>1,190,733</u>
Inter-segment transactions were carried out at cost.					
RESULT					
Segment results	<u>286,668</u>	<u>398,421</u>	<u>2,389</u>	<u>—</u>	687,478
Unallocated corporate expenses					(116,552)
Unallocated corporate income					22,847
Fair value loss on financial instruments classified as held-for-trading					(10,986)
Finance costs					<u>(23,064)</u>
Profit before taxation					559,723
Taxation					<u>(25,470)</u>
Profit for the period					<u>534,253</u>

5. Other Income

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Bank interest income	2,818	22,383
Others	1,529	464
	<u>4,347</u>	<u>22,847</u>

6. Finance Costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expenses on borrowings wholly repayable within five years:		
— bank borrowings	4,297	23,064
— advances drawn on bills receivables discounted	20,965	—
	<u>25,262</u>	<u>23,064</u>

7. Profit Before Taxation

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Amortization of prepaid lease payment	337	337
Provision for restoration and environmental costs	615	768
Depreciation and amortization of property, plant and equipment	36,888	31,538
(Gain) Loss on fair value changes on held-for-trading investments	(18,417)	14,927
Allowance for bad and doubtful debts in respect of bills and trade receivables	—	2,807
Loss on derivative financial instruments which matured during the period	5,000	4,782
Exchange loss (included in administrative expenses)	98	41,629
Gain on fair value changes of outstanding derivative financial instruments	—	(8,723)
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8. Taxation

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)	14,657	7,433
Deferred taxation	—	18,037
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	<u>14,657</u>	<u>25,470</u>

The Company is not subject to any income tax expenses in the Cayman Islands as the Cayman Islands levies no tax on the income of the Group.

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

The provision for EIT is based on a statutory rate of 25% (2008: 25%) of the assessable profit of the group entities as determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, except for certain PRC subsidiaries of the Company which are exempted from or EIT in accordance with the approval from the respective tax bureau.

Pursuant to “Application of preferential tax treatment for Foreign Investment Enterprise”, 四川恒鼎實業有限公司(Sichuan Hidili Industry Company Limited*) (“Sichuan Hidili”), 攀枝花市恒鼎煤焦化有限公司 (Panzhihua City Hidili Coke Company Limited*) (“Hidili Coal”), 攀枝花市天道勤工貿有限公司 (Panzhihua City Tiandaoqin Industry & Trading Company Limited*) (“Tiandaoqin”), 攀枝花市沿江實業有限公司 (Panzhihua Yanjiang Industrial Company Limited*) (“Yanjiang”), 攀枝花市天酬工貿有限公司(Panzhihua City Tianchou Industry & Trading Company Limited*) (“Tianchou”) and 攀枝花市揚帆工貿有限公司 (Panzhihua Yangfan Industry & Trading Company Limited*) (“Yangfan”) were entitled to 2 years exemption from State EIT from 2007 to 2008 and a 50% deduction of State EIT for three years from 2009 to 2011. Therefore, all of them were subject to 50% tax exemption in the current period (2008: 100% tax exemption).

攀枝花市三聯運輸有限公司 (Panzhihua City Sanlian Transportation Company Limited*) (“Sanlian Transportation”) was entitled to the tax incentives in connection with the development of the western part of the PRC. According to the official approval issued by State Administration of Taxation of Sichuan province, Sanlian Transportation is entitled to the policy of 2 years exemption and 3 years deduction from 2005 to 2009. The applicable tax rate for 2008 is 12.5% (2008: 12.5%).

According to the Taxpayer Exemption Application Form (“EIT Exemption Form”) issued by the local tax bureau on 4 July 2007, 六盤水恒鼎實業有限公司 (Liupanshui Hidili Industry Company Limited*) (“Liupanshui Hidili”) was entitled to 2 years exemption from EIT from 2008 to 2009 and a 50% deduction of EIT for three years from 2010 to 2012. Therefore, Liupanshui Hidili was subject to tax exemption in the current period (2008: 100% tax exemption).

There was no significant unprovided deferred taxation for both periods or at the respective balance sheet date.

9. Dividends

The directors of the Company do not propose the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (six months ended 30 June 2008: nil).

On 18 June 2008, the payment of a dividend of RMB8.4 cents per share to the Company’s shareholders as the final dividend for 2007 was approved.

10. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and the six months ended 30 June 2008 and on the weighted average number of 2,060,000,000 shares in issue.

No diluted earnings per share has been presented for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and the six months ended 30 June 2008 as there are no outstanding potential ordinary shares during the period.

11. Bills and Trade Receivables

	30 June 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2008 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables	123,069	261,758
Impairment loss recognized	(2,690)	(2,690)
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	120,379	259,068
Bills receivables	220,357	427,090
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	340,736	686,158
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The Group generally allows an average credit period ranged from 90-120 days to its trade customers. The aged analysis of trade receivables and bills receivables, net of allowance, is as follows:

	30 June 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2008 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Aged:		
0-90 days	280,731	605,236
91-120 days	15,895	56,255
121-180 days	29,217	16,415
181-365 days	14,893	8,252
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	340,736	686,158
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12. Trade Payables

The aged analysis of the Group's trade payables is as follows:

	30 June 2009 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2008 RMB'000 (Audited)
Aged:		
0-90 days	95,621	116,833
91-180 days	3,733	9,415
181-365 days	2,378	3,014
Over 365 days	5,465	1,266
	107,197	130,528

13. Capital Commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had the following commitments:

	30 June 2009 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2008 RMB'000 (Audited)
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the condensed combined financial statements in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment	217,497	37,337

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Financial Review

Turnover

During the Review Period, turnover of the Group amounted to approximately RMB635.9 million, representing a decrease of 46.6%, as compared with approximately RMB1,190.7 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The decrease was primarily attributable to both the drop in sales volume of the principal products and by-products and the average selling prices of clean coal and coke during the Review Period resulting from the weak demand of coal products by the steel manufacturers. The sales volume recorded for clean coal and coke during the Review Period amounted to approximately 266,200 tonnes and 326,600 tonnes respectively as compared to the corresponding period in 2008 of 371,000 tonnes and 373,700 tonnes respectively, representing decrease of 28.2% and 12.6% respectively. During the Review Period, the average selling price of both clean coal and coke decreased sharply for 34.2% and 35.1% respectively.

The following table sets forth the Group's turnover contribution and average selling price by products and as a percentage of total turnover for the Review Period, together with the comparative amounts for the corresponding period in 2008:

	Six months ended 30 June 2009			Six months ended 30 June 2008		
	Average		% of total	Average		% of total
	selling	Turnover		selling	Turnover	
	price	RMB million	turnover	price	RMB million	turnover
	RMB	(Unaudited)	%	RMB	(Unaudited)	%
Principal products						
Coke	1,152.6	376.4	59.2%	1,776.4	663.8	55.7%
Clean coal	811.2	215.9	33.9%	1,233.5	457.6	38.4%
Principal products total		592.3	93.1%		1,121.4	94.1%
By-products						
High-ash thermal coal	161.6	29.6	4.7%	157.2	37.8	3.2%
Coal tar	1,244.1	9.9	1.6%	1,718.2	16.6	1.4%
Other by-products	N/A	4.1	0.6%	N/A	14.9	1.3%
By-products total		43.6	6.9%		69.3	5.9%
Total turnover		635.9	100.0%		1,190.7	100.0%

Cost of sales

Cost of sales for the Review Period was approximately RMB298.6 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB113.4 million, or approximately 27.5%, as compared with approximately RMB412.0 million in the corresponding period in 2008. The decrease was primarily due to the decrease in cost of material, fuel and power during the Review Period.

Material, fuel and power costs in the Review Period were approximately RMB163.5 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB122.2 million, or approximately 42.8%, as compared with approximately RMB285.7 million in the corresponding period in 2008. The decrease was primarily due to (i) decrease in the production volumes of coke and clean coal and (ii) the cost saving in purchase of raw coal and clean coal from outside suppliers for further production in Guizhou province in 2008. The following table sets forth the production volume of the principal products in Panzhihua, Sichuan province and Pan county, Guizhou province.

