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Corporate Information

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Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Cosmos Machinery Enterprises Limited (the "Company") announces that the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30th June, 2008 with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2007 are as follows:

Six months ended 30th June,

	Notes	2008 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2007 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover Cost of sales	3	1,011,015 (829,200)	1,009,589 (809,967)
Gross profit Other income and gains, net Distribution costs Administrative expenses Impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts		181,815 11,181 (53,854) (102,972) (300)	199,622 11,399 (53,013) (101,768) (349)
Profit from operations Finance costs Investment income Loss on disposal of a subsidiary Share of results of associates	4	35,870 (12,266) 1,164 - 5,651	55,891 (13,024) 783 (1,305) 14,512
Profit before taxation Taxation	5	30,419 5,341	56,857 5,495
Profit for the period		25,078	51,362
Attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Minority interests		20,184 4,894	40,610 10,752
Basic earnings per share for profit attributable to		25,078	51,362
the equity holders of the Company during the period	6	2.84 cents	5.74 cents
Proposed interim dividend: NiI (2007: HK\$0.006 per share)		-	4,260

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

Notes	30th June, 2008 (Unaudited) HK\$′000	31st December, 2007 (Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current Assets Property, plant and equipment 7 Investment properties Leasehold land and land use rights Interests in associates Available-for-sale financial assets Deferred tax assets	350,912 - 45,446 223,886 5,083 22,138	342,056 21,460 44,488 271,204 5,055 21,139
Current Assets Inventories Leasehold land and land use rights Trade and other receivables Tax recoverable Pledged bank deposits Cash and cash equivalents	647,465 692,813 1,218 815,167 1,494 25,703 213,958	705,402 597,318 1,013 734,386 466 33,820 188,935
Current Liabilities Trade and other payables Amounts due to associates Derivative financial instruments Tax payable Bank and other borrowings – due within one year Obligations under finance leases – due within one year	820,694 1,317 172 5,504 310,666 6,228	725,966 48,703 - 6,513 269,546 5,481
Net Current Assets Total Assets less Current Liabilities	605,772	499,729 1,205,131

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

		30th June,	31st December,
		2008	2007
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current Liabilities			
		42.690	FF 720
Bank and other borrowings – due after one year		42,689	55,720
Obligations under finance leases – due after one year		8,624	7,680
Deferred tax liabilities		14,490	13,211
		65,803	76,611
		03,003	70,011
Net Assets		1,187,434	1,128,520
Equity			
Capital and reserves attributable			
to the Company's equity holders:			
Share capital	11	284,009	284,009
Share premium		244,118	244,118
Other reserves	12	117,703	79,313
Retained profits			
– Proposed dividend		_	10,650
– Others		331,799	308,751
		977,629	926,841
Minority interests		209,805	201,679
Total Equity		1,187,434	1,128,520

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company					
_	Share capital HK\$′000	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserves HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2007	283,009	241,479	40,634	226,522	164,314	955,958
Realised on disposal of interest in a subsidiary Currency translation differences	- -	- -	(211) 13,488	- -	1,516 2,197	1,305 15,685
Net income recognised directly in equity	_	_	13,277	_	3,713	16,990
Profit for the period	_	_	_	40,610	10,752	51,362
Total recognised income for the period	_	_	13,277	40,610	14,465	68,352
Acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary Capital contributed from minority shareholders Dividends paid to minority shareholders	- - -	- - -	- - -	-	(120) 2,139 (3,263)	(120) 2,139 (3,263)
Dividend relating to 2006	-		-	(10,613)	477.525	(10,613)
At 30th June, 2007 and 1st July, 2007	283,009	241,479	53,911	256,519	177,535	1,012,453
Fair value gains: — Available-for-sale financial assets Revaluation surplus on buildings Deferred taxation adjustment Realised on disposal of properties Realised on disposal of subsidiaries Realised on disposal of associates Recognition on grant of share options Share issue upon exercise of share options	- - - - - - 1,000	- - - - - - - 2,639	(29) 2,609 (107) (7,687) (248) 960 3,215 (139)	- - 7,687 - - -	430 - - 102 - -	(29) 3,039 (107) - (146) 960 3,215 3,500
Transfer on lapse of share options Currency translation differences		-	(24) 26,852	24 	2,181	29,033
Net income recognised directly in equity	1,000	2,639	25,402	7,711	2,713	39,465
Profit for the period	_	_	-	59,431	26,900	86,331
Total recognised income for the period	1,000	2,639	25,402	67,142	29,613	125,796
Dividends paid to minority shareholders Dividend relating to 2007	- -	- -	- -	- (4,260)	(5,469) –	(5,469) (4,260)
At 31st December, 2007 and 1st January, 2008	284,009	244,118	79,313	319,401	201,679	1,128,520
Fair value gains: – Available-for-sale financial assets Currency translation differences	- -	- -	2 41,252	- -	- 5,152	2 46,404
Net income recognised directly in equity	_	_	41,254	_	5,152	46,406
Profit for the period	_	_	-	20,184	4,894	25,078
Total recognised income for the period	-	-	41,254	20,184	10,046	71,484
Transfer on lapse of share options Dividends paid to minority shareholders Dividend relating to 2007	- - -	- - -	(2,864) - -	2,864 - (10,650)	- (1,920) -	– (1,920) (10,650)
At 30th June, 2008	284,009	244,118	117,703	331,799	209,805	1,187,434

Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Six months ended 30th June,

	30th June,		
	2008	2007	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2 200	17.064	
	3,299	17,064	
NET CASH FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	73,056	(24,877)	
NET CASH (USED IN) FROM FINANCING	(46,398)	8,443	
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	29,957	630	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	172,617	61,063	
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	6,295	2,748	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	208,869	64,441	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	200,009	04,441	
ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Bank balances and cash	213,958	106,833	
Bank overdrafts	(5,089)	(42,392)	
	208,869	64,441	

1. Significant accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group 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 Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted are consistent with those used in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2007 except that the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following the adoption of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, HKASs and Interpretations ("HKFRS") which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st January, 2008. The changes to the Group's accounting policies and the effect of adopting these new accounting policies are set out in note 2 below.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

In 2008, the Group adopted the standard, amendment and interpretations of HKFRS below, which are relevant to its operations.

HK (IFRIC) – Int 11 HKFRS 2 –Group and Treasury Share Transactions

(effective from 1st March, 2007)

HK (IFRIC) – Int 12 Service Concession Arrangements

HK (IFRIC) – Int 14 HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Assets, Minimum

Funding Requirement and their Interaction

The Group has assessed the impact of the adoption of these standard, amendment and interpretations and considered that there was no significant impact on the Group's results and financial position nor any substantial changes in the Group's accounting policies.

The following new standard has been issued but is not effective for 2008 and has not been early adopted:

HK (IFRIC) – Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes

HKAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements

HKAS 23 (Revised)

Borrowing Costs

HKFRS 8

Operating Segments

The Group has already commenced an assessment of the related impact to the Group but is not yet in a position to state whether substantial changes to Group's accounting policies and presentation of the financial statements will be resulted.

3. Business and geographical segments

At 30th June, 2008, the Group is organised on a product basis into four main business segments.

- (1) trading of industrial consumables
- (2) manufacturing of plastic processing products
- (3) manufacturing of machinery; and
- (4) manufacturing of printed circuit board

The segment results for the period ended 30th June, 2008 are as follows:

		Plastic		Printed			
	Industrial	processing		circuit	Other		
	consumables	products	Machinery	board	•	Eliminations C	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
TURNOVER							
External sales	188,365	192,933	385,375	244,342	_	_	1,011,015
Inter-segment sales	3,828	_	1,100		_	(4,928)	_
	5,525		.,			(-//	
Total revenue	192,193	192,933	386,475	244,342	-	(4,928)	1,011,015
Inter-segment sales are charged							
at prevailing market rates							
RESULT							
Segment result	17,126	5,135	13,938	10,327	810	3,463	50,799
Unallocated corporate expenses						_	(14,929)
Profit from operations							35,870
Finance costs							(12,266)
Investment income							1,164
Share of results of associates						_	5,651
Profit before taxation							30,419

3. Business and geographical segments (Continued)

The segment results for the period ended 30th June, 2007 are as follows:

	Industrial consumables HK\$'000	Plastic processing products HK\$'000	Machinery HK\$'000	Printed circuit board HK\$'000	Other operations HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
TURNOVER							
External sales	186,390	228,035	372,699	222,465	-	-	1,009,589
Inter-segment sales	3,617	-	5,090	-	-	(8,707)	
Total revenue	190,007	228,035	377,789	222,465	-	(8,707)	1,009,589
Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates							
RESULT							
Segment result	18,388	4,874	16,208	21,498	7,773	3,990	72,731
Unallocated corporate expenses						-	(16,840)
Profit from operations							55,891
Finance costs							(13,024)
Investment income							783
Loss on disposal of a subsidiary							(1,305)
Share of results of associates						-	14,512
Profit before taxation						_	56,857

Sales revenue by geographical market Six months ended 30th June,

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	350,499	398,243
Other regions in the People's Republic of China	534,156	485,091
Other Asia-Pacific countries	87,903	55,198
Europe	22,970	19,401
North America	15,487	51,656
	1,011,015	1,009,589

4. Profit from operations

Six months ended 30th June,

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation and amortisation		
Depreciation and amortisation on:		
Owned assets	26,604	26,293
Assets held under finance leases	1,615	2,379
Leasehold land and land use rights	609	960
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,954	_
Fair value loss on derivative financial instruments	172	-
and after crediting:		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	5,774

5. Taxation

Six months ended 30th June,

	John Julie,		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
The charge comprises:			
Hong Kong Profits Tax	1,502	1,803	
Overseas taxation	3,315	3,692	
Deferred taxation	524	_	
	5,341	5,495	

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

6. Earnings per share

The calculation of the basic earnings per ordinary share is based on the Group's profit attributable to equity holder of the Company divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Six months ended 30th June,

	2008	2007
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the period	710,022,692	707,522,692
Profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company	HK\$20,184,000	HK\$40,610,000
Earnings per share	2.84 cents	5.74 cents

7. Property, plant and equipment

During the period, the group has acquired property, plant and equipment amounting to approximately HK\$26,928,000.

