

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China) (Stock Code: 323)

SUMMARY OF 2008 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

1. IMPORTANT NOTICES

1.1 The board of directors (the "Board of Directors"), the supervisory committee, the directors, the supervisors and senior management of Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited (the "Company") warrant that there are no false representations or misleading statements contained in, or material omissions from, this report; and jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in this report.

This summary of interim results announcement has been extracted from the interim report, full details of which have been made available simultaneously at the website of the Shanghai Stock Exchange (http://www.sse.com.cn). Investors should read carefully the full text of the interim report for details.

- **1.2** No funding appropriation by substantial shareholders was found in the Company.
- **1.3** Mr. Gu Jianguo, Chairman of the Company, Mr. Su Jiangang, Director and General Manager overseeing the accounting operations, and Mr. Guan Yagang, Planning and Finance Manager in charge of the Accounting Department, make representation in respect of the truthfulness and completeness of the financial statements contained in the interim report.
- **1.4** The financial statements contained in this interim report have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

2. LISTED COMPANY BASIC INFORMATION

2.1 Company profile

Stock abbreviation	Magang Stock	Maanshan Iron & Steel
Stock code Places of listing	600808 Shanghai Stock Exchange	323 The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
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2.2 Major financial data and indicators

2.2.1 Major accounting data and financial indicators (Prepared under PRC accounting standards)

	As at the end of the reporting period	As at the end of the previous year	Unit: RMB'000 Increase/ (decrease) of the end of the reporting period as compared to the end of the previous year (%)
Total assets	76,082,077	71,126,024	6.97
Shareholders' equity	24,398,574	23,017,264	6.00
Net assets per share (RMB)	3.61	3.41	5.87
	Reporting period (January to June)	Corresponding period of the previous year	Increase/(decrease) of the reporting period as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (%)
Operating profit	3,125,952	1,428,441	118.84
Profit before tax	3,153,510	1,361,028	131.70
Net profit Net profit excluding non-recurring	2,261,278	1,111,095	103.52
gains or losses	2,232,194	1,165,530	91.52
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	0.335	0.172	94.77
Diluted earnings per share (RMB)	0.309	0.156	98.08
Return on net assets (%)	9.27	5.36	Up 3.91 pct pts
Net cash flows from operating activities Net cash flows per share from operating activities (RMB)	6,537,919 0.967	(1,328,299) (0.206)	592.20 569.42

2.2.2 Non-recurring gains or losses (Prepared under PRC accounting standards)

Item of non-recurring gains or losses	Unit: RMB'000 Amount
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets	(575)
Other non-operating income and expenses	(5,878)
Government subsidies	34,010
Income tax effect	1,314
Non-recurring gains or losses attributable to minority shareholders	213
Total	29,084

3. MOVEMENTS IN SHARE CAPITAL AND SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

3.1 Respective shareholdings of the 10 largest shareholders and the 10 largest holders of circulating shares or shares without selling restrictions (Unit: shares)

Total number of shareholders	As at the end of the reporting period, the Company had a
	total of 355,110 shareholders, including 353,707 A share
	holders and 1,403 H share holders.

Shareholding of the 10 largest shareholders

Name of shareholder	Type of shareholders	As a percentage to number of shares held (%)	Total number of shares held	Number of shares held with selling restrictions	Number of pledged or frozen shares
Magang (Group) Holding	State-owned	56.68	3,830,560,000	3,830,560,000	0
Company Limited	shareholder				
HKSCC (Nominees) Limited	Foreign sharehol	der 25.28	1,708,536,966	0	unknown
鵬華價值優勢股票型證券投資基金	Others	0.40	26,999,683	0	unknown
南方成份精選股票型證券投資基金	Others	0.32	21,554,989	0	unknown
光大保德信量化核心證券投資	Others	0.30	20,552,050	0	unknown
易方達價值成長混合型證券投資基金	Others	0.26	17,700,000	0	unknown
上投摩根中國優勢證券投資基金	Others	0.24	15,999,880	0	unknown
嘉實服務增值行業證券投資基金	Others	0.22	14,974,099	0	unknown
上證紅利交易型開放式指數證券投資基金	Others	0.22	14,705,619	0	unknown
嘉實滬深300指數證券投資基金	Others	0.14	9,328,343	0	unknown