Principal products	Six months ended 30 June 2009		Six months ended 30 June 2008	
	Panzhihua	Pan County	Panzhihua	Pan County
	Production	Production	Production	Production
	volume	volume	volume	volume
	(‘000 tonnes)	(‘000 tonnes)	(‘000 tonnes)	(‘000 tonnes)
Raw coal	645.4	465.1	1,036.3	211.4
Clean coal	324.6	262.0	528.3	333.2
Coke	239.1	82.7	285.5	101.8

The following table sets forth the unit production costs of the respective segment.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	RMB	RMB
Coal mining		
— cash cost	130	109
— depreciation and amortization	22	19
	152	128
Raw coal purchase cost	—	502
Average production cost of raw coal	152	220
Average production cost of clean coal	337	443
Average production cost of coke	474	609

During the Review Period, staff costs and depreciation and amortization led an slight increase from approximately RMB72.9 million and 28.6 million respectively in corresponding period in 2008 to RMB82.0 million and RMB32.6 million respectively. The increase was in line with the commencement of production in the Company's Guizhou coal mines.

Gross profit

As a result of the foregoing, the gross profit in the Review Period was approximately RMB337.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB441.5 million, or approximately 56.7%, as compared with approximately RMB778.8 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The gross profit margin was reduced to approximately 53.0% in the Review Period as compared with about 65.4% in the corresponding period in 2008.

Other income and gains

Other income in the Review Period was approximately RMB4.3 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB18.5 million, as compared with approximately RMB22.8 million in the corresponding period in 2008. The reduction in other income was mainly due to the drop in the bank interest income.

Distribution costs

Distribution costs in the Review Period were approximately RMB59.5 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB31.8 million, or approximately 34.8%, as compared with approximately RMB91.3 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The decrease was resulted from (i) the decrease in sales volumes of clean coal and coke and (ii) the decrease in government levies on raw coal, clean coal and coke.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses in the Review Period were approximately RMB139.2 million, representing a slight increase of approximately RMB22.6 million, or 19.4%, as compared with approximately RMB116.6 million for the corresponding period in 2008. When excluding the exceptional impact on the provision of staff opinion costs of approximately RMB70.0 million in the Review Period and the exchange loss of approximately RMB41.6 million resulting from the appreciation of Renminbi (“RMB”) for the proceeds of the global offering before the completion of remittance back to the PRC for the period from January to March 2008, the adjusted administrative expenses in the Review Period and the corresponding period in 2008 amounted to RMB69.2 million and RMB75.0 million respectively, representing a cost saving of approximately 7.7% mainly due to the decrease in professional fee.

Fair value gain on financial instruments classified as held-for-trading

The amount represented (i) gain on fair value changes on A Shares investments of approximately RMB18.4 million and (ii) loss on foreign currency forward exchange contracts which matured during the period of approximately RMB5.0 million.

Finance costs

Finance costs in the Review Period amounted to approximately RMB25.3 million, representing an increase of approximately RMB2.2 million, or 9.5%, as compared with approximately RMB23.1 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The increase was primarily due to the interest expenses on the advances drawn on bills received discounted.

Taxation

Taxation in the Review Period was approximately RMB14.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB10.8 million, or 42.4%, as compared with approximately RMB25.5 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The effective tax rate provided for PRC Enterprise Income Tax in the Review Period was approximately 11.2%, as compared to 1.3% in the corresponding period in 2008. During the Review Period, no deferred tax was provided on the withholding tax levied on the final dividend.

Profit for the period

As a result of the foregoing, profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the Review Period amounted to approximately RMB117.8 million, representing a decrease of approximately RMB416.7 million, or 78.0%, as compared with approximately RMB534.5 million for the corresponding period in 2008. The net profit margin calculated on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the Review Period maintained at 18.5% as compared to 44.9% for the corresponding period in 2008. The adjusted profit attributable to equity holders of the Company during the Review Period of approximately RMB174.4 million was arose at after excluding the impact from the provision of staff option costs of RMB70.0 million and the fair value gain on financial instruments of RMB13.4 million. The adjusted net profit margin become 27.4%.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

The Group adopted stringent financial management policies and maintained a healthy financial condition. The Group continued to fund operations principally with internally generated cash flow from operating activities and short-term bank borrowings.

The net current assets as at 30 June 2009 were approximately RMB291.0 million (At 31 December 2008: RMB635.6 million). As at 30 June 2009, the bank balances and cash of the Group amounted to approximately RMB861.4 million (At 31 December 2008: RMB694.8 million).