8. Trade and other receivables

The Group allows an average credit period of 90 days to 120 days to its customers.

Included in trade and other receivables are trade and bills receivables of approximately HK\$625,670,000 (31st December, 2007: approximately HK\$570,742,000) and their ageing analysis is as follows:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 to 3 months	474,553	406,553
4 to 6 months	45,509	91,082
7 to 9 months	40,395	26,970
Over 9 months	65,213	46,137
	625,670	570,742

9. Trade and other payables

Included in trade and other payables are trade and bills payables of approximately HK\$564,748,000 (31st December, 2007: approximately HK\$479,823,000) and their ageing analysis is as follows:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 to 3 months	487,315	407,736
4 to 6 months	57,294	52,840
7 to 9 months	6,726	6,701
Over 9 months	13,413	12,546
	564,748	479,823

10. Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments which represent foreign exchange forward contracts which are not qualified for hedge accounting under the requirements of HKAS 39 are deemed as held for trading.

11. Share capital

	Number of	
	ordinary shares	Value
		HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.40 each		
Authorised:		
At 1st January, 2008 and 30th June, 2008	1,000,000,000	400,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1st July, 2007	707,522,692	283,009
Shares issued upon exercise of share options	2,500,000	1,000
At 1st January, 2008 and 30th June, 2008	710,022,692	284,009

12. Other reserves

	Buildings	Share			
	revaluation	options	Translation	Other	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2007	18,084	-	22,588	(38)	40,634
Realised on disposal of					
interest in a subsidiary	-	-	(211)	-	(211)
Currency translation differences	_	_	13,488	_	13,488
At 30th June, 2007 and 1st July, 2007	18,084	-	35,865	(38)	53,911
Fair value gains:					
– Available-for-sale financial assets	_	-	_	(29)	(29)
Revaluation surplus on buildings	2,609	-	_	-	2,609
Deferred taxation adjustment	(107)	-	_	-	(107
Realised on disposal of properties	(7,687)	-	_	_	(7,687)
Realised on disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	(248)	-	(248
Realised on disposal of associates	-	-	960	_	960
Recognition on grant of share options	-	3,215	_	-	3,215
Transfer on exercise of share options	_	(139)	_	_	(139
Transfer on lapse of share options	-	(24)		_	(24)
Currency translation differences		_	26,852	_	26,852
At 31st December, 2007 and					
1st January, 2008	12,899	3,052	63,429	(67)	79,313
Fair value gains:					
– Available-for-sale financial assets	_	_	_	2	2
Transfer on lapse of share options	_	(2,864)	_	_	(2,864)
Currency translation differences		-	41,252	_	41,252
		(2,864)	41,252	2	38,390
At 30th June, 2008	12,899	188	104,681	(65)	117,703

13. Operating lease commitments

The Group as lessee

	30th June,	30th June,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Minimum lease payments made during the period under operating leases in respect of: Land and buildings Plant and machinery	7,451 14	6,806 347
	7,465	7,153

At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	12,589	10,865
In the second to fifth year inclusive	37,694	35,554
Over five years	43,350	42,600
	93,633	89,019

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain of its office properties and factories and plant and machinery. Leases are negotiated for an average term of 2-10 years and rentals are fixed for an average of 2-10 years.

The Group as lessor

Property rental income earned during the period net of outgoings of approximately HK\$24,000 (2007: approximately HK\$103,000) was approximately HK\$208,000 (2007: approximately HK\$1,129,000). In 2007, the properties generated rental yields of 8%.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	-	383

14. Other commitments

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements in respect of: Investments	119,293	119,293
Capital expenditure authorised but not contracted for in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-	_

15. Contingent liabilities

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Guarantees given to financial institutions		
in respect of credit facilities utilized by outsiders	-	894

16. Pledge of assets

At the balance sheet date, the following assets were pledged by the Group to secure general banking facilities:

	Net Book Value	
	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Leasehold buildings	24,777	67,690
Leasehold land and land use rights	4,097	12,381
Plant and machinery	8,015	10,648
Bank deposits (Note)	25,703	33,820
	62,592	124,539

Note: The bank deposits have been pledged to secure short-term bank borrowings and are therefore classified as current assets.