Shareholding of the 10 largest shareholders without selling restrictions

Name of shareholder	Number of shares held without selling restrictions	Type of shares
HKSCC (Nominees) Limited	1,708,536,966	Overseas listed foreign shares
鵬華價值優勢股票型證券投資基金	26,999,683	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
南方成份精選股票型證券投資基金	21,554,989	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
光大保德信量化核心證券投資	20,552,050	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
易方達價值成長混合型證券投資基金	17,700,000	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
上投摩根中國優勢證券投資基金	15,999,880	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
嘉實服務增值行業證券投資基金	14,974,099	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
上證紅利交易型開放式指數證券投資基金	14,705,619	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
嘉實滬深300指數證券投資基金	9,328,343	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
華安宏利股票型證券投資基金	9,000,000	RMB-denominated ordinary shares
Description of any connected There	was no connected relat	tionship between Magang (Group)

relationships or concerted actions among the above-mentioned shareholders There was no connected relationship between Magang (Group) Holding Company Limited ("Holding") and any of the aforementioned shareholders, nor were they concerted parties. 嘉實基 金管理有限公司 was the manager of both 嘉實服務增值行業 證券投資基金 and 嘉實滬深300指數證券投資基金. However, the Company is not aware of whether the other shareholders mentioned above had connected relationship or whether they were concerted parties.

4. **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

4.1 Segmental analysis of principal operating activities and products

Year-on-year Year-on-year Year-on-year increase/ increase/ increase/ Gross (decrease) (decrease) (decrease) **Business segment/** Operating Operating profit of operating of operating of gross **Product segment** income cost margin income cost profit margin (%) (%) (%) (%) Iron and steel 11.81 83.28 Up 1.26 pct pts 35,628 31,420 80.70 **Product segment** 17,504 15,545 Steel plates 11.19 144.61 140.63 Up 1.47 pct pts 5,919 Section steels 5.165 31.22 Up 2.97 pct pts 12.74 35.69 Wire rods 10,444 9,393 10.06 60.75 54.16 Up 3.84 pct pts Train wheels and wheel rims 1,413 975 19.04 Down 12.14 pct pts 31.00 44.44

The amount involving connected transactions which arose from the Company's selling of its products or providing labour services to the controlling shareholder and its subsidiaries totalled RMB18.02 million during the reporting period.

4.2 Geographical distribution of the operating income

		Unit: RMB million Year-on-year increase/ (decrease) of
Region	Operating income	operating income
		(%)
Anhui	14,721	85.48
Shanghai	6,904	106.39
Jiangsu	4,837	49.78
Zhejiang	3,790	120.57
Guangdong	2,607	208.38
Other PRC regions	2,932	77.37
Exports	1,934	-16.09

Unit: RMB million

4.3 Analysis of reasons for material changes in profit breakdowns as compared to the previous year

Operating cost accounted for 1,041.62% of the profit before tax, down 564.84 percentage points over last year. Taxes and surcharges accounted for 13.82% of the profit before tax, down 8.64 percentage points over last year. Expenses for the period accounted for 46.02% of the profit before tax, down 40.26 percentage points over last year. These were mainly due to the relative increase in the Company's profit before tax during the reporting period.

4.4 Use of fundraising proceeds

4.4.1 Use of fundraising proceeds

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Total fundraising proceeds	1,004.78	Total fundraising proceeds used during the reporting period Total accumulated fundraising proceeds used		443.36		
Total fundraising proceeds	1,004.76					1,004.78
Undertaken project	Planned investment amount	Any changes to the project	Actual investment in the project	Revenue generated	Meeting planned progress or not	Meeting planned revenue or not
5,000,000-tonne cold and hot thin-plate production project	1,004.78	No	1,004.78	Not applicable	Yes	Not applicable
Total	1,004.78	_	1,004.78	_	_	_
Explanation of inability to achieve scheduled progress and gains	Not applicable					
Reason of change and explanation of the change procedures	Not applicable					
Uses and appropriation of un-used fundraising proceeds	Not applicable					

Unit: RMB milion

5. SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

5.1 Guarantees

Unit: RMB million

External gua	rantees provided b	y the Company	(excluding guar	antees for subsi	diaries)	
Guaranteed entity	Date of incurrence (Agreement signing date)	Guarantee Amount	Type of guarantee	Guarantee period	Completed or not	Guarantee for connected parties (Yes or No)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Total guarantee amount during the re-	porting period		I	0		
Balance of guarantees during the repo	orting period (A)			0)	
	Guarantees pro	vided by the Co	mpany for subsi	idiaries		
Total guarantee amount for subsidiari	es during the report	ting period	0			
Balance of guarantees for subsidiaries at the end of the reporting period (B)			5,014			
Total guarantee	e amount provided	by the Compar	y (including gua	arantees for sub	sidiaries)	
Total guarantee amount (A+B)				5,0	14	
Total guarantee amount as a percenta	ge of net assets of t	he Company	21.07%			
Including:						
Guarantee amount provided for shareholders, the de facto controller and connected parties (C)			Not applicable			
Guarantee amount provided directly or indirectly for entities with gearing (assets-liabilities) ratio exceeding 70% (D)				Not app	licable	
Total guarantee amount exceeding 50% of net assets (E)			Not applicable			
Total amount of the three guarantees	mentioned above(C	+D+E)		Not app	licable	

