



Interim Report 2002



JINHUI HOLDINGS COMPANY LIMITED

The Board of Directors of Jinhui Holdings Company Limited (the "Company") announces the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2002 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period of 2001 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2002

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2002	2001
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	3	374,116	457,638
Other operating income		34,957	28,278
Other net (expenses) income	4	(62,144)	50,245
Voyage related expenses		(229,612)	(290,596)
Cost of trading goods sold		(89,772)	(107,484)
Staff costs		(17,294)	(21,072)
Other operating expenses		(25,531)	(19,334)
Depreciation and amortization		(33,210)	(27,071)
(Loss) Profit from operations	3	(48,490)	70,604
Share of results of associates		-	(133)
Interest income		3,650	12,970
Interest expenses		(10,439)	(13,053)
(Loss) Profit before taxation		(55,279)	70,388
Taxation	5	(340)	(402)
(Loss) Profit from ordinary activities after taxation		(55,619)	69,986
Minority interests		25,155	(37,560)
Net (loss) profit for the period		<u>(30,464)</u>	<u>32,426</u>
(Loss) Earnings per share			
- basic (HK cents)	6	<u>(5.79)</u>	<u>6.16</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET*At 30 June 2002*

	30 June 2002	31 December 2001
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<i>Note</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Non-current assets		
Fixed assets	1,348,062	1,112,779
Intangible asset	141	148
Interests in associates	(27)	(28)
Other investments	52,472	54,151
Other non-current assets	14,238	3,626
	<u>1,414,886</u>	<u>1,170,676</u>
Current assets		
Inventories	18,704	20,687
Short-term investments	50,437	29,394
Trade receivables	85,190	78,296
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	55,344	81,820
Pledged deposits	40,981	7,369
Bank balances and cash	70,025	207,626
	<u>320,681</u>	<u>425,192</u>
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	57,800	68,553
Accrued charges and other payables	90,949	84,301
Taxation	137	387
Bank loans, secured	84,968	65,785
Bank overdrafts, secured	40,591	47,519
	<u>274,445</u>	<u>266,545</u>
Net current assets	<u>46,236</u>	<u>158,647</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	1,461,122	1,329,323
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans, secured	614,256	426,844
Minority interests	367,817	392,969
Net assets	<u>479,049</u>	<u>509,510</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Issued capital	52,624	52,624
Reserves	426,425	456,886
Shareholders' funds	<u>479,049</u>	<u>509,510</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2002

	Issued capital (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital redemption reserve (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Revenue reserve/ (accumulated losses) (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 January 2002	52,624	288,733	139,652	2,023	26,478	509,510
Exchange reserve arising on consolidation	-	-	3	-	-	3
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(30,464)	(30,464)
At 30 June 2002	52,624	288,733	139,655	2,023	(3,986)	479,049
At 1 January 2001	52,624	288,733	139,640	2,023	44,934	527,954
Exchange reserve arising on consolidation	-	-	7	-	-	7
Release on disposal of an associate	-	-	6	-	-	6
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	32,426	32,426
At 30 June 2001	52,624	288,733	139,653	2,023	77,360	560,393

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT*For the six months ended 30 June 2002*

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2002	2001
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash (outflow) inflow from operating activities	(24,598)	131,143
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(259,626)	(248,118)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	153,551	228,162
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(130,673)	111,187
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	160,107	52,516
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	29,434	163,703
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Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Bank balances and cash	70,025	203,764
Bank overdrafts, secured	(40,591)	(40,061)
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	29,434	163,703
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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Review by auditors

The consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2002 have been reviewed by our auditors, Messrs. Moores Rowland, in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standard 700 "Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA"). An unmodified review conclusion has been issued by the auditors.

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") No. 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the HKSA and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). They should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements and notes thereto included in the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2001.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 except that the Group has adopted several new or revised SSAPs issued by the HKSA which are effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2002. The effect of such changes to the results for the period are not material and details of these changes in the accounting policies will be given in the 2002 annual financial statements.

3. Segmental information

An analysis of the Group's turnover and profit (loss) from operations by principal activities is as follows:

	Turnover		Profit (Loss) from operations	
	Six months ended 30 June 2002 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2001 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2002 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2001 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Chartering freight and hire	267,333	341,468	12,030	20,505
Trading	104,797	115,337	2,004	3,866
Investments in China	1,986	833	635	(3,745)
Other operations	-	-	(63,159)	49,978
	374,116	457,638	(48,490)	70,604

The Group's chartering freight and hire businesses were carried out internationally and cannot be attributable to any particular geographical location. During the period, about 95% of the Group's turnover from trading operations was carried out in Hong Kong (six months ended 30 June 2001: 26%) and the balance was mainly carried out in mainland China. The Group's other operations, including property investments, foreign currency transactions and short-term investments, were mainly carried out in Hong Kong in both periods.

