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To all shareholders:

The Group's natural gas operations continued to develop rapidly in 2007. Turnover for the year amounted to approximately HK\$294,518,000, representing a growth of 276.8% as compared to HK\$78,159,000 in 2006. This tremendous growth is mainly attributable to the sustained expansion of the Group's downstream gas distribution in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), including sales of natural gas and connection fee income.

Riding on the booming natural gas market in the PRC, the Group had proactively strengthened both its upstream and downstream capabilities in 2007. With continuous efforts paid to the downstream natural gas operation, the Group currently has two downstream projects underway in Shandong province (Linyi Zhongyu, Linyi China Gas) and seven in Henan province (Sanmenxia, Yongcheng, Xinmi, Yanshi, Jiaozuo, Luohe and Jiyuan) under operation. The projects have brought satisfactory revenue to the Group, with total natural gas sales of 75,320,000 m³ in 2007. In terms of upstream development, the joint venture, Henan Zhongyu Coalbed Methane Development and Utilization Company Limited, with Henan Provincial government has been running smoothly, and the Coal-bed methane ("CBM") extraction process is on schedule. The first two phases of CBM extraction, drilling and fracturing, were completed last year; and the final phases of de-watering gas releasing process had been commenced in the end of 2007. The Group is satisfied with the progress of CBM extraction, and anticipates commercial gas production in the fourth quarters of 2008.

Future prospects of the Group remain promising as the natural gas market in the PRC continues to flourish. In view of the energy problem that the PRC is now facing, along with the rapid economic development which drives up the demand for natural gas and the growing consciousness of environmental protection in the country, we anticipate that CBM, as an alternative clean energy, will be well-received by the market. With the satisfactory progress in CBM extraction, the vertically integrated value chain of the Group will be completed. It ensures sufficient and cost-effective gas supply for the Group's downstream projects and will further enhance the profitability of the Group. Going forward, the Group will continue to enhance its upstream resources by expanding geographically to the Group's CBM blocks other than Jiaozuo City. Meanwhile, the Group will also expand the downstream business by increasing the number of gas refuelling stations, with the aim to achieve economies of scale and hence enhance our profit margin. The favorable and growing macro-environment in the PRC, together with the excellent policy execution and corporate management of the Group, will render the investments highly rewarding. The Group will maintain the parallel run in expanding its upstream and downstream businesses, so as to enhance its market position and improve its financial performance.

In order to improve the Group's operating results, we will continue to seek cooperation opportunities with promising peers in the industry. We believe that forming strategic alliances will bring synergy to existing businesses and improve the cost efficiency of the Group.

Finally, I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to our management team and staff for their dedication and contribution. I would also like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to our shareholders and customers for their continuous support and confidence in the Group.

Wang Wenliang

Chairman

Zhengzhou, the PRC

27th March, 2008

Management Discussion and Analysis

BUSINESS REVIEW

Overall

We are an early mover in developing a vertically integrated gas operation from upstream resource development to downstream distribution in the PRC. During the year under review, we are principally engaged in (i) the exploration, exploitation and development of Coalbed methane (“CBM”) and (ii) the development, construction of gas pipeline network and sales of piped gas in the People's Republic of China (the “PRC”). During the year, we are also engaged in development and sale of human resource management (“HRM”) software. That operation has been discounted since May 2007.

Upstream Gas Business

With the aim to ensure sufficient and cost-effective gas supply for the Group's downstream gas projects located in Henan province, the PRC and enhance the Group's profitability, the Group tapped into the upper stream CBM supply market in the PRC in 2007.

In March 2007, the Group established a joint venture company, namely 河南中裕煤層氣開發利用有限公司 (Henan Zhongyu Coalbed Methane Development and Utilisation Company Limited) (“Zhongyu Coalbed Methane”) to engage in the exploration, exploitation, development and production of CBM in Henan province. Upon establishment, the Group holds 75% equity interests in Zhongyu Coalbed Methane with the remaining 25% equity interests in Zhongyu Coalbed Methane being held by 河南省煤層氣開發利用有限公司 (Henan Province Coalbed Methane Development and Utilisation Company Limited) (“Henan Methane”). Zhongyu Coalbed Methane has been accounted for as an indirect non-wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group secured eight coal blocks, situated at Jiaozuo, Zhengzhou, Pingdingshan (including Yuzhou and Ruzhou), Hebi, Yima, Yongxia, Henan province, the PRC to explore, exploit, develop and produce CBM.

For the period between the date of establishment of Zhongyu Coalbed Methane and 31st December, 2007, the Group successfully completed drilling of 33 vertical wells in Jiaozuo. Fracturing process, which is the second phase in CBM extraction, for the aforesaid 15 vertical wells has been started in September 2007, among which 2 vertical wells has been completed the fracturing process and has begun the de-watering and releasing process, which is the last phase in CBM extraction, in the end of 2007. During the year under review, the Group has not recorded any revenue derived from CBM projects. We anticipate that the commercial production of CBM will commence by the fourth quarter of 2008. We also believe that the upstream gas business will have significant contribution to the Group's turnover and results in the near future.

In the third quarter of 2007, the Group has appointed Netherland, Sewell & Associates, a renowned energy research firm based in Texas, the United States, to prepare an independent report confirming the extent of the Group's CBM deposits.

Downstream Gas Business

The Group's downstream gas business primarily comprises sales of piped gas, gas pipeline construction and sales of liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG"). As at 31st December, 2007, the Group secured nine exclusive gas projects, two in Shandong province, the PRC and seven in Henan province, the PRC. Among nine gas projects, three gas projects and their subsidiaries, including Jiaozuo China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd., Jiaozuo China-Gas Gas Project Install Co. Ltd., Jiyuan Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd., Luohe Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd. and Luohe Zhongyu Gas Project Install Co. Ltd. (collectively "Newly Acquired Projects") were newly acquired by the Group in August 2007. The results of Newly Acquired Projects for the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007 were consolidated with the Group in the financial year 2007. The Newly Acquired Projects contributed approximately HK\$175,226,000 and HK\$42,267,000 to the Group's turnover and profits before tax respectively in 2007.

The cities in which the Group's gas projects operate currently have a total connectable urban population of approximately 3,084,000. It is estimated that there are an aggregate of approximately 881,000 connectable residential households in such cities.