5.2 Non-operating liabilities and loans to/from connected parties

Connected party	•	rovided to ed parties	Funds pr connected	nit: RMB million ovided by parties to company
	Total amount	Balance amount	Total amount	Balance amount
Magang (Group) Holding Company Limited Other connected parties			500	1,296
Total			500	1,296

5.3 Other significant matters and their impact and analysis and explanation on relevant solutions

Unit: RMB

5.3.1 Securities investments

Item no.	Securities code	Abbreviation	Number of shares held at the end of the reporting period	Initial investment amount	Book value at the end of the reporting period	Book value at the beginning of the reporting period	Item category in accounting
1	601857	PetroChina	35,000	584,500	522,900	1,083,600	Held-for-trading financial assets
2	601390	China Railway Group	33,000	158,400	171,600	379,170	Held-for-trading financial assets
3	601898	China Coal	12,000	201,960	191,760	_	Held-for-trading financial assets
4	601186	China Railway Constru Corporation Limited		181,600	187,200	_	Held-for-trading financial assets
Total			-	1,126,460	1,073,460	1,462,770	-

5.4 Purchase, sales or redemption of listed securities of the Company

During the first half of 2008, the Company has not redeemed any of its securities. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

5.5 Pre-emptive rights

According to the articles of association of the Company and the laws of the PRC, there are no provisions to grant the existing shareholders of the Company pre-emptive rights for subscribing new shares in proportion to their shareholdings whenever the Company issues new shares.

5.6 Public float

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors of the Company, as at the date of this announcement, the Company has fulfilled the public float requirement as prescribed by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

5.7 Code on corporate governance

The Company has complied with all the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited during the first half of 2008.

All of the directors of the Company have confirmed in written form that they have complied with the requirements under the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6.1 Auditors' opinion

Financial statements	✓ unaudited	audited
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6.2 Maanshan Iron & Steel Company Limited's comparison of the consolidated and the Company's balance sheets, income statement, cash flow statement and statement of changes in equity (unaudited) (Please refer to the tables set out below)

6.3 The consolidation scope of the Group for the period

On 4 May 2008, Anhui Masteel Holly Industries Co. Ltd., a controlling subsidiary of the Company, acquired 75% of equity interests in Masteel Auto-Parking Equipment with Artificial Intelligent Co., Ltd., a controlling subsidiary of Holding, at a consideration of RMB15.6776 million. The entity will be included in the scope of consolidation for the period in accordance with the relevant requirements for consolidating enterprises which are controlled by the same entity.

Save for the above companies, the consolidation scope of the Group's financial statements for the period has no change as compared to the previous issue of financial report.

7. PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED'S WEBSITE

The Company's interim report containing all the information required by paragraphs 46(1) to 46(6) of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in due course.

By order of the Board of Directors **Gu Jianguo** *Chairman*

14 August 2008 Maanshan City, Anhui Province, the PRC

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include:

Gu Jianguo, Gu Zhanggen, Su Jiangang, Zhao Jianming, Gao Haijian, Hui Zhigang, Wong Chun Wa*, Su Yong*, Hui Leung Wah*, Han Yi*

* Independent Non-executive Directors

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

			ix months 30 June
	Notes	2008 Unaudited	2007 Unaudited
REVENUE	2, 3	37,042,230	20,750,105
Cost of sales		(32,229,612)	(18,345,992)
Gross profit		4,812,618	2,404,113
Other income and gains	3	304,630	78,462
Selling and distribution costs		(606,917)	(291,805)
Administrative expenses		(529,855)	(466,963)
Other operating expenses, net		(1,024)	(94,756)
Finance costs	4	(952,516)	(305,888)
Share of profits and losses of:			
A jointly-controlled entity		27,323	(5,552)
Associates		99,251	43,417
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	5	3,153,510	1,361,028
Tax	6	(822,143)	(215,903)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		2,331,367	1,145,125
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		2,261,279	1,111,095
Minority interests		70,088	34,030
		2,331,367	1,145,125
DIVIDEND	7	Nil	Nil
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLI ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF TH			
Basic		33.46 cents	17.21 cents
Diluted		30.88 cents	15.55 cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	As at 30 June 2008 Unaudited	As at 31 December 2007 Audited
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		41,091,160	41,315,357
Construction in progress		3,390,653	4,021,499
Investment properties		1,206	1,240
Prepaid land premiums		1,555,638	1,516,155
Other intangible asset		122,130	120,822
Investment in a jointly-controlled entity		295,629	268,306
Investments in associates		470,411	414,725
Available-for-sale equity investments		102,917	102,917
Held-to-maturity investments		5,599	5,599
Deferred tax assets		106,177	90,486
Total non-current assets		47,141,520	47,857,106
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		13,076,721	9,550,481
Construction contracts		127,351	75,688
Trade and bills receivables	8	5,251,444	5,209,674
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		2,071,631	1,928,496
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		1,074	1,463
Pledged deposits		885,189	768,081
Cash and cash equivalents		7,377,011	5,523,876
Total current assets		28,790,421	23,057,759
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and bills payables	9	11,739,144	9,472,551
Other payables and accruals		12,111,286	9,742,997
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		6,453,903	6,081,841
Tax payable		450,514	111,819
Provisions		29,424	40,546
Total current liabilities		30,784,271	25,449,754
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(1,993,850)	(2,391,995)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,147,670	45,465,111