17. Transactions and balances with related parties

During the period, the Group had significant transactions with the following related parties:

Six months ended 30th June,

	John Julie,	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Substantial shareholder and its subsidiaries:		
EDP charges received (note i)	92	92
Management fee paid (note i)	1,410	1,407
Companies controlled by certain directors:		
Management fee paid (note i)	498	498
EDP charges received (note i)	-	26

At the balance sheet date, the Group has balances with the following related parties:

	30th June, 2008	31st December, 2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Substantial shareholder and its subsidiaries:		
Balances due from the Group (note ii) Balances due to the Group (note ii)	898 16	637 118
Minority shareholders:		
Balances due from the Group (note ii) Balances due to the Group (note ii)	383 1,263	383 944
Associates:		
Balance due from the Group (note ii) Balances due to the Group (note ii)	1,317 29,438	48,703 45,187

Notes:

⁽i) The prices of the transactions were determined by the directors with reference to prices for similar transactions with unrelated third parties.

⁽ii) The balances are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed repayment term.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group's consolidated turnover for the period amounted to approximately HK\$1,011,015,000, representing an increase of approximately 0.1% from the same period of last year, while operating profit and net profit attributable to the shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$35,870,000 and HK\$20,184,000, decreased by 36% and 50% respectively over the same period of last year. During the first half of the year, the Group was stricken by various external factors, such as the appreciation of Renminbi, increasing costs of raw materials, inflation, and China's implementation of the new labor law etc., and saw a continuous increase of its operating cost. In addition, as a series of regulation measures were adopted in PRC during the period which imposed heavy financing pressure on the Group's customers, drove up their borrowing costs and adversely altered their investment and purchase plans, the turnover and gross profit of every business segments of the Group were impacted to various extent, resulting in an overall performance which is behind our expectation.

Manufacturing Business

Machinery

Under the influence of several unfavorable market factors, the machinery business still recorded an overall sales of approximately HK\$385,375,000 during the period, representing a slight increase of approximately 3% over the same period of last year, and accounted for approximately 38% of the Group's consolidated turnover, while operating profit of the period was approximately HK\$13,938,000, representing a decrease of approximately 14% over the same period of last year.

During the first half of the year, prices for steel and plastics climbed to an unexpected high level. Besides, the state government strengthened its macro-control, and export-oriented enterprises suffered from various negative factors such as a stagnant U.S. economy and rising labour costs. As a result, most of the Group's customers became more conservative in making investment in industrial equipments and adopted a wait-and-see attitude. As compared with the same period of last year, both the domestic and export markets have shown an apparent decline in terms of demand. Under such circumstances, the machinery manufacturing business failed to transfer all its additional production costs to customers and its earnings was adversely impacted accordingly. To ease the decline of consolidated gross profit of machinery manufacturing business, during the period, the Group has made some adjustments to its product mix by devoting more resources for the research and development and the marketing of those machines types with higher added-value, such as Sv series energy-saving and high precision injection moulding machine, PP series special purpose machine for medical plastic containers, and RV/RA series rubber injection machines which are respectively applied in the automotive sealing parts and electrical insulator industries.

As disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 30th May and the circular issued to the shareholders on 20th June this year, Wuxi Grand Tech Machinery Group Ltd. ("Wuxi Grand"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company entered into the Compensation Agreement and the Disposal Agreement with Wuxi Industry Development Group Co., Ltd. ("Wuxi Industry") on 30th May this year. According to the Compensation Agreement, Wuxi Grand will receive a compensation of RMB55,518,200 from Wuxi Industry for early termination of a lease agreement in respect of Wuxi Grand's remaining tenure of approximately 12 years on a parcel of land located at No. 89, Hubin Road, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, the PRC with a site area of approximately 47,000 sq.m and 19 buildings build on the land comprising production workshops, offices and staff quarters. The Company will relocate its production workshops, offices, staff quarters and other facilities of Wuxi Grand to the parcel of land with a site area of approximately 75,000 sq.m located at Wuxi National High-tech Industrial Development Zone, which was purchased in 2006 by the Group. In addition, pursuant to the Disposal Agreement, Wuxi Grand agreed to sell another parcel of land with an area of 7,200 sq.m located in the same area in Wuxi to Wuxi Industry for a cash consideration of RMB25,317,600. It is estimated that the compensation will result in a book profit of approximately HK\$62,417,000 (equivalently to RMB25,518,000), and the disposal will realize a net gain of approximately HK\$23,410,000 (equivalently to RMB20,822,000). The profits from the compensation and the disposal in aggregate amount of approximately HK\$85,827,000 (equivalently to RMB76,340,000) (before expenses) will be recorded in the financial statement for the year ended 31st December, 2008.

Plastic Products and Processing

The consolidated sales of plastic products and processing business for the period was approximately HK\$192,933,000, representing a decrease of about 15% as compared with the same period of last year and accounted for approximately 19% of the Group's consolidated turnover, while operating profit of the year was approximately HK\$5,135,000, increased by approximately 5.4% over the same period of last year.