Sales of Piped Gas

Sales of piped gas to customers provide the Group with a recurring stream of revenue. Because of the huge usage of piped gas by our industrial/commercial customers and the increase in the accumulated number of residential customers, sales of piped gas became the largest component of the Group's total turnover in 2007. More than 90% of total sales of piped gas for the year ended 31st December, 2007 were derived from provision of natural gas. Fees charged by the Group for provision of piped natural gas are required to obtain approval from local pricing bureaus. During the year under review, the total unit of natural gas provided by the Group to its customers was approximately 75,320,000 m³ (2006: 12,323,000m³).

For the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007, the total unit of natural gas provided by the Newly Acquired Projects to its customers was approximately 48,560,000m³.

With the aim to enhance the Group's turnover and results, the Group has commenced to develop compressed natural gas ("CNG") vehicle gas refuelling business in the PRC since September 2007. As at 31st December, 2007, the Group operated one CNG vehicle gas refuelling station in Linyi City, Shandong Province, the PRC. In December 2007, the Group acquired three companies, including Jiyuan Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd. Luohe Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd. and Sanmenxia Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd. which have obtained the approval from the local governments of Jiyuan, Luohe and Sanmenxia, Hanan province, the PRC to build a total of eight CNG vehicle gas refuelling stations in aforesaid locations.

Gas Pipeline Construction

Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction is one-off connection fees paid by residential households and industrial/commercial customers for the connection of their premises to the piped gas networks operated by the Group. Connection fees charged by the Group are required to obtain approval from local pricing bureaus. During the year under review, the average connection fees charged to residential households by the Group was approximately RMB2,450. The connection fees charged to industrial/commercial customers by the Group was significantly higher amounts than that charged to residential households and was determined on a case basis. With the aim to minimize our risk on the recoverability of amounts due from customers of contract work, commencing from the year 2007, 20-40% of the contract sum is required to be paid in advance by our customers before the commencement of their premises to our piped gas networks. As the Group's downstream gas business is still at the development stage, connection revenue from gas pipeline construction remained a significant component of the Group's turnover in 2007.

Management Discussion and Analysis

During the year under review, the Group made new gas pipeline connection for 38,950 residential households (2006: 13,570 residential households) and 131 industrial/commercial customers (2006: 43 industrial/commercial customers). As at 31st December, 2007, the Group have the accumulated number of residential households of 215,867 (2006: 39,078 residential households) and industrial/commercial customers of 718 (2006: 96 industrial/commercial customers). As at 31st December, 2007, the Group's penetration rate reached 25% (2006: 8%) (represented by the percentage of accumulated number of residential households to estimated an aggregate of connectable residential households).

For the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007, the Newly Acquired Projects made new gas pipeline connection for 14,592 residential households and 52 industrial/commercial customers. As at 31st December, 2007, the Newly Acquired Projects have the accumulated number of residential households of 152,431 and industrial/commercial customers of 543.

Sales of LPG

Sales of LPG are not a core business of the Group. During the year under review, the Group sold approximately 4,959 tons of bottled LPG (2006: 3,608 tons).

For the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007, the Newly Acquired Projects sold approximately 1,463 tons of bottled LPG.

HRM Software Business

In view of the growing business opportunity in relation to the Group's CBM and natural gas businesses, the Directors consider to streamline the principal businesses of the Group to focus mainly on the CBM and natural gas businesses. Further, the Group recorded a consistence unaudited consolidated net losses in relation to its software operations, including development and sale of software and software maintenance services for the two years ended 31 December 2006 of approximately HK\$1,672,000 and HK\$480,000 respectively. Considering that there are no signs of rebound and the software operations not making any significant contribution to the Group, the Directors consider that the disposing of the software operations will cut further losses for the Group. Accordingly, the Group disposed of its software operations on 30th April, 2007. Upon completion of the aforesaid disposal on 10th May, 2007, the software operations has permanently ceased.

ACQUISITIONS, DISPOSALS AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

On 22nd January, 2007, the Group and Henan Methane entered into a joint venture agreement (the "JV Agreement"), pursuant to which Zhongyu Coalbed Methane is jointly established. Zhongyu Coalbed Methane engages principally in the development and utilisation of coalbed methane in Henan Province, People's Republic of China ("PRC"). Upon establishment, the Group holds 75% equity interests in Zhongyu Coalbed Methane with the remaining 25% being held by Henan Methane. Zhongyu Coalbed Methane had been accounted for as a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. On 9th April, 2007, a supplementary joint venture agreement (the "Supplementary JV Agreement") to the JV Agreement was entered into between the Group and Henan Methane, pursuant to which the joint development area of coalbed methane by Zhongyu Coalbed Methane will be extended from Jiaozuo City, Henan Province, the PRC to the mine areas legally owned and controlled by Henan Gas situated at Jiaozuo City, Zhengzhou, Pingdingshan (including Yuzhou and Ruzhou), Hebi, Yima, Yongxia. All of these areas are located at Henan Province, the PRC. According to the Supplementary JV Agreement, the Group will be the exclusive sole joint venture partner of Henan Methane in these areas and without prior written consent from the Group, Henan Methane will not form any joint venture engaging in similar business with other third parties. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 22nd January, 2007 and 11th April, 2007 respectively.

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On 30th April, 2007, the Company and an independent third party entered into the sale and purchase agreement, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell and the purchaser agreed to purchase 10,311 shares of US\$1.00 in the issued share capital of Cyber Dynamic Enterprise Limited and the shareholder's loan owed by Cyber Dynamic Enterprise Limited and its subsidiaries to the Company for a total consideration of HK\$40,000 payable in cash. The completion of the aforesaid sale and purchase agreement was held on 10th May, 2007. Upon completion of the aforesaid sale and purchase agreement, the Group ceased to be interested on the software business including the development and distribution of HRM software system and provision of maintenance and consulting service. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcement and the circular of the Company dated 30th April, 2007 and 21st May, 2007 respectively.