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	Unaudited	Audited
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	45,147,670	45,465,111
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	14,707,140	16,577,952
Bonds with warrants	4,900,174	4,828,762
Deferred income	560,083	590,426
Provisions	12,485	12,485
Total non-current liabilities	20,179,882	22,009,625
Net assets	24,967,788	23,455,486
EQUITY		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		
Issued capital	6,758,552	6,758,552
Equity component of bonds with warrants	372,679	372,679
Reserves	17,267,344	14,999,128
Proposed final dividend		878,612
	24,398,575	23,008,971
Minority interests	569,213	446,515
Total equity	24,967,788	23,455,486

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

				Attributab	le to equity	holders of	the parent					
	Issued share capital	Capital reserve account	Equity component of bonds with warrants	Statutory reserve	Reserve fund	Enterprise expansion fund	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Retained profits	Proposed final dividend	Total	Minority interests	Total equity
At 1 January 2008	6,758,552	5,684,014	372,679	2,837,343	36,642	27,577	9,630	6,403,922	878,612	23,008,971	446,515	23,455,486
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,261,279	-	2,261,279	70,088	2,331,367
Final 2007 dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(878,612)	(878,612)	-	(878,612)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(48,584)	(48,584)
Capital contribution by											101 101	
minority shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,194	101,194
Exchange realignment							6,937			6,937		6,937
At 30 June 2008	6,758,552	5,684,014	372,679	2,837,343	36,642	27,577	16,567	8,665,201	_	24,398,575	569,213	24,967,788
At 1 January 2007	6,455,300	4,864,976	585,463	2,595,774	23,047	18,339	_	5,079,683	839,189	20,461,771	310,497	20,772,268
Profit for the period	-	_	-	_	_	-	-	1,111,095	-	1,111,095	34,030	1,145,125
Final 2006 dividend declared	-	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	(839,189)	(839,189)	-	(839,189)
Dividend paid to minority												
shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,253)	(25,253)
Capital contribution by												
minority shareholders											27,818	27,818
At 30 June 2007	6,455,300	4,864,976	585,463	2,595,774	23,047	18,339		6,190,778	_	20,733,677	347,092	21,080,769

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008	2007	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6,537,919	(1,329,560)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,707,784)	(3,718,590)	
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(2,961,065)	4,268,981	
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND			
CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,869,070	(779,169)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,523,876	3,629,568	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	(15,935)	(10,602)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
AT END OF PERIOD	7,377,011	2,839,797	
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH			
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances	7,377,011	2,839,797	

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The accounting policies and basis of preparation used in the preparation of the interim financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 except in relation to the following new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs", which also include HKASs and Interpretations) that affect the Group and are adopted the first time for the current period's financial statements:

HK (IFRIC) - Int 11	HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions
HK (IFRIC) - Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements
HK (IFRIC) - Int 14	HKAS 19 - The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding
	Requirements and their Interaction

The adoption of the above new HKFRSs has no material impact on the accounting policies of the Group and the methods of computation in the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

No business segment information is presented as over 90% of the Group's revenue is derived from one business segment, which is the manufacture and sale of iron and steel products and related by-products.

The analysis of the Group's secondary segment information, geographical segment, is presented based on the geographical location of customers. The Group's assets and liabilities are almost entirely situated in the PRC and accordingly, no information on segment assets and capital expenditure is provided.

	For the six months ended 30 June					
		2008			2007	
	PRC Overseas Total			PRC	Overseas	Total
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Segment revenue	35,108,232	1,933,998	37,042,230	18,460,507	2,289,598	20,750,105

3. **REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS**

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowance for returns and trade discounts, and excludes sales taxes and intra-group transactions.