Confronted with the fierce competition in the plastic processing industry, the sales of our plastic processing plant in Dongguan decreased by 33% as compared with the same period of last year. Fortunately, a series of cost-control measures such as material-purchase control and headcount reduction implemented during the first half of the year began to bear fruits. Production efficiency was hence improved and a better-than-expected profit was achieved.

For the optic products business, as sales of magnifiers posted a significant growth over last year, the turnover for the period increased by approximately 32%. Though overall gross profit of this segment dropped due to the effects of various negative factors including rising costs and weakened international demands as well as reduced orders for microscopes, which commanded higher gross margins, total sales revenues still increased and the operating profit has achieved expected growth. It is expected that, after the new plant is completed and commences production in September this year, the production capacity of this segment can be further enhanced so that its cost-efficiency will be improved.

In respect of the Zhuhai plant which specializes in plastic injection products of plastic tableware and food packaging, as its major customers, which mainly comprise food (noodles, ice cream and candies) manufacturers, were seriously stressed under the unfavorable domestic economic environment, the plant's food packaging business was also affected to a certain degree. As the competitiveness of export products was impaired by the appreciation of Renminbi, export sales for the first half of the year declined by 13% from the same period last year. However, it is expected that this business segment will break even in 2008 after the emphasis was made to the exploring of domestic markets, and strengthened its internal cost control.

Printed Circuit Board

As to printed circuit board business, sales of approximately HK\$244,342,000 was recorded for the first half of the year, accounting for approximately 24% of the Group's consolidated turnover, which represented an increase of approximately 10% as compared with the same period of last year. Operating profit was approximately HK\$10,327,000, decreasing by approximately 52% from last year. During the period, the operating profit failed to maintain the strong upward momentum of last year in face of rising labour cost and appreciation of Renminbi. Through negotiating with our customers, we managed to offset part of the rise in costs by adjusting selling prices. On the other hand, this business segment will further refine and improve the current product mix, enhance processing and production efficiency so as to maintain its profits.

Trading Business

Industrial Materials and Consumables

During the period, trading business faced weakened economic conditions. The industry operated under an environment full of negative factors, such as economic slow-down in Europe, the U.S. and new emerging markets, surge of prices of raw materials, new macro-economic control measures and the newly introduced labour contract laws as well as the appreciation of Renminbi. All of those contributed to the substantially worsened business environment. Our trading business was inevitably affected and recorded a consolidated turnover of HK\$188,365,000 for the period, representing a slight increase of approximately 1% as compared with the corresponding period last year, accounting for approximately 19% of the Group's consolidated turnover. Profit from operations was approximately HK\$17,126,000, a decrease of 7% as compared with last year.

To cope with the unfavourable factors in the macro-economic environment, we optimized the structure of our customer base during the period by taking such measures as letting go low worth customers with long credit periods. We focused on exploring new industries with greater profit potentials and seeking small and medium enterprise customers. Financial results of some businesses like fasteners were comparatively satisfactory. However, as southern China was affected by the natural disaster occurred in the first half of this year, financial results from that district was slightly fell back. The overall performance of the trading business was behind our expectation in the first half of this year.

Other Businesses

Electronic Watt-Hour Meters and Related Business

Shenzhen Haoningda Meters Co., Ltd., the associate of the Group in Shenzhen, maintained stable business performance for the period. The company's plan to list its shares on Shenzhen Stock Exchange progresses smoothly. The Group will make relevant disclosures in due course.

PROSPECTS

With the unfolding and spreading of sub-prime mortgage crises in the U.S., the global economy will be adversely affected. During the period from the second half of this year to next year, the appreciation of Renminbi and the inflation in the PRC are expected to slow down slightly, but the market conditions are far from optimistic. The Group will adopt various proactive measures to maintain its overall profit. Such measures include optimizing products and operational costs, putting focus on the exploration of products and markets with higher added value. On the other hand, we intend to further reduce management expenses by improving internal management. Leveraging on its well-established reputation, extensive customer base, quality products and production volume, and most importantly, the continuous implementation of the strategy of manufacturing newly-developed and high-value-added products to cater to the shifting demands of customers for high-precision products, the Group firmly believes that its intrinsic advantages are still available and such challenge will bring out new opportunities for the Group.

For machinery business, it is expected that market conditions in the second half of the year will remain unfavorable. The Group is going to cope with challenges mainly by the policy of "streamlining and improving efficiency" coupled with strict cost control. In product strategy, we will speed up the production of Sv series injection moulding machine, expand our sales regions from Mainland China to high-ended overseas markets, and further integrate machine models of lower profit margins to improve operating efficiency. For rubber injection machine products, we are accelerating the R&D of new model of supersized lamping force machine (2000T or above), in order to meet the growth in demand for extreme high voltage insulators following the power grid upgrade. Since the market conditions of the machine manufacturing business are uncertain, we expect that sales revenues will only have mild increase while profits will be squeezed to a certain extent.