On 7th May, 2007 and 16th May, 2007, the Group and Hezhong Investment Holding Company Limited ("Hezhong"), the substantial shareholder of the Company, entered into the sale and purchase agreement and supplement deed, pursuant to which Hezhong agreed to sell and the Group agreed to purchase three gas projects and their subsidiaries, namely Jiaozuo China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd., Jiaozuo China-Gas Gas Project Install Co. Ltd., Jiyuan Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd., Luohe Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd. and Luohe Zhongyu Gas Project Install Co. Ltd. for a total consideration of RMB294,045,000 payable by cash and by allotment and issue of Shares. Out of the total consideration for the aforesaid acquisition, the Company decided that approximately RMB222,504,384 was paid by cash and the remaining approximately RMB71,540,616 was settled by allotment and issue of 72,480,000 Shares at a price of HK\$1.10 each. The aforesaid sale and purchase agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder was approved by the independent shareholders of the Company on 9th August, 2007 at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company. The aforesaid sale and purchase agreement was completed on 17th August, 2007. Since then, the Newly Acquired Projects have become non-wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company and their results for the period between the date of completion and 31st December, 2007 were consolidated with the Group in the financial year 2007. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcements and the circular of the Company dated 7th May, 2007, 16th May, 2007, 9th August, 2007 and 24th July, 2007 respectively.

On 16th December, 2007, the Group acquired certain assets through purchase of the entire equity interests of Acquired Companies from an independent third party at a total consideration of RMB90,160,000 (approximately HK\$96,842,000) paid by cash. The subsidiaries have not commenced businesses at the date of acquisition. The principal assets of the Acquired Companies is exclusive operating rights for operation of gas stations. As the above transaction does not fall into any classifications set out in Rule 19.06 of the GEM Listing Rules, no announcement was made.

Save as disclosed above, the Group had no acquisitions, disposals nor significant investments for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

On 1st March, 2007, Hezhong entered into the placing and subscription agreement with First Shanghai Securities Limited, the placing agent and the Company, pursuant to which Hezhong agreed to place, through the placing agent, 265,000,000 shares of the Company (the "Shares") beneficially owned by Hezhong to not less than six placees at a price of HK\$0.42 per Share. On the same date, the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Hezhong has agreed to subscribe for 265,000,000 new Shares at a price of HK\$0.42 per Share. The placement was completed on 8th March, 2007 and the total proceeds raised as a result of the placement were HK\$111,300,000. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 1st March, 2007.

Management Discussion and Analysis

On 25th May, 2007, Hezhong entered into the placing and subscription agreement with Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, the placing agent and the Company, pursuant to which Hezhong agreed to place, through the placing agent, 279,000,000 Shares beneficially owned by Hezhong to not less than six places at a price of HK\$1.165 per Share. On the same date, the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Hezhong has agreed to subscribe for 279,000,000 new Shares at a price of HK\$1.165 per Share. The placement was completed on 7th June, 2007 and the total proceeds raised as a result of the placement were HK\$325,035,000. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcements of the Company dated 28th May, 2007 and 7th June, 2007.

On 28th May, 2007, the Company entered into a bond subscription agreement with five independent subscribers who have conditionally agreed to subscribe and pay for convertible bonds issued by the Company in an aggregate principal amount of US\$40,000,000. The issuance was completed on 26th June, 2007. The details of above had been disclosed in the announcements and the circular of the Company dated 28th May, 2007, 26th June, 2007 and 4th June, 2007 respectively.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Continuing Operations

Turnover

	2007		2006		Changes
	HK\$'000	% of total %	HK\$'000	% of total %	
Sales of piped gas	143,547	48.8	17,833	22.8	705.0
Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction	123,693	42.0	39,139	50.1	216.0
Sales of liquefied petroleum gas	25,415	8.6	20,866	26.7	21.8
Sales of stoves and related equipment	1,863	0.6	321	0.4	480.0
Total	<u>294,518</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>78,159</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>276.8</u>

Turnover increased by 276.8% to approximately HK\$294,518,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$78,159,000 in 2006. The tremendous growth in turnover was mainly attributable to the robust growth in sales of piped gas and connection revenue from gas pipeline construction.

The rapid growth in sales of piped gas was mainly attributable to the increase in the number of households and industrial/commercial users connected as well as the increase in the total gas consumption, which was mainly resulted from the sustained expansion of the Group's downstream gas distribution business in the PRC by the successful acquisition of Newly Acquired Projects in August 2007. For the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007, the Newly Acquired Projects contributed approximately HK\$95,929,000 to the Group's sales of piped gas.

The substantial increase in connection revenue from gas pipeline construction was mainly attributable to the increase in the number of households connected to the Group's existing gas pipeline networks which was mainly resulted from the sustained expansion of the Group's downstream gas distribution business in the PRC by the successful acquisition of Newly Acquired Projects in August 2007. For the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007, the Newly Acquired Projects contributed approximately HK\$69,905,000 to the Group's connection revenue from gas pipeline construction.

Management Discussion and Analysis

Gross profit margin

The overall gross profit margin in 2007 amounted to approximately 34.9% (2006: 33.9%). The slightly increase was mainly due to the increase in the gross profit margin of sales of piped gas, resulting from the economic of sales, which was partly offset by the drop in the gross profit margin of connection revenue from gas pipeline construction, resulting from the surge of material cost.

Other income

Other income increased to approximately HK\$11,256,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$8,020,000 in 2006. The 2007 balance mainly represented the bank interest income of approximately HK\$4,623,000 and the interest income from loan receivables of approximately HK\$4,258,000.

Selling and distribution costs

Selling and distribution costs increased by 174.0% to approximately HK\$7,663,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$2,797,000 in 2006. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in (i) staff costs and related expenses as a result of the increase in headcount and (ii) repairs and maintenance expenses, both resulting from the acquisition of Newly Acquired Projects in August 2007.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses increased by 221.7% to approximately HK\$58,105,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$18,060,000 in 2006. The increase was mainly attributable to (i) staff costs and related expenses resulting from the increase in headcount; (ii) premises expenses resulting from the increase in related upon the renewal of lease; (iii) office related expenses resulting from the increase in number of subsidiaries and (iv) legal and professional fees resulting from the increase in number of transactions and funding activities performed by the Group.

Other expenses

Other expenses increased to approximately HK\$9,657,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$2,408,000 in 2006. Other expense for the year under review was one-off recognition of equity-settled share based payments resulting from the issuance of share options by the Company on 29th March, 2007.

Finance costs

Finance costs increased by 680.6% to approximately HK\$27,548,000 in 2007 from approximately HK\$3,529,000 in 2006. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in (i) non-cash effective interest expense charged on convertible bonds; (ii) interest paid on convertible bonds and (iii) interest on bank borrowings resulting from the increase in the average bank borrowings and the average bank interest rate.

Impairment loss recognised on amounts due from customers for contract work

The Group recorded impairment loss recognised amounts due from customers for contract work of approximately HK\$21,551,000.