An analysis of revenue, other income and gains is as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008	2007	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Revenue			
Sale of goods	37,042,230	20,750,105	
Other income and gains			
Bank interest income	37,299	20,235	
Trading of iron ores	43,376	16,331	
Dividend income from an available-for-sale equity investment	104	_	
Recognition of deferred income	32,943	25,012	
Net rental income	625	625	
Foreign exchange gains	159,200	_	
Others	31,083	16,259	
	304,630	78,462	

4. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008		
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Interest on bank loans, other loans and bonds with			
warrants wholly repayable within five years	952,516	668,861	
Less: Interest capitalised in construction in progress		(362,973)	
	952,516	305,888	

5. **PROFIT BEFORE TAX**

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

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008 Unaudited <i>RMB'000</i>	2007 Unaudited <i>RMB'000</i>	
Cost of inventories sold (note i)	32,229,612	18,345,882	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,252,671	1,322,824	
Depreciation of investment properties	34	17	
Recognition of prepaid land premiums	19,663	18,872	
Amortisation of a mine participation right (note ii)	2,766	2,291	
Auditors' remuneration	3,007	3,004	
Staff costs:			
Wages and salaries	916,691	793,964	
Welfare and benefits	280,222	313,768	
Pension scheme contributions	207,929	190,986	
	1,404,842	1,298,718	
Contingent rents under operating leases			
in respect of land and buildings	18,125	18,125	
Foreign exchange differences:			
Foreign exchange gains, net	(159,200)	(9,457)	
Less: Foreign exchange gains capitalised			
in construction in progress		19,320	
	(159,200)	9,863	
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant			
and equipment, net	575	94,304	
Net rental income	(625)	(625)	
Bank interest income	(37,299)	(20,235)	
Dividend income from an available-for-sale equity			
investment	(104)	_	
Recognition of deferred income (note iii)	(32,943)	(25,012)	

Notes:

- (i) Included in the cost of inventories sold for the six months ended 30 June 2008 is a reversal of provision against inventories of RMB9,795,000 (2007: nil).
- (ii) The amortization of a mine participation right is included in "Cost of sales" on the face of the condensed consolidated income statement.
- (iii) Various government grants have been received for the construction of specific projects and included in deferred income in the balance sheet. Upon completion of the construction of specific projects and the transfers to property, plant and equipment, the relevant government grants would be amortised and recorded as other revenue over the estimated useful lives of the property, plant and equipment. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these grants.

6. TAX

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008	2007	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Group:			
Current – Mainland China	828,317	208,004	
Current – Elsewhere	9,517	10,466	
Deferred	(15,691)	(2,567)	
Total tax charge for the period	822,143	215,903	

The income tax for the Company and its subsidiaries in the mainland of the PRC (the "Mainland China") is calculated at rates ranging from 18% to 25% on their estimated assessable profits for the period based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof. Certain of the Company's subsidiaries are foreign investment enterprises and after obtaining the authorisation from the respective tax authorities, these subsidiaries are subject to a full foreign enterprise income tax exemption for the first two years and a 50% reduction in the succeeding three years, commencing from the first profitable year after offsetting all tax losses carried forward from the previous five years.

Profits tax for a subsidiary in Hong Kong has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

The State Administration of Taxation (the "SAT") issued a tax circular "Enterprise Income Tax Issues relating to Nine Companies Listed Overseas ("Circular No. 664")" in June 2007 which requested the relevant local tax authorities to rectify, immediately, the expired concessionary tax policy for the nine listed companies authorised by the State Council to issue shares in Hong Kong in 1993 which, at the time of writing, was still being applied. The Circular stated that the difference in corporate income tax ("CIT") arising from the expired preferential CIT rate and the applicable CIT rate (the "CIT Differences") should be settled according to the provisions of "Law on the Administration of Tax Collection".

The Company is one of the nine listed companies mentioned above and applied the preferential CIT rate of 15% in prior years. Having understood the above, the Company thoroughly communicated with the relevant tax authority and was informed by the relevant tax authority that the Company applies the CIT tax rate of 33% for 2007. The Company has not been requested to pay the CIT Differences in respect of any prior years.

Based on a notice from the relevant tax authority and communication with the relevant tax authority, the directors of the Company consider that, at this stage, it is uncertain whether the relevant tax authority will claim the CIT Differences from the Company in respect of any prior years and could not reliably estimate the eventual outcome of this matter. Consequently, no provision has been made in these financial statements for the CIT Differences in respect of any prior years.

7. DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (2007: Nil).

8. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June	As at 31 December
	2008	2007
	Unaudited	Audited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	881,569	1,032,731
Bills receivable	4,387,834	4,194,298
	5,269,403	5,227,029
Impairment	(17,959)	(17,355)
	5,251,444	5,209,674

The Group's credit periods offered to selected customers are generally 30 to 90 days. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. The Group's trade receivables relate to a few major customers and there is a concentration of credit risk with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of the trade receivables. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables as at the balance sheet date, based on the invoice date and net of provisions, is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2008 Unaudited <i>RMB'000</i>	As at 31 December 2007 Audited <i>RMB'000</i>
Trade receivables:		
Within three months	707,723	946,862
Four to six months	82,904	12,770
Seven to twelve months	62,157	41,895
One to two years	9,448	12,852
Two to three years	1,289	539
Over 3 years	89	458
	863,610	1,015,376
Bills receivable	4,387,834	4,194,298
	5,251,444	5,209,674

Bills receivable will mature within one year.