For trading business, the negative factors in the first half of the year are expected to sustain for the rest of the year and the market competition is increasingly intense. This segment will further expand its market, enlarge and optimize its customer base; at the same time we will fight through adversity by "broadening income sources and reducing expenditure". We will tighten our grip on inventory and account receivable control, reduce operating expenses and increase cash flows. We are confident that, with our outstanding marketing team, effective implementation of market expansion strategies, appropriate adjustments made according to the market changes, our trading business will overcome the adverse circumstances and advance with steady steps.

In respect of plastic products and processing business, the Group will focus on promoting automation of injection moulding and spraying to save on production manpower, so that we can achieve better cost control. The Group succeeded in raising the prices of some products during the year. On the other hand, we are working on methods of improving production techniques, with an aim to meet the increasingly high requirements by customers and consequently solicit and secure orders from major customers. In addition, a series of measures such as sales structure changes and cost control measures will be completed during the second half of the year; we expect that stable profit will be achieved by then.

The year 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of the Group. For these years, the Group's ability to lay solid foundation for its business and overcome various difficulties is attributed to the efforts of all of our staff and their courage to take on and response to challenges. Though the Group will still face lots of unknowns and challenges, with the strong basis of the Group, extensive experience within the industry among its members, as well as our diligent and dedicated employees, we look forward to achieving new heights and open a new chapter in the future.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare an interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 30th June, 2008 (2007: HK0.6 cents per share).

Financial Review

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30th June, 2008, the Group's shareholders' funds were approximately HK\$977,629,000, compared with approximately HK\$926,841,000 as at 31st December, 2007.

The Group finances its operations with internally generated cash flow and banking facilities provided by its bankers in Hong Kong and China. The Group's debt ratio as at 30th June, 2008 was approximately 0.50 (31st December, 2007: 0.50), and the liquidity ratio was approximately 1.53 (31st December, 2007: 1.47), both were maintained at a healthy level. As at 30th June, 2008, cash, bank balances and time deposits amounted to approximately HK\$213,958,000. All these reflect that the Group is in sound financial position.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	30th June,	31st December,
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Guarantees given to financial institutions in respect of		
credit facilities utilized by outsiders	-	894

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the balance sheet date, the following assets were pledged by the Group to secure general banking facilities:

	Net Book Value		
	30th June,	31st December,	
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Leasehold buildings	24,777	67,690	
Leasehold land and land use rights	4,097	12,381	
Plant and machinery	8,015	10,648	
Bank deposits (Note)	25,703	33,820	
	62,592	124,539	

Note: The bank deposits have been pledged to secure short-term bank borrowings and are therefore classified as current assets.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND TREASURY POLICY

Most of the Group's business transactions, assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, Renminbi or United States Dollars. It is the Group's treasury policy to manage its foreign currency exposure whenever its financial impact is material to the Group. During the period, the Group had certain fixed interest rate borrowings. Foreign exchange risks arising from fluctuation of exchange rates of foreign currencies are managed by the Group using foreign exchange forward contracts when necessary.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

During the period, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company (the "Chief Executive") in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of the Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 under the Laws of Hong Kong (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register of directors' and chief executives' interests and short positions required to be maintained under section 352 of the SFO or which were required, pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules"), to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange are as follows:

Interests in the Shares

	Number of shares held iss						
Name of Directors	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Others interests	Total	issued shares of the Company	
Tang To	2,970,000	2,000 (Note 2)	300,617,458 (Note 1)	224,000 (Note 3)	303,813,458	42.79	
Wong Yiu Ming	11,696,072	-	-	_	11,696,072	1.65	
Tang Kwan	-	297,157,052 (Note 4)	-	-	297,157,052	41.85	
Kan Wai Wah	136,400	_	-	_	136,400	0.02	
Cheng Tak Yin	1,716,000	_	_	4,400	1,720,400	0.24	

Notes:

1. As at 30th June, 2008, 3,460,406 Shares of those 300,617,458 Shares were held by Ginta Company Limited ("Ginta") which is wholly owned by a company which in turn is owned as to 50% by Mr. Tang and 50% by his spouse. Mr. Tang was deemed to be interested in the remaining 297,157,052 Shares of those 300,617,458 Shares under the SFO through his deemed interests in Codo Development Limited ("Codo").

As at 30th June, 2008, Codo through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Cosmos Machinery (Holdings) Limited ("Cosmos Holdings") and Tai Shing Agencies Limited ("Tai Shing"), was deemed to be interested in 297,157,052 Shares. Codo is incorporated in Hong Kong and is owned as to (i) 25.06% by Keepsound Investments Limited, a Hong Kong company controlled by Saniwell Holding Inc., a trustee of The Saniwell Trust, (ii) 8.37% by Elegant Power Enterprises Limited ("Elegant Power"); (iii) 30.25% by Friendchain Investments Limited ("Friendchain"), a Hong Kong company controlled as to 40% by Elegant Power, as to 57.42% by Saniwell Holding Inc. and as to 2.58% by Fullwin Limited; (iv) 16.09% by Yik Wan Company Limited; and (v) 20.23% collectively held by 5 individuals and 2 limited companies.