At each balance sheet date, management reconsidered the recoverability of its amounts due from customers of contract work based on likelihood of collection from its customers. In determining whether impairment is required, the Group takes into consideration of the construction progress and the progress payments received from its customers. Impairment is recognised for those contracts may not be honored by the customers.

Management Discussion and Analysis

During the year, we reviewed the recoverable amounts of the amounts due from customers for contract work and identified certain projects, which were started from the years 2005 and 2006 have slow construction progress. We are of the view that the amounts are unlikely to be recovered from its customers in considerable period of time and accordingly, impairment losses are recognised in full.

Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments

The Group recorded a non-cash loss arising on change in fair value of derivative financial instruments which was issued by the Company in June 2007 of approximately HK\$7,617,000 in 2007 (2006:Nil)

Income tax expenses

No provision of Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong for the year 2007 and 2006.

Except for Jiyuan Zhongyu Gas Co., Luohe Zhongyu Gas Project Install Co. Ltd, Sanmenxia China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd and Xinmi Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd which are entitled to a 50% reduction in PRC income tax, Ltd, the Group's PRC subsidiaries and the jointly controlled entity are exempted from PRC income tax in 2007.

Accordingly, the income tax expenses in 2007 amounted to approximately HK\$4,109,000 (2006: Nil).

Earnings from continuing operations before interests, taxation, depreciation, amortisation and change in fair value of derivative financial instruments ("EBITDAF")

The Group recorded EBITDAF of approximately HK\$32,523,000 in 2007, representing an increase of 104.9% as compared with that of approximately HK\$15,873,000 in 2006.

Discontinued Operations

With the aim to streamline the principal businesses of the Group to focus mainly on the CBM and natural gas businesses, we disposed of the HRM software business in May 2007. Since then, the HRM software business has permanently ceased.

For the period between 1st January, 2007 and the date of disposal, the Group recorded a loss from discontinued operations of approximately HK\$403,000.

Loss attributable to equity holders

As a result of the above, loss attributable to equity holders of the parent amounted to approximately HK\$26,183,000 in 2007.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND WORKING CAPITAL

Liquidity

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group's net current assets rose by approximately HK\$112,297,000 or 152.1% to approximately HK\$186,148,000 (2006: HK\$73,851,000). It represented the Group had a healthy financial position to meet its short-term liabilities.

The increase was mainly attributable to (i) the profit generated during the year and (ii) the net proceeds from placing shares and issuing convertible bonds during the year.

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group's current ratio, represented by a ratio of total current assets to total current liabilities, was approximately 1.4 (2006: 2.1).

The decrease was mainly attributable to the increase in derivative financial instruments resulting from the issue of convertible bonds during the year.

As at 31st December, 2007, the total assets increased by approximately HK\$1,235,566,000 or 440.5% to HK\$1,516,045,000 (2006: HK\$280,479,000). The increase was mainly due to (i) the absorption of total assets of the Newly Acquired Projects; (ii) the net proceeds from placing shares and issuing convertible bonds during the year and (iii) the profit generated during the year.

Interest bearing loans and other borrowings represents bank loans and convertible bonds.

As at 31st December, 2007, the total bank loans increased by approximately HK\$201,629,000 or 347.7% to HK\$259,612,000 (2006: HK\$57,983,000). The increase was mainly due to the absorption of bank loans borrowed by the Newly Acquired Projects.

As at 31st December, 2007, the convertible bonds amounted to approximately HK\$203,358,000 (2006: Nil).

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group's gearing ratio, represented by a ratio of total interest-bearing loans and other borrowings to total assets, was 0.31 (2006: 0.21).

Financial resources

During the year under review, the Group generally financed its operations with internally generated resources, equity funding and long term and short term debts.

Working capital

In view of the Group's current financial and liquidity positions and in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group has sufficient working capital for its present requirements.

Management Discussion and Analysis

EXPOSURE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS

During the year under review, the Group experienced only immaterial exchange rates fluctuations as most of the Group's monetary assets and liabilities were denominated in either Renminbi or the United States dollars and the Group conducted its business transactions principally in Renminbi. The Group expects that the appreciation of Renminbi against the United States dollars will continue in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Group considered that as the exchange rate risk of the Group is considered to be minimal, the Group did not employ any financial instruments for hedging purposes.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group had a total of 1,867 employees (2006: 550) in Hong Kong and the PRC, and the total remuneration for the year under review was approximately HK\$30,997,000 (2006: HK\$11,514,000). The increase was mainly due to the increase in the number of headcount resulting from the Group's business expansion by acquiring and establishing a number of companies during the year under review. More than 99.8% of the Group's employees are located in the PRC.

The Group's remuneration and bonus policies are basically determined by the performance of individual employees.

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

The Company has adopted a share option scheme whereby certain employees of the Group and other individuals providing similar services may be granted options to acquire shares.

CHARGE ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group did not have any charges on the Group's assets.

DETAILS OF FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENT OR CAPITAL ASSETS

As at 31st December, 2007, the Directors did not have any future plans for material investment or capital assets.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities.

Biographical Information of Directors

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Wang Wenliang, aged 37, is the Chairman of Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited (the “Company”). He joined the Company in July 2003. Mr. Wang is responsible for the overall strategic development of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”). Mr. Wang has held investments in various industries in the PRC including aluminium, property, and information technology. Mr. Wang has been a deputy general manager of a company in Zhengzhou, People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) (whose principal business is the manufacture and sale of aluminium products) since 1996 and has been a deputy general manager of a company in Henan Province, the PRC (whose principal business is property management and rental) since 1997. Mr. Wang also has been a president of a company in Henan Province, the PRC since 2000, the principal business of which is the provision of software development, networking engineering services, sale of computer and peripheral products, and provision of Internet services. Mr. Wang completed his postgraduate course in Finance in the Chinese Academy of Social Science in the PRC in 2001. Mr. Wang is a chairman and director of Hezhong Investment Holding Company Limited (“Hezhong”).

Mr. Hao Yu, aged 35, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He joined the Company in July 2003. Mr. Hao is responsible for supervising the implementation of the Group’s strategic plans and managing the day-to-day operation of the Group. He received his master degree in Enterprise Management from the Tianjin University of Finance and Economics in the PRC in 2001 and doctorate degree in Managerial Science and Engineering from the University of Tianjin, the PRC in 2005. Mr. Hao has about eight years’ working experience in the securities industry in the PRC, holding various positions with responsibilities in daily operations and business planning. Mr. Hao is a director of Hezhong.