4. Other net (expenses) income

Other net expenses for the period included a provision for a claim receivable of HK\$30,200,000 payable by China Nonferrous Metals Group (Hong Kong) Limited ("CNMG") as an order for winding-up CNMG was issued by the High Court of Hong Kong on 8 May 2002.

5. Taxation

	Six months ended 30 June 2002 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2001 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
The Company and its subsidiaries		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
Current period	342	–
(Over) Under-provision in respect of prior periods	(2)	402
	<u>340</u>	<u>402</u>

Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided at the rate of 16% (*six months ended 30 June 2001: 16%*) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. In the opinion of the Directors, a substantial portion of the Group's income neither arose in nor derived from Hong Kong and therefore was not subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax. The Group is also not subject to taxation in any other jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

6. (Loss) Earnings per share

The calculation of basic loss per share for the period is based on the net loss for the period of HK\$30,464,000 (*six months ended 30 June 2001: net profit of HK\$32,426,000*) and the weighted average number of 526,242,488 (*six months ended 30 June 2001: 526,242,488*) shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings or loss per share is not shown as there was no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

7. Trade receivables

The credit terms given to charterers vary from 15 to 60 days according to the types of vessel's employment. The credit terms given to trading customers vary based on the financial assessments and payment track records. Credit limits are set for all customers and are revised only with the approval of senior management. General credit terms are payments by the end of 60 to 120 days following the month in which sales took place.

The ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of provision for bad and doubtful debts) is as follows:

	30 June 2002 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2001 (Audited) HK\$'000
0 – 90 days	71,672	58,518
91 – 180 days	11,728	16,823
181 – 365 days	1,446	1,618
Over 365 days	344	1,337
	<u>85,190</u>	<u>78,296</u>

8. Trade payables

The ageing analysis of trade payables is as follows:

	30 June 2002 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2001 (Audited) HK\$'000
0 – 90 days	45,183	54,792
91 – 180 days	3,956	984
181 – 365 days	511	637
Over 365 days	8,150	12,140
	<u>57,800</u>	<u>68,553</u>

9. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the period (*six months ended 30 June 2001: Nil*).

BUSINESS REVIEW

Turnover for the six months ended 30 June 2002 was HK\$374,116,000, representing a decrease of 18% as compared to the last corresponding period. Net loss for the period amounted to HK\$30,464,000 whereas a profit of HK\$32,426,000 was made for the last corresponding period. Basic loss per share was HK5.79 cents for the period as against basic earnings per share of HK6.16 cents for the last corresponding period.

Contrary to the first half of 2001 in which the shipping market was firm and healthy, the slowdown in the world's economies and rising in operating costs such as fuel costs and maintenance expenses greatly affected the shipping industry during the first half of 2002. During the period, the freight rates remained low as a whole though the dry bulk freight markets have arisen and improved gradually since the end of 2001. The Baltic Freight Index opened at 876 and closed at 1,005 during the period. This was still 381 points below that at 1,386 by the end of June 2001. The decline in freight rates exerted a negative impact on the Group's shipping activities as its committed tonnage was yet to be unwound. The shipping turnover was HK\$267,333,000 for the period, representing a decrease of 22% as compared to that of the last corresponding period. During the period, the Company put every effort to improve efficiency and adopted active measures to reduce its main operating costs. Under such circumstances, the Group's shipping operations managed to operate at a profit of HK\$12,030,000 for the period; whereas an operating profit of HK\$20,505,000 was reported for the last corresponding period.

Meanwhile, the Group remains its strategy of expanding fleet of well-equipped and modernized owned vessels. During the period, two motor vessels namely "Jin Tai" and "Jin Kang" were delivered respectively in January and March 2002 as scheduled. As at 30 June 2002, the Group owned eleven dry bulk vessels with total dead weight tonnages of about 544,000 tonnes.

Affected by the downturn of the economy, the turnover for the Group's trading of chemical products was HK\$104,797,000, representing a decrease of 9% as compared to the last corresponding period. A modest profit was reported for both the trading activities and investments in China during the period.