- 2. As at 30th June, 2008, 2,000 Shares were held by the spouse of Mr. Tang.
- 3. As at 30th June, 2008, 224,000 Shares were jointly held by Mr. Tang and his spouse.

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4. As at 30th June, 2008, Mr. Tang Kwan was deemed to be interested in the block of 297,157,052 Shares under the SFO through his deemed interests in Codo Development Limited ("Codo"). As at 30th June, 2008, Codo through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Cosmos Holdings and Tai Shing, was deemed to be interested in 297,157,052 Shares. Codo is incorporated in Hong Kong and is owned as to (i) 25.06% by Keepsound Investments Limited, a Hong Kong company controlled by The Saniwell Trust, a trust established for the benefit of Mr. Tang Kwan's family, of which the spouse of Mr. Tang Kwan is one of the beneficiaries; (ii) 8.37% by Elegant Power; (iii) 30.25% by Friendchain, a Hong Kong company controlled as to 40% by Elegant Power, as to 57.42% by The Saniwell Trust and as to 2.58% by Fullwin Limited; (iv) 16.09% by Yik Wan Company Limited; and (v) 20.23% collectively held by 5 individuals and 2 limited companies.

The percentage shown was calculated based on the number of issued shares of the Company as at 30th June, 2008.

As at 30th June, 2008, other than as disclosed above and certain nominee shares held in trust for the Group, none of the Directors or Chief Executive or their associates had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO) to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the Directors is materially interested in any contract or arrangement subsisting as at 30th June, 2008 which is significant in relation to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

As at 30th June, 2008, none of the Directors had any direct interests or indirect interests in any asset which had been acquired, or disposed of by, or leased to any member of the Group, or was proposed to be acquired, or disposed of by, or leased to any member of the Group.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th June, 2008, the following interests in 5% or more in the shares and underlying shares of the Company have been notified to the Company and recorded in the register of substantial shareholders' interests and short positions required to be kept under Section 336 of Part XV of the SFO:

Interests in the Shares

	N	lumber of shares held		Approximate % of total
Name of Substantial	Direct	Deemed		issued shares
Shareholders	Interests	interests	Total	of the Company
Law Kit Fong	_	297,157,052 (Note 1)	297,157,052	41.85
Codo	-	297,157,052 (Note 2)	297,157,052	41.85
Cosmos Holdings	127,052,600	170,104,452 (Note 3)	297,157,052	41.85
Tai Shing	170,104,452	-	170,104,452	23.96
Saniwell Holding Inc.	_	297,157,052 (Note 4)	297,157,052	41.85
China Resources (Holdings) Company Limited	169,649,046 (Note 5)	_	169,649,046	23.89

Notes:

- 1. Ms. Law Kit Fong is deemed to be interested in the block of 297,157,052 Shares through her direct and indirect interests in Elegant Power and Codo. As at 30th June, 2008, Codo through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Cosmos Holdings and Tai Shing, was deemed to be interested in 297,157,052 Shares. As at 30th June, 2008, Codo is owned as to 30.25% by Friendchain (which is owned as to 40% by Elegant Power) and 8.37% by Elegant Power (which is wholly owned by Ms. Law Kit Fong).
- 2. As at 30th June, 2008, Codo is interested in 297,157,052 Shares through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Cosmos Holdings and Tai Shing. As at 30th June, 2008, Codo is owned as to (i) 25.06% by Keepsound Investments Limited, a Hong Kong company controlled by Saniwell Holding Inc., a trustee of The Saniwell Trust; (ii) 8.37% by Elegant Power, which is wholly-owned by Ms. Law Kit Fong; (iii) 30.25% by Friendchain, which is owned as to 40% by Elegant Power, as to 57.42% by Saniwell Holding Inc. and as to 2.58% by Fullwin Limited; (iv) 16.09% by Yik Wan Company Limited; and (v) 20.23% collectively held by 5 individuals and 2 limited companies.
- 3. Cosmos Holdings was deemed to be interested in 170,104,452 Shares through its subsidiary, Tai Shing.
- 4. As at 30th June, 2008, Saniwell Holding Inc. was deemed to be interested in the block of 297,157,052 Shares under the SFO through its deemed interests in Codo. Codo is owned as to (i) 25.06% by Keepsound Investments Limited, a Hong Kong company controlled by Saniwell Holding Inc., a trustee of The Saniwell Trust; (ii) 8.37% by Elegant Power; (iii) 30.25% by Friendchain which is owned as to 40% by Elegant Power, as to 57.42% by Saniwell Holding Inc. and as to 2.58% by Fullwin Limited; (iv) 16.09% by Yik Wan Company Limited; and (v) 20.23% collectively held by 5 individuals and 2 limited companies.
- 5. As shown by the latest interest disclosure information maintained pursuant to Part XV of the SFO provided to the Company by China Resources Corporation, China Resources Co., Limited and CRC Bluesky Limited, the above three companies were deemed to be interested in shares owned by China Resources (Holdings) Company Limited.