Mr. Lu Zhaoheng, aged 43, graduated from 重慶建築工程學院 (The Architecture and Engineering Institute of Chongqing) in 1984, specialising in City Natural Gas Heat Energy Engineering. Mr. Lu has accumulated about twenty-two years of experience in the development and commercialisation of natural gas in the PRC. Mr. Lu held various positions in 河南省城鄉規劃設計院 (The City Planning Design Institute of Henan Province) and 鄭州市市政規劃設計院 (The Planning Design Institute of Zhengzhou City) and was mainly responsible for the planning, design and consultation regarding natural gas projects. Mr. Lu is mainly responsible for the management of the Group’s piped natural gas projects. Mr. Lu joined the Company in June 2004.

Mr. Lui Siu Keung, aged 36, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in October 2007 and is the Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and Qualified Accountant of the Company. He joined the Company in 2003 and is responsible for the financial and accounting operation of the Group. Mr. Lui has over eleven years of experience in corporate finance, accounting and auditing fields. He graduated from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University with a bachelor of arts degree in accountancy. Mr. Lui is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Lui is an independent non-executive director of Co-Prosperity Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 707).

Biographical Information of Directors

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Xu Yongxuan, aged 62, the Vice Chairman of the Company. He graduated from the Beijing Institute of Petroleum, specialising in Geophysics in 1965. Mr. Xu had been an executive director of Greater China Sci-Tech Holdings Limited, the issued shares of which are listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, for the period from October 2001 to January 2004. Mr. Xu joined the Company in March 2004.

Mr. Wang Lei, aged 45, graduated from 北京經濟學院 (The Economics Institution of Beijing) in 1984 with a degree in economics. From 1988 to the beginning of 1993, Mr. Wang worked for the State Economic System Reform Commission, PRC as an economist. Mr. Wang gained approximately 6 years of management experience as a Vice Chairman in a private company which is principally engaged in the property investment in the PRC. Currently, Mr. Wang is a Vice-chairman of board of directors of 北京金融學院 (The Finance Institution of Beijing). Mr. Wang joined the Company in June 2004.

Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg, aged 49, holds a degree of bachelor of arts and degree of master of arts from the University of Oxford. Mr. Rigg has over 26 years of experience in the commercial field and held a position of chief executive officer of various unlisted companies. Mr. Rigg joined the Company in January 2005.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Wang Shunlong, aged 43, is the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is an executive director of Hony Capital, a member of Legend Holdings Limited. He graduated from Tsinghua University in the PRC with a doctoral degree in engineering and was employed by the Eindhoven University of Technology in The Netherlands as a researcher for three years. Mr. Wang has over twelve years of experience in corporate management and investment planning. He joined the Company in July 2003.

Mr. Luo Yongtai, aged 61, is a member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is a professor in management of Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, the head of the Microeconomic Institute of Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, a member of the committee of the Tianjin City People's Political Consultative Conference, the deputy supervisor of the People's Republic of China System Engineering Committee and also held positions in various professional organisations. Mr. Luo is a beneficiary of the Expert Special Subsidy granted by the State Council of the PRC and has been engaged in various national and provincial projects in recent years. Mr. Luo is also an independent director of two companies listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. He joined the Group in July 2003.

Mr. Randy, Hung King Kuen, aged 42, is a member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He holds a bachelor's degree of accounting and a certificate of programming and data processing from the University of Southern California, a certificate of China Accounting, Finance, Taxation and Law from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a Hong Kong Securities Institute Specialist Certificate in corporate finance. Mr. Hung is a fellow certified public accountant in Hong Kong and a certified public accountant in the United States. Currently, Mr. Hung is an executive director of China Shineway Pharmaceutical Group Limited (Stock Code: 2877). Mr. Hung is also an independent non-executive director of Zhongtian International Limited (Stock Code: 2379). Mr. Hung is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, deputy chairman of training committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors and a member of the Hong Kong Securities Institute. Mr. Hung joined the Company in September 2004.

The board of directors (the “Directors”) and the management of Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited (the “Company”) are committed to high standards of corporate governance. Corporate governance system is set up to achieve a balance of the interests of different participants in the corporation, to direct and manage corporate affairs and to monitor corporate performance. The Company is dedicated to continue improving its corporate governance practices to ensure accountable, transparent and efficient management.

Save as disclosed herein, the Company has fully complied with all requirements of the Code (the “Code”) on Corporate Governance Practices, as set out in Appendix 15 of the rules governing the listing of securities on the Growth Enterprise Market operated by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“GEM Listing Rules”) for the year ended 31st December, 2007. The following summarizes the corporate governance practices of the Company and the reasons for deviations, if any, from the Code.

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of Directors (the “Board”), holds responsibility for leadership and control of the corporation. By directing and supervising corporate affairs, the Board plays an important role in protecting and enhancing long-term shareholder value.

A.1 Board composition

As at 31st December, 2007, the Board included ten Directors, of which four are executive Directors, three are non-executive Directors and the remaining three are independent non-executive Directors. The composition of the Board is as follows:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Wang Wenliang (*Chairman*)
Mr. Hao Yu (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. Lu Zhaoheng
Mr. Lui Siu Keung (*Chief Financial Officer*)
(appointed on 22nd October, 2007)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Xu Yongxuan (*Vice-Chairman*)
Mr. Wang Lei
Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Wang Shunlong
Dr. Luo Yongtai
Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen

The Company received a written annual confirmation of independence from each of the independent non-executive Directors pursuant to the Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company considered each non-executive Director is independent.

With a balanced Board consisting of one-third members of independent non-executive Directors, the Board considered that the Company can effectively exercise independent judgment.

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Given the business nature, the Board members have distinct skills and experience in a variety of business range, which includes city gas network design and operation, organizational management, financial and securities trading market, etc. The relevant biographies and the respective roles of all Directors in the Board are set out on pages 13 to 14 in this report.

The primary roles of the Board are to set the corporate strategy by determining business objectives, development plan and strategic policies; to make day-to-day operations delegated to the management then to monitor their operating and financial performance; to avoid risks and oversee corporate affairs.

A.2 Board meetings and information supply

The Board meets regularly and board meetings were held quarterly and additional meetings would be arranged, if and when required. All Directors can attend meetings in person or through other electronic means of communication.