As at 30 June 2009, the total bank and other borrowings of the Group were approximately RMB1,260 million (At 31 December 2008: RMB160 million), which are repayable within one year, carrying interest at market rates ranging from 1.68% to 8.22% per annum.

As at 30 June 2009, the Group's bank balances and cash, except amounts of approximately USD6.5 million, were held in RMB and all of its borrowings were made in RMB.

The gearing ratio (calculated as total bank and other borrowings divided by total assets) of the Group as at 30 June 2009 was 15.1% (At 31 December 2008: 2.2%).

Pledge of Assets of the Group

As at 30 June 2009, the Group pledged assets in an aggregate amount of approximately RMB800.0 million (At 31 December 2008: RMB274.2 million) to banks for credit facilities in the amount of RMB1,260 million granted to the Group (At 31 December 2008: RMB160 million).

Employees

As at 30 June 2009, the Group had an aggregate of 9,667 employees representing an increase of 661 employees from 9,006 employees at 31 December 2008. The increase was in line with the continuing development of the Group's operations in Guizhou province.

During the Review Period, the staff costs (including directors' remuneration in the form of salaries and other allowances) was approximately RMB117.0 million (corresponding period in 2008: RMB101.8 million).

The salary and bonus policy of the Group is principally determined by the performance and working experience of the individual employee and with reference to prevailing market conditions.

Risk in Foreign Exchange

Since all of the Group's business activities are transacted in RMB, the directors of the Company (the "Directors") consider that the Group's risk in foreign exchange is insignificant. However, during the Review Period, the Group was exposed to exchange rate risk mainly arising from the foreign currency bank balances of approximately US\$6.5 million.

Significant Investment Held

The Group had invested in certain A Shares in the PRC which amounted to approximately RMB41.6 million as at 30 June 2009.

Material Acquisition and Disposal

During the Review Period, the Group entered into various sales and purchase agreements for the acquisition for coal mines and a coal washing plant in Yunnan province at an aggregate consideration of RMB532.7 million. Saved as disclosed above, there was no material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and associated companies by the Group.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2009, the Group did not have any material contingent liabilities.

Connected Transaction

- (a) During the Review Period, rental expenses amounting to RMB0.6 million were paid to Mr. Xian Jilun, father of Mr. Xian Yang, a controlling shareholder of the Company and a Director, for the lease of the Company's head office located at 16th and 17th Floor, Dingli Mansion, No. 81 Renmin Road, Panzhihua, Sichuan province, the PRC. The rent paid by the Group is determined with reference to the market rent of comparable properties in the market.
- (b) During the Review Period, an aggregate amount of transportation costs of approximately RMB8 million were paid to 盤縣盤實物流配送有限公司 (Panxian Panshi Logistic Distribution Company Limited*) ("Panxian Panshi") and 盤縣盤鷹物流配送有限公司 (Panxian Panying Logistic Distribution Company Limited*) ("Panxian Panying") respectively, for the provision of railway logistic services under the framework agreement dated 14 July 2008 (the "Framework Agreement"). Yunnan Kaijie, the holder of 57% and 51% equity interest in Panxian Panshi and Panxian Panying respectively, is a substantial shareholder of each of Panxin Coking and Panyi Coal Washing. As Panxian Panshi and Panxian Panying occupy a monopolistic position of the local railway logistic service in Boguozhen, no relevant market price can be obtained. The pricing basis of the railway logistic service under the Framework Agreement is determined with reference to the pricing offered to other customers by Panxian Panshi and Panxian Panying and the current pricing adopted under the agreement made between the former shareholders of Panxian Panshi, Panxian Panying, Panxin Coking and Panyi Coal Washing, an agreed price consisting of the reasonable cost incurred and a reasonable profit margin.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Since the 4th quarter of 2008, in face of the shrinking market demand for steel, steelmakers had contracted capacity, which in turn reduced the demand for coal products. Steel market moderately recovered in the first half of 2009. Average sales of the Company's major products (clean coal and coke) had seen minor rebounds during the Review Period. During the Review Period, the Company sold approximately 266,200 tonnes of clean coal and approximately 326,600 tonnes of coke, representing year-on-year decrease of approximately 28.2% and 12.6%, respectively. Average selling price of clean coal and coke was approximately RMB811.2 and RMB1,152.6, representing a year-on-year decrease of approximately 34.2% and 35.1%, respectively.