The movements in provision for impairment of trade and bills receivables are as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2008		
	Unaudited	Unaudited	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Opening balance	17,355	40,939	
Amount received after written off	604	4,302	
Closing balance	17,959	45,241	

The above provision for impairment of the Group's trade and bills receivables is a provision for individually impaired trade receivables, with a carrying amount of RMB80,044,000 (31 December 2007: RMB70,390,000). The individually impaired trade receivables relate to customers that were in financial difficulties or the customers were in default or delinquency in principal payments and only a portion of the receivables is expected to be recovered. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

The aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	Unaudited	Audited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Neither overdue nor impaired	5,190,365	5,156,639
Overdue less than six months	23,588	52,100
Overdue over six months	37,491	935
	5,251,444	5,209,674

Receivables that were neither overdue nor impaired relate to a number of customers for whom there was no recent history of default.

Receivables that were overdue but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered recoverable.

Included in the Group's trade and bills receivables are amounts due from Holding and its subsidiaries, the Group's jointly-controlled entity and associates of RMB4,533,000 (31 December 2007: RMB9,773,000), RMB36,318,000 (31 December 2007: RMB19,405,000)and RMB540,000 (31 December 2007: nil), respectively. Such balances principally arose from normal trading activities.

9. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

An aged analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the balance sheet date, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	Unaudited	Audited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within one year	11,630,939	9,111,984
One to two years	54,810	353,317
Two to three years	46,666	5,911
Over three years	6,729	1,339
	11,739,144	9,472,551

The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled within three months.

Included in the Group's trade payables are amounts due to Holding and its subsidiaries, and the Group's jointlycontrolled entity and associates of RMB42,074,000 (31 December 2007: RMB94,997,000), RMB19,192,000 (31 December 2007: RMB54,513,000), and RMB13,335,000 (31 December 2007: RMB146,457,000), respectively. Such balances principally arose from normal trading activities.

10. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

On 4 May 2008, Anhui Masteel Holly Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Holly Industrial"), a subsidiary of the Company, acquired a 75% of equity interests in 安徵馬鋼立體智能停車設備有限公司, 25% owned associate of the Group, ("Masteel Auto-Parking") from Holding at a cash consideration of RMB15,677,600. Masteel Auto-Parking is mainly engaged in manufacture and sale of parking equipment in the Mainland China.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities as at the date of the combination were as follow:

	Unaudited
	RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment, net	12,656
Construction in progress	260
Prepaid land premiums	3,548
Inventories	10,082
Trade and bills receivables	17,898
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	1,586
Cash and cash equivalents	1,580
Trade payables	(2,074)
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	(20,000)
Other payables and accruals	(4,655)
Tax payable	23
Net assets	20,904
Less: Reclassification of interest in an associate	(5,226)
	15,678
Satisfied by cash (note)	15,678

An analysis of the net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the aforesaid combination is as follows:

	<i>RMB'000</i>
Cash payment (<i>note</i>) Cash and cash equivalents acquired	- 1,580
Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents	
in respect of the aforesaid combination	1,580

Note: The cash consideration for the combination has not yet been paid and has been included in other payables as at 30 June 2008.

Masteel Auto-Parking's contributions to the Group's consolidated revenue and consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the parent for the six months ended 30 June 2007 were not significant.

Had the aforesaid combination taken place at the beginning of the year 2008 the Group's consolidated revenue and consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the parent would have been RMB37,042 million and RMB2,261 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) As at 30 June 2008, the Company had granted guarantees amounting to approximately RMB5,014 million (31 December 2007: approximately RMB5,305 million) to banks in connection with facilities granted to its subsidiaries. On that date, such banking facilities were utilised to the extent RMB1,102,247,000 (31 December 2007: RMB814,495,000)
- (b) As detailed in note 6 to the financial statements, the Group has potential risk on CIT in prior years. The directors of the Company, at this stage, consider that it is uncertain whether the relevant tax authority will claim the CIT Differences from the Company in respect of any prior years and could not reliably estimate the eventual outcome of this matter. Consequently, no provision has been made in these financial statements for the CIT Differences and the related tax concessions, deferred tax, penalty and interest (if applicable).