The Company Secretary assists the Chairman in establishing the meeting agenda and each Director may request inclusion of matters in the agenda.

Notice of at least 14 days in advance is given of a regular board meeting to give all Directors an opportunity to attend.

The management of the Company has supply the Board with adequate information in a timely manner to enable it to make informed decisions. In addition, the management are invited, if and when requested, to attend board meetings to make presentation and answer the queries raised by the Board.

All Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary with a view to ensuring that board procedures, and all applicable rules and regulations, are followed.

Minutes of board meetings are kept by the Company Secretary and such minutes are open for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable notice by any Director.

Minutes of board meetings are recorded in sufficient detail and draft and final versions of minutes of board meetings are sent to all Directors for their comment and records respectively, in both cases within a reasonable time after the board meeting is held.

If and when a substantial shareholder of the Company or a Director has a conflict of interest in a matter to be considered by the Board which the Board has determined to be material, the matter would not be dealt with by way of circulation but a board meeting would be held. Independent non-executive Directors who and whose associates, have no material interest in the transaction are present at such board meeting.

For the year ended 31st December, 2007, the Board held twenty four board meetings. The attendance records of all board meetings are set out below:

Executive Directors

Mr. Wang Wenliang (<i>Chairman</i>)	24	100%
Mr. Hao Yu (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>)	24	100%
Mr. Lu Zhaoheng	24	100%
Mr. Lui Siu Keung (<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>) (appointed on 22nd October, 2007)	2	8%

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Xu Yongxuan (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)	21	88%
Mr. Wang Lei	5	21%
Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg	0	0%

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Wang Shunlong	24	100%
Dr. Luo Yongtai	24	100%
Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen	24	100%

A.3 Chairman and Chief executive officer

The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company are separate and are performed by two different Directors. The Chairman is responsible for offering leadership and effectiveness for the Board, arranging all key and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely manner, and ensuring the Board acts in the best interests of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") by establishing constructive relations between executive and non-executive Directors and providing effective communication with shareholders; whereas the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for running the Group's business, supervising the implementation of the Group's strategy in achieving the overall commercial objectives and managing the day-to-day operation of the Group.

A.4 Appointments and re-election

According to the Company's articles of association, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board, or as an addition to the existing Board and the Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board, or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Each non-executive Director of the Company is appointed by the Board with no specific terms but he shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election. The details of procedure for retirement of Directors are as follows:

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According to the Company's articles of association, exclusive for the Directors holding office of the Chairman and the Chief executive officer which are not subject to retirement by rotation or to be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire in each year, one-third of the Directors shall retire from office by rotation at the annual general meeting. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Director so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day those to retire shall be determined by lot. Any Director appointed pursuant to the Company's articles of association as stated in the paragraph one under the heading "A4. Appointment and re-election" shall not be taken into account in determining which particular Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation.

At the 2006 AGM, Mr. Wang Wenliang , Mr. Hao Yu and Mr. Lu Zhaoheng, three of the nine Directors subject to retirement by rotation, retired and re-elected to the Board by the shareholders of the Company.

A.5 Responsibilities of directors

Directors are provided sufficient and appropriate information by management periodically to ensure they have a proper understanding of the operations and business of the Group, and to enable them to be fully aware of their responsibilities. When a new Director is appointed, he is offered some briefings and other induction materials to familiarize with the Group promptly. Besides every Director is required to disclose his interests, potential conflict of interests, and changes in a timely manner referred to the written responsibilities guideline, the non-executive Directors are ensured to participating in board meetings and serve on relevant committees, to make an independent judgment on corporate affairs and to develop a balanced understanding of the view of shareholders. Individual Directors may also seek independent professional advice outside, at the Company's expense, to provide advice on any specific matter. The Company also encourages all Directors to join in kinds of programs of continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills, in order to discharge their responsibilities positively and constructively.

A.6 Directors' securities transaction

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM listing rules. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, they all confirmed having complied with the required standard of dealings and the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors adopted by the Group.

B. REMUNERATION MATTERS

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee comprising three independent non-executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee is held once a year and its primary responsibilities are after consulting with the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in respect of their recommendations, for executive Directors and senior managements, on a formal and transparent procedure to set policy and structure on their remuneration and recommend to the Board in order to attract and retain them; to determine their specific remuneration packages including benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation policy; to review and approve their performance-based remuneration by reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time; to ensure no Director and his associate can decide their own remuneration.

One remuneration meeting has been held on 23rd March, 2007 to review the remuneration packages of Directors which are nominal by market standards. The Remuneration Committee also consider and approve (i) the remuneration of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 2008; (ii) salary increase of the management of the Group; and (iii) range of salary increase of employees of the Group. The attendance record of the remuneration committee meeting is set out below:

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Wang Shunlong (<i>Chairman</i>)	1	100%
Dr. Luo Yongtai	1	100%
Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen	1	100%

C. ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

C.1 Financial reporting

Generally, Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing accounts with sufficient and reliable financial information in each financial period, while the auditors appointed by the Group provide auditors' report on financial statements. To present a balanced, clear and comprehensible assessment of the Group's performance, position, and prospects, the Company publishes its results of operations on a quarterly basis, and in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules, the relevant annual and interim and quarterly results are announced in the limits of three months and 45 days respectively after the each financial period.

C.2 Internal controls

The internal control system has a key role in the management of risks that are significant to the fulfillment of corporation business objectives. Internal control is designed to facilitate the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, to help ensure the reliability of internal and external reporting, to assist compliance with laws and regulations, and to manage and control risk appropriately rather than to eliminate it.

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Directors are responsible for the Group's internal control system, and through the Company's Audit Committee, conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system annually. Management is accountable to the Board for ongoing monitoring the system of internal control. By covering financial, operational, and compliance controls and risk management, the Board takes the following procedures to achieve business objectives: A distinct organizational structure exists with defined lines of authority and control responsibilities.

- As the Board sets up corporate strategy and delegates daily operation power to senior management, both senior managers in administration headquarter and heads in divisions or projects are involved in the strategic plan and resource allocation to achieve their annual operational and financial targets.
- A comprehensive performance assessment system is implemented to provide financial and operational performance evaluation for both the management and employees once a year. When there are variances against targets or quality requirements, to find the reasons and take appropriate actions to eliminate gaps.