During the Review Period, capacity of our coal mines in Guizhou was able to support our production, requiring no external purchase of raw coal, which substantially reduced production cost. During the Review Period, average cash cost of raw coal was approximately RMB130 per tonne; depreciation and amortization cost of raw coal was approximately RMB22 per tonne; production cost for clean coal was approximately RMB331 per tonne; and production cost for coke was approximately RMB471 per tonne.

On the other hand, lower price in coal market helped the Company to further acquire coal mines with lower cost to increase our coal reserve. From January to June 2009, the Company acquired 4 coal mines in the Yunnan Province, with an aggregate reserve around 88.6 million tonnes (based on PRC coal reserves standard) and average acquisition price of RMB6 per tonne.

In the first half of 2009, the Company suffered on mine accident with a death toll of 5.

Significant events of the Group for the first half of 2009 are as follows:

In April 2009, the Company announced annual results for 2008, distributing no final dividend.

In April 2009, the Company granted share options to the management and independent non-executive directors of the Company.

From April to June 2009, the Company further acquired 4 coal mines in Yunnan with total reserve around 88.6 million tonnes (based on PRC coal reserves standard).

In June 2009, the Company completed the acquisition of coal washing plant in Fuyuan, Yunnan Province.

OUTLOOK

2009 would be a tough and challenging year for our operation. The year began amid the financial storm which severely shadowed steel market. Supported by various economic stimulation policies from the government, steel producers are recovering after adjustments. We expect that the operation environment for the Company will turn around.

Presently, the Company is proceeding with the construction of mines and auxiliary facilities in Guizhou as planned. Capacity is expected to see substantial growth next year. Meanwhile, the Company continues to implement and promote cost control measures to improve production efficiency and to meet demands from steelmakers.

The Company will finance the working and construction capital for development by seizing the low financing cost opportunity. We are to prudently utilize the financial leverage to finance the capital needed for acquisition of mines. In line with the macro economy and policies, the Company will selectively acquire quality resources of coking coal in Yunnan and Guizhou Province at relatively low cost. We aim to become an integrator for China's small and mid scale coal mines.

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to express our gratitude to our shareholders, our management and all our employees. We look forward to achieving impressive results in the coming financial period.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has adopted a share option scheme on 25 August 2007 (the “Share Option Scheme”). The principal terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme, which was conditionally approved by a resolution of the Shareholders of the Company dated 25 August 2007, are set out in the section headed “Share Option Scheme” in Appendix VII to the prospectus of the Company dated 10 September 2007. During the Review Period, 43,200,000 share options have been granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

An audit committee was established on 25 August 2007 in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Rule Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) and the Code on Corporate Governance Practice (the “Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group.

As at the date of this announcement, the audit committee consists of three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Chi Hing (Chairman), Mr. Huang Rongsheng and Mr. Wang Zhiguo.

The audit committee has reviewed together with the management of the Company the accounting principles, accounting standards and methods adopted by the Company, discussed the matters concerning internal control, auditing and financial reporting matters and has reviewed the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Review Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Mr. Xian Yang is both the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board considers that although such structure deviates from Code A.2.1 of the Code, the effective operation of the Group will not be impaired since Mr. Xian has exercised sufficient delegation in the daily operation of the Group's business as Chief Executive Officer while being responsible for the effective operation of the Board as Chairman of the Board. The Board is of the view that such structure has been operating well over the years and the Board and senior management have benefitted from the leadership and experience of Mr. Xian.

Save as disclosed above, the Board is of the view that the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code during the Review Period. The Directors are aware of any information that reasonably reveals that there is any non-compliance with or derivation from the Code by the Company any time during the Review Period.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have confirmed their compliance with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the Review Period.

PURCHASE, SALES OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Review Period.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Xian Yang, Mr. Sun Jiankun and Mr. Wang Rong; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Chan Chi Hing, Mr. Wang Zhiguo and Mr. Huang Rongsheng.

By order of the Board of
Hidili Industry International Development Limited
恒鼎實業國際發展有限公司

Xian Yang

Chairman

Chengdu, Sichuan Province, the PRC

13 August 2009

* *For identification purpose only*