BALANCE SHEET

(Prepared under PRC accounting standards) Renminbi Yuan

	30 Ju	ne 2008	31 December 2007		
ASSETS	Group Unaudited	Company Unaudited	Group Audited (restated)	Company Audited	
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and balances with					
financial institutions	8,262,200,058	5,240,700,396	6,293,537,191	3,665,369,814	
Financial assets held for trading	1,073,460	1,073,460	1,462,770	1,462,770	
Bills receivable	4,387,834,189	3,646,660,638	4,194,297,474	3,667,209,079	
Trade receivables	863,610,003	1,405,820,855	1,037,224,713	1,554,054,832	
Prepayments	1,601,526,942	1,475,550,183	1,672,835,435	1,576,389,197	
Dividends receivables	-	12,456,100	_	_	
Other receivables	470,104,020	27,791,648	257,539,176	63,496,847	
Inventories	13,204,072,064	11,273,920,031	9,629,944,412	8,314,475,335	
Total current assets	28,790,420,736	23,083,973,311	23,086,841,171	18,842,457,874	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:					
Held-to-maturity investments	5,598,870	5,598,870	5,598,870	5,598,870	
Long term equity investments	868,957,576	1,975,682,275	781,448,790	1,667,922,886	
Investment properties	1,205,850	18,994,431	1,240,303	19,214,182	
Fixed assets	41,091,160,173	39,413,107,459	41,328,227,114	39,741,473,656	
Construction materials	394,254,366	338,016,160	512,588,681	432,590,795	
Construction in progress	2,996,398,190	2,768,623,515	3,510,765,654	3,360,315,305	
Intangible assets	1,677,767,700	1,239,471,942	1,640,550,796	1,214,768,182	
Deferred tax assets	256,313,328	255,876,059	258,762,170	258,324,901	
Total non-current assets	47,291,656,053	46,015,370,711	48,039,182,378	46,700,208,777	
TOTAL ASSETS	76,082,076,789	69,099,344,022	71,126,023,549	65,542,666,651	

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) (Prepared under PRC accounting standards) Renminbi Yuan

	30 Ju	ne 2008	31 December 2007		
LIABILITIES AND	Group	Company	Group	Company	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	
			(restated)		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Short term loans	2,481,977,337	1,104,730,288	1,284,495,217	200,000,000	
Bills payable	2,162,679,018	-	1,790,845,160	63,000,000	
Short term commercial papers	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	
Accounts payable	9,576,464,979	8,867,426,927	7,688,764,859	7,633,708,228	
Deposits received	8,413,414,559	7,058,899,402	6,633,408,854	5,456,620,794	
Payroll and benefits payable	248,333,391	183,641,658	341,871,394	297,925,673	
Taxes payable	1,190,756,667	1,155,510,229	609,863,471	529,786,745	
Interests payable	132,950,660	132,671,801	80,563,315	80,432,389	
Dividends payable	1,685,729,586	1,682,446,686	1,303,757,138	1,303,757,138	
Other payables	920,039,339	832,245,163	933,429,649	730,183,167	
Non-current liabilities due	1 071 036 110	1 064 204 444	0 017 046 000	2 200 660 000	
within one year	1,971,926,119	1,964,304,444	2,817,346,333	2,809,660,000	
Total current liabilities	30,784,271,655	24,981,876,598	25,484,345,390	21,105,074,134	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Long term loans	14,707,140,027	14,693,045,161	16,577,951,605	16,563,408,200	
Bonds payable	4,900,174,072	4,900,174,072	4,828,761,588	4,828,761,588	
Deferred income	560,082,881	560,082,881	590,425,767	590,425,767	
Deferred tax liabilities	150,136,449	150,136,449	168,275,911	167,989,571	
Other non-current liabilities	12,485,032	12,485,033	12,485,032	12,485,033	
Total non-current liabilities	20,330,018,461	20,315,923,596	22,177,899,903	22,163,070,159	
Total liabilities	51,114,290,116	45,297,800,194	47,662,245,293	43,268,144,293	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Share capital	6,758,551,716	6,758,551,716	6,758,551,716	6,758,551,716	
Capital reserve	6,056,692,904	6,056,692,904	6,056,692,904	6,056,692,904	
Surplus reserves	2,901,562,765	2,777,851,769	2,901,562,765	2,777,851,769	
Retained profits	8,665,200,050	8,208,447,439	7,290,826,476	6,681,425,969	
including: cash dividend					
proposed by directors	_	-	878,611,723	878,611,723	
Exchange fluctuation reserve	16,566,734		9,629,706		
Equity attributable to equity					
holders of the parent	24,398,574,169	23,801,543,828	23,017,263,567	22,274,522,358	
Minority interests	569,212,504		446,514,689		
Total shareholder's equity	24,967,786,673	23,801,543,828	23,463,778,256	22,274,522,358	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	76,082,076,789	69,099,344,022	71,126,023,549	65,542,666,651	