According to business nature and management structure, the Company has established different departments in two levels. The administration headquarter has major responsibilities to prepare and accomplish the Group's business development plan, to conduct day-to-day operation and report to senior management directly, to appoint and direct administrative officers in gas project divisions then to assess their business performances, to implement internal control and avoid operational and financial risks. Compared with headquarter offices, the gas project divisions hold very similar duties except that all their daily jobs are done in a lower level and they have to report to the accordance administration departments respectively on different operational matters.

In order to realize effective financial controls, through maintenance of proper accounting records, the upper and lower financial departments both ensure the Group is not unnecessarily exposed to avoidable financial risks and the financial information can be used only within the business and for publication is reliable. They also contribute to pre-setting annual financial budgets, saving expenses and safeguarding of assets, including the prevention and detection of fraud.

The operational control is the other important part of the whole internal control system. To achieve effective result and avoid operational risks, human resource department employs motivation plan to attract employees with necessary knowledge, skills and information, while administrative and engineering departments in two levels pay more attention to ensure efficient operational management and construct high quality city gas projects. In addition, all employees have some responsibility for internal control as part of their accountability for achieving Group's objectives. With delegated authority, they are allowed to establish, operate and monitor the system of internal control, and are required to have an understanding of the Group, its objectives, the energy industries and gas markets, and the risks it faces.

In 2007, after applied in reviews of the effectiveness of internal control system through the Company's Audit Committee, the Board believes no suspected frauds and irregularities, internal control deficiencies or suspected infringement of laws, rules and regulations exist in the Group, which illustrates the system of internal controls is inadequate. The Board is also satisfied that the Group has fully complied with the code provisions on internal controls as set forth in the Code.

C.3 Audit committee

The Company has established the Audit Committee in compliance with Rules 5.28 and 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are: to independently review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control systems, to ensure good communications among Directors and the Company's auditors, to recommend the appointment of external auditors on an annual basis and approval of the audit fees, to assist the Board in oversight of the independence, qualifications, performance and compensation of the independent accountant, to review quarterly, interim and annual results announcements as well as the financial statements prior to their approval by the Board, to provide audit report, advice, accounting policies and comments to all Directors.

The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors who have extensive experience in financial matters, including Mr. Wang Shunlong, Dr. Luo Yongtai and Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen. Mr. Wang Shunlong is the chairman of the Audit Committee. In 2007, the Audit Committee held four meetings to check the effectiveness of the internal control system; to review all draft annual, quarterly and interim financial reports, circulars and announcements; and know about the external auditors' statutory audit plan and the Letters of Representation, and to consider and approve the audit fees. The attendance records of the audit committee meetings are set out below:

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Wang Shunlong (<i>Chairman</i>)	4	100%
Dr. Luo Yongtai	4	100%
Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen	4	100%

C.4 Auditors' remuneration

The remuneration in respect of audit and non-audit services provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, being the Company's auditors during the year 2007 amounted to HK\$1,600,000 and HK\$2,000,000 respectively. Non-audit services provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu include (i) review of the financial information regarding Glory Path Investments Limited and its subsidiaries for each of the three years ended 31st December, 2006 and the four months ended 30th April, 2007 for inclusion in a circular issued by the Company in connection with the proposed acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Glory Path Investments Limited by the Company and (ii) review of the Company's annual preliminary announcement of results as well as the financial statements.

Report of the Directors

The directors present their annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company acts as an investment holding company and provides corporate management services to its subsidiaries. The activities of the Company's subsidiaries and a jointly controlled entity are set out in notes 46 and 24 respectively to the consolidated financial statements.

RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2007 are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 30.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the year, the Group transferred certain leasehold land and buildings to investment properties and carried out revaluation at the date of transfer. The revaluation resulted in a surplus over book values amounting to HK\$1,747,000, which has been credited directly to property revaluation reserve.

Details of these and other movements during the year in investment properties and property, plant and equipment of the Group are set out in notes 18 and 19 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements during the year in the share capital of the Company are set out in note 35 to the consolidated financial statements.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

Under the Companies Law (Revised) Chapter 22 of the Cayman Islands, the share premium of the Company is available for distributions of dividends to shareholders subject to the provisions of its Articles of Association and provided that immediately following the distribution of dividends, the Company is able to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of the directors, as at 31st December, 2007, the Company's reserves available for distribution amounted to HK\$563,154,000 which consisted of share premium of HK\$623,920,000 less accumulated losses of HK\$60,766,000.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the year, the Company repurchased a total of 2,730,000 shares through the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, details of which are set out in note 35 to the consolidated financial statements.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the shares during the year.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Executive Directors

Mr. Wang Wenliang (*Chairman*)

Mr. Hao Yu (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Lu Zhaoheng

Mr. Lui Siu Keung (*Chief Financial Officer*) (appointed on 22nd October, 2007)

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Xu Yongxuan (*Vice Chairman*)

Mr. Wang Lei

Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg

Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Wang Shunlong

Dr. Luo Yongtai

Mr. Hung, Randy King Kuen

Pursuant to Article 86(3) of the Company's Articles of Association, any director appointed by the Company's board of director shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election. Accordingly, Mr. Lui Siu Keung, who was appointed by the Company's board on 22nd October, 2007, will hold office until the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

In accordance with Article 87 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Xu Yongxuan, Mr. Wang Lei and Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting. Except for Mr. Wang Lei and Mr. Nicholas John Ashley Rigg, who have informed the Company they did not intend to offer themselves for re-election as Directors, Mr. Xu Yongxuan, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

DIRECTORS SERVICE CONTRACTS

No director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

The term of office of each non-executive Director is the period up to his retirement by rotation in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

On 2nd May, 2007, the Group and Hezhong Investment Holding Company Limited ("Hezhong"), being a controlling shareholder of the Company and a company of which Mr. Wang Wenliang and Mr. Hao Yu have equity interests, entered into a sale and purchase agreement pursuant to which the Group agreed to acquire the entire share capital and outstanding shareholder's loan of Glory Path Investment Limited, satisfied by issuance of 72,480,000 ordinary shares of the Company at a price of HK\$1.1 each and RMB222,504,384 (equivalent to HK\$227,096,000) payable by cash. The transaction was approved in an extraordinary general meeting held on 9th August, 2007. Details of the acquisition are set out in note 39 to the consolidated financial statements.