The percentage shown was calculated based on the number of issued shares of the Company as at 30th June, 2008.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th June, 2008, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who have interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would be required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Part XV of the SFO.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

In order to provide the Company with a flexible means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to the Participants for their contributions and/or potential contributions to the Group and for such other purposes as the Board may approve from time to time, the Company has adopted the share option scheme at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 30th May, 2005, and unless otherwise terminated or amended, this scheme will remain in force for 10 years from that date.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors, but shall not be less than the highest of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets on the date of offer of the share options; and (ii) the average closing price of the Company's shares as quoted on the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer; (iii) the nominal value of the Company's shares.

The offer of the grant of option may be accepted within 28 days from the date of the offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 by the grantee. The option period of the share options is determined by the directors at their absolute discretion and notified by them to each grantee as being the period during which an option may be exercised and in any event, such period shall not be longer than 10 years from the date of offer. Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at shareholder's meetings.

The following table disclosed movements in the Company's share options during the period:

				Number of share options				
	Date of	Exercisable	Exercise price	Outstanding at	Granted during	Exercised during	Cancelled/ Lapsed during	Outstanding
Grantee(s)	grant	period	per share	1.1.2008	the period	the period	the period	30.6.2008
	J	(note 1)	HK\$					
Directors								
Wong Yiu Ming	8.6.2007	15.6.2007 to 14.6.2008	1.40	2,000,000	-	-	(2,000,000)	-
Li Tin Loi	8.6.2007	20.6.2007 to 19.6.2008	1.40	1,600,000	-	-	(1,600,000)	-
Yan Wing Fai Richard (resigned on 31st March, 2008)	8.6.2007	4.7.2007 to 3.7.2008	1.40	1,600,000	-	-	(1,600,000)	-
Sub-total				5,200,000	-	-	(5,200,000)	-
Employees								
(in aggregate)	8.6.2007	15.6.2007 to 4.7.2008	1.40	18,270,000	-	-	(17,090,000)	1,180,000
Total				23,470,000	_	-	(22,290,000)	1,180,000

Notes:

- 1. The exercisable period of share options granted to employees is one year commencing from the respective dates of acceptance of each particular employee which varied from 15th June, 2007 to 5th July, 2007.
- 2. As at 30th June, 2008, the Company had 1,180,000 share options outstanding. The exercise in full of the share options outstanding would, under the present capital structure of the Company, result in the issue of 1,180,000 additional ordinary shares of HK\$0.4 each of the Company and additional share capital of HK\$472,000 and share premium of HK\$1,180,000 (before issue expenses).

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBT SECURITIES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors and Chief Executives to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares of any underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of SFO); and none of the Directors, their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the shares of the Company, or had exercised any such rights.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company comprises the three Independent Non-Executive Directors. It has adopted terms of reference which are in line with the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. The unaudited financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30th June, 2008 have been reviewed by the audit committee who is of the opinion that such statements comply with the applicable accounting standards, legal requirements and the Listing Rules, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The remuneration committee of the Company comprises three Independent Non-Executive Directors and the Chairman of the Company. It has adopted terms of reference which are in line with the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. The duties of the remuneration committee include reviewing and evaluating the remuneration packages of Executive Directors and senior management and making recommendations to the Board in respect of the remuneration packages from time to time.

COMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has established the Committee of Executive Directors which includes all the four Executive Directors. The members will meet frequently as when necessary and this committee is responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the Group.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30th June, 2008, the Group has approximately 6,000 employees (2007:6,000). The remuneration policy of the Group was formulated in accordance with market trends and performance of employees. Benefits plans have included schemes of insurance, retirement, share option and so on.

The remunerations of the Directors are decided by the Remuneration Committee, having regard to the Company's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics.

The remuneration policy of the Company for non-executive directors is to ensure that they are sufficiently compensated for their efforts and time dedicated to the Company and that for the employees, including the executive directors and senior management is to ensure that the remuneration offered is appropriate for the duties and in line with market practice. The remuneration policy is to ensure that the pay levels are competitive and effective in attracting, retaining and motivating employees. No director, or any of his associates and executive, is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

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

During the six months ended 30th June, 2008, there has been no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the Company's listed shares.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE PROVISIONS SET OUT IN THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The directors consider that the Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the six months ended 30th June, 2008.

COMPLIANCE WITH MODEL CODE

Throughout the six months ended 30th June, 2008, the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules and all Directors have confirmed that they have been fully complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code based on the enquiry of all the directors of the Company.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT

This interim report is published on the Company's web site at www.cosmel.com and the web site of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at www.hkex.com.hk.

On behalf of the Board **TANG To**

Chairman

Hong Kong, 23rd September, 2008

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