The Group's other operations recorded an operating loss of HK\$63,159,000 for the period mainly due to the provision made for a claim receivable of HK\$30,200,000 payable by CNMG as an order for winding-up CNMG was issued by the High Court of Hong Kong on 8 May 2002. The Group also suffered from the drastic and unexpected rebound of Japanese Yen and the weakening of United States Dollars during the period and incurred realized and unrealized exchange loss for the Group's foreign currency exposure in Japanese Yen. The Group has foreign currency exposures in Japanese Yen derived from the borrowings in Japanese Yen to finance the payments for the deliveries of newbuildings in previous years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity, financial resources and capital structure

The deliveries of the two dry bulk vessels, namely "Jin Tai" and "Jin Kang", during the period were mainly funded by bank loans. The total of the Group's pledged deposits, bank balances and cash decreased to HK\$111,006,000 as at 30 June 2002 (*31 December 2001: HK\$214,995,000*). The Group's borrowings increased to HK\$739,815,000 as at 30 June 2002 (*31 December 2001: HK\$540,148,000*), of which 17%, 7%, 22% and 54% are repayable respectively within one year, one to two years, two to five years and over five years. The gearing ratio, as calculated on the basis of total borrowings over shareholders' funds, increased to 154% (*31 December 2001: 106%*). All the borrowings were committed on a floating rate basis and were denominated mainly in United States Dollars and Japanese Yen. Should market conditions require, the Group will consider appropriate foreign exchange and interest rate hedging products to mitigate the Group's exposure.

Pledge of assets

As at 30 June 2002, the Group's fixed assets of HK\$1,113,950,000 (*31 December 2001: HK\$891,533,000*), short-term investments of HK\$40,911,000 (*31 December 2001: HK\$19,000,000*), deposits of HK\$40,981,000 (*31 December 2001: HK\$7,369,000*) and some of the shares and chartering income of ship owning subsidiaries were pledged to secure credit facilities utilized by the Group.

Capital expenditures and commitments

Out of the Group's capital expenditures totalling HK\$272,530,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2002 (*six months ended 30 June 2001: HK\$267,235,000*), approximately HK\$272,202,000 (*six months ended 30 June 2001: HK\$262,071,000*) was spent on the constructions of the Group's owned vessels.

As at 30 June 2002, the Group had capital expenditure commitments relating to the newbuilding of one (*31 December 2001: three*) dry bulk vessel. The purchase price of the vessel was approximately HK\$163,020,000 (*31 December 2001: HK\$494,910,000*) and the amount contracted but not provided for, net of deposits paid, was approximately HK\$130,416,000 (*31 December 2001: HK\$395,226,000*).

Contingent liabilities

Except for certain guarantees amounting to HK\$771,000 as at 30 June 2002 (*31 December 2001: HK\$486,000*) granted by the Company's subsidiaries to third parties in their ordinary course of businesses, the Group had no other contingent liabilities.

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2002, the Group employed approximately 430 employees including 289 crew (31 December 2001: 370 employees including 237 crew). The Group remunerated its employees in accordance with their performances, experiences and prevailing market practices and provided them with usual fringe benefits.

OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, the global economy is expected to continue a trend of slow recovery in the foreseeable future. The dry bulk market has just started to pick up quite strongly due to strong demand and therefore we are optimistic for the rest of 2002. The Group is confident that there would be sufficient demand to meet its tonnage commitments. While focusing the core shipping businesses, the Group will continue taking efforts to improve efficiency, reduce the operating costs and remain conscious to the changing market conditions in mapping out its business and investment strategies.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

As at 30 June 2002, the directors had the following interests in the share capital of the Company and its associated corporations which is required to be recorded in the Register of Directors' Interests pursuant to Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance ("SDI Ordinance") or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies:

Name	Type of interests	No. of shares in the Company	No. of shares in Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited
Mr. Ng Siu Fai	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	<i>Note</i>	<i>Note</i>
Mr. Ng Kam Wah Thomas	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	<i>Note</i>	<i>Note</i>
Mr. Ng Ki Hung Frankie	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	<i>Note</i>	<i>Note</i>
Mr. So Wing Hung Peter	Family interests	2,500,000	15,000

Note: Lorimer Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Ng Hing Po 1991 Trust, is the legal owner of the entire issued share capital of Fairline Consultants Limited which is the legal and beneficial owner of 303,856,282 shares of the Company and 494,049 shares of Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited as at 30 June 2002. The Ng Hing Po 1991 Trust is a discretionary trust, the eligible beneficiaries of which include members of the Ng family. Both Messrs. Ng Siu Fai and Ng Kam Wah Thomas are directors of Fairline Consultants Limited.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the directors or their associates had any interest either beneficially or non-beneficially in any shares of the Company, its holding company or any of its subsidiaries and associated corporations within the meaning of the SDI Ordinance at balance sheet date and at no time during the six months ended 30 June 2002 was the Company, its holding company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors or any of their spouses or children under eighteen years of age to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

According to the register of substantial shareholders maintained under section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance, the following shareholder had an interest representing 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2002:

Name of shareholder	No. of shares in the Company
Fairline Consultants Limited	303,856,282

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

There was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2002.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the Directors is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not at any time during the six months ended 30 June 2002, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules except that the Non-Executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board
Ng Siu Fai
Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong, 18 September 2002