Report of the Directors

Save as disclosed above, no contracts of significance to which the Company, its subsidiaries, its ultimate holding company or any subsidiaries of its ultimate holding company was a party and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year under review.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

(a) *Interests of Directors*

As at 31st December, 2007, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the Chief Executive of the Company and their associates in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance (the "SFO")) which were required (i) to be notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by Directors, were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Notes	Nature of Shares and/or underlying Shares	Type of Interests	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Mr. Wang Wenliang	1	954,987,542	Beneficial and interested in corporation	49.13%
Mr. Hao Yu	2	1,009,989,542	Beneficial and interest in corporation	51.96%
Mr. Lu Zhaoheng	3	5,004,000	Beneficial	0.26%
Mr. Xu Yongxuan	3	5,004,000	Beneficial	0.26%
Mr. Lui Siu Keung	4	9,000,000	Beneficial	0.46%

Notes:

1. Among these Shares and/or underlying Shares, 944,985,542 Shares are held by Hezhong. Mr. Wang Wenliang is beneficially interested in 60% of the issued share capital of Hezhong. The remaining 10,002,000 underlying Shares are to be allotted and issued upon exercise the rights attaching to the share options granted at an exercise price of HK\$0.31 per share under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 24th October, 2003.
2. Among these Shares and/or underlying Shares, 944,985,542 Shares are held by Hezhong. Mr. Hao Yu is interested in 40% of the issue share capital of Hezhong. The remaining 8,004,000 and 57,000,000 underlying Shares are to be allotted and issued upon exercise the rights attaching to the share options granted at an exercise price of HK\$0.31 per share and HK\$0.56 per share respectively under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 24th October, 2003.
3. These underlying Shares are to be allotted and issued upon exercise the rights attaching to the share options granted at an exercise price of HK\$0.31 per share under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 24th October, 2003.
4. These underlying Shares entitle the holder thereof to subscribe for Shares at an exercise price of HK\$0.56 per share during the period from 29th March, 2007 to 28th March 2016.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December, 2007, none of the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests and 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 were required (i) to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) are required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) are required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

(b) *Interests of substantial shareholders of the Company*

So far as is known to the Directors, as at 31st December, 2007, the following entities (not being Directors or chief executive of the Company) or had, or were deemed to have, interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or who were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group:

Long positions in the Shares

Name of Shareholder	Type of interests	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of interests
Hezhong	Beneficial	944,985,542	48.61%
Perry Capital (Asia) Limited	Deemed/Beneficial	253,033,475	13.02%
Perry Capital LLC	Deemed/Beneficial	253,033,475	13.02%
Perry Corp.	Deemed/Beneficial	253,033,475	13.02%
Perry Richard Cayne	Deemed/Beneficial	253,033,475	13.02%
Perry Partners International, Inc.	Beneficial	213,953,570	11.01%

Notes:

1. Hezhong is beneficially interested in 944,985,542 Shares, Mr. Wang Wenliang and Mr. Hao Yu are beneficially interested in 60% and 40% of the issued share capital of Hezhong respectively.
2. According to the disclosure of interests pages as shown in the website of the Stock Exchange, Perry Richard Cayne holds as to 100% equity interests of Perry Corp, Perry Corp. holds as to 40% equity interest of Perry capital LLC. Perry Capital LLC holds as to 100% equity interest of Perry Capital (Asia) Limited. Apart from the information ascertained in the disclosure of interests pages as shown in the website of the Stock Exchange, the Company has no further information.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December, 2007, the Directors were not aware of any other person (other than the Directors and the chief executive of the Company) who had, or was deemed to have, interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company (including any interests in options in respect of such capital), which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or, who was directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any member of the Group.

Report of the Directors

SHARE OPTIONS

Particulars of the Company's share option schemes are set out in note 38 to the consolidated financial statements.

The following table discloses movements in the Company's share options during the year.

Directors	Exercise period	Exercise price	Number of share options				Outstanding at 31st December, 2007
			As at 1st January 2007	Granted during the year	Exercised during the year	Transfer of category during the year	
Wang Wenliang	4.7.2006 to 3.7.2016	0.31	10,002,000	—	—	—	10,002,000
Xu Yongxuan	4.7.2006 to 3.7.2016	0.31	5,004,000	—	—	—	5,004,000
Hao Yu	4.7.2006 to 3.7.2016	0.31	8,004,000	—	—	—	8,004,000
	29.3.2008 to 28.3.2016	0.56	—	57,000,000	—	—	57,000,000
Lu Zhaoheng	4.7.2006 to 3.7.2016	0.31	5,004,000	—	—	—	5,004,000
Lui Siu Keung	29.3.2008 to 28.3.2016	0.56	—	—	—	9,000,000	9,000,000
			28,014,000	57,000,000	—	9,000,000	94,014,000
Employees and others	4.7.2006 to 3.7.2016	0.31	32,556,000	—	(5,028,000)	—	27,528,000
	29.3.2008 to 28.3.2016	0.56	—	14,100,000	—	(9,000,000)	5,100,000
			60,570,000	71,100,000	(5,028,000)	—	126,642,000

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year was the Company, its subsidiaries, its ultimate holding company or any subsidiaries of its ultimate holding company a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

For the year ended 31st December, 2007, the aggregate amount of turnover and purchase attributable to the Group's five largest customers and suppliers respectively accounted for less than 30% of the Group's total turnover and purchases.

At no time during the year did a Director, an associate of a Director or a shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) have an interest in any of the Group's five largest suppliers or customers.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws, or the laws of Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has received, from each of the independent non-executive Directors, an annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company considers all of the independent non-executive directors are independent.

EMOLUMENT POLICY

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

The Company has adopted a share option scheme as an incentive to Directors and eligible employees, details of the scheme are set out in note 38 to the consolidated financial statements.

COMPETING INTEREST

During the year under review, none of the directors, the management shareholders or substantial shareholders of the Company or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competed with or might compete with the business of the Group.

AUDITOR

A resolution will be submitted to the annual general meeting to re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Wang Wenliang

Chairman

Zhengzhou, the People's Republic of China

27th March, 2008

Independent Auditor's Report



TO THE MEMBERS OF ZHONGYU GAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 30 to 100 which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31st December, 2007, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independent Auditor's Report

OPINION

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at 31st December, 2007 and of the Group's loss and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

27th March, 2008

Consolidated Income Statement

For year ended 31st December, 2007

	NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000 (re-presented)
Continuing operations			
Turnover	7	294,518	78,159
Cost of sales		(191