INCOME STATEMENT

(Prepared under China Accounting Standards) Renminbi Yuan

		June 2008	e 2008 ended 30 June 2007		
	Group Unaudited	Company Unaudited	Group Unaudited (restated)	Company Unaudited (restated)	
Revenue	37,724,831,378	40,879,352,914	21,032,815,585	21,538,496,170	
Less: Cost of sales Taxes and surcharges Selling expenses Administrative expenses Financial expenses Assets impairment losses/(reversal) Add: Gain/(loss) on fair value changes) Investment income including: share of profits of associates and a jointly controlled	32,847,608,925 435,903,573 171,013,705 507,235,769 772,907,568 (9,795,364) (772,870) 126,768,138	36,359,061,217 417,783,025 162,120,186 381,733,047 650,798,118 (9,795,364) (772,870) 237,981,083	18,598,005,494 168,118,163 124,390,324 443,883,144 307,842,394 - 37,865,269	19,439,198,630 154,655,370 116,552,176 361,645,382 274,518,431 - 93,249,998	
entity	126,574,628	128,031,350	37,865,269	38,159,847	
Operating profit	3,125,952,470	3,154,860,898	1,428,441,335	1,285,176,179	
Add: Non-operating income Less: Non-operating expenses including: loss on disposal of	34,309,792 6,752,254	33,629,886 4,784,021	29,276,168 96,689,524	26,170,578 96,015,028	
non-current assets	575,278	(289,400)	94,304,468	94,295,000	
Profit before tax	3,153,510,008	3,183,706,763	1,361,027,979	1,215,331,729	
Less: Income tax	822,143,276	778,073,570	215,902,529	170,573,258	
Net profit including: Net profit from the entity being combined prior to the business combination involving entities under common control	2,331,366,732	2,405,633,193	1,145,125,450	1,044,758,471	
Attributable to Equity holders of the parent Minority interests	2,261,278,381 70,088,351	2,405,633,193	1,111,094,947 34,030,503	1,044,758,471	
EARNINGS PER SHARE: Basic	33.46 cents	35.59 cents	17.21 cents	16.18 cents	
Diluted	30.88 cents	32.85 cents	15.55 cents	14.62 cents	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Prepared under China Accounting Standards) Renminbi Yuan

30 June 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent					Minority	Total	
	Share capital	Capital reserve	Surplus reserves	Retained profits	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Sub-total	interests	shareholders' equity
1. At 1 January 2008 Adjustment on business combination	6,758,551,716	6,056,692,904	2,901,562,765	7,282,533,393	9,629,706	23,008,970,484	446,514,689	23,455,485,173
under common control				8,293,083		8,293,083		8,293,083
At 1 January 2008 (restated)	6,758,551,716	6,056,692,904	2,901,562,765	7,290,826,476	9,629,706	23,017,263,567	446,514,689	23,463,778,256
2. Increase/(decrease) during the period								
1) Net profit	-	-	-	2,261,278,380	-	2,261,278,380	70,088,351	2,331,366,731
 2) Gains or losses recognised in equity 1. Exchange fluctuation reserve 	_	_	_	_	6,937,028	6,937,028	_	6,937,028
2. Adjustment on business combination under common control	-	_	_	(8,293,083)	-	(8,293,083)	-	(8,293,083)
Sub-total	-	-	-	2,252,985,297	6,937,028	2,259,922,325	70,088,351	2,330,010,676
 Capital contribution and withdrawal by shareholders Capital contribution by shareholders 	_	_	_	_	_	_	101,194,034	101,194.034
4) Profits appropriation							101,177,057	101,174,054
 Transfer to surplus reserves Dividend declared 	-	-	-	(878,611,723)	-	(878,611,723)	- (48,584,570)	(927,196,293)
5) Transfers within shareholders' equity								
3. At 30 June 2008	6,758,551,716	6,056,692,904	2,901,562,765	8,665,200,050	16,566,734	24,398,574,169	569,212,504	24,967,786,673

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

(Prepared under China Accounting Standards) Renminbi Yuan

30 June 2007 (restated)

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent					Minority	Total	
	Share capital	Capital reserve	Surplus reserves	Retained profits	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Sub-total	interests	shareholders' equity
1. At 1 January 2007 Adjustment on business combination	6,455,300,000	5,450,438,794	2,637,160,200	5,918,872,526	-	20,461,771,520	310,497,169	20,772,268,689
under common control				8,293,083		8,293,083		8,293,083
At 1 January 2007 (restated)	6,455,300,000	5,450,438,794	2,637,160,200	5,927,165,609	-	20,470,064,603	310,497,169	20,780,561,772
2. Increase/(decrease) during the period								
1) Net profit	-	-	-	1,111,094,947	-	1,111,094,947	34,030,503	1,145,125,450
2) Gains or losses recognised in equity								
Sub-total	_	-	-	1,111,094,947	-	1,111,094,947	34,030,503	1,145,125,450
 Capital contribution and withdrawal by shareholders Capital contribution by 								
shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,818,021	27,818,021
 4) Profits appropriation Transfer to surplus reserves Dividend declared 	-	-	-	- (839,189,000)	-	- (839,189,000)	- (25,253,333)	- (864,442,333)
5) Transfers within shareholders' equity								
3. At 30 June 2007	6,455,300,000	5,450,438,794	2,637,160,200	6,199,071,556		20,741,970,550	347,092,360	21,089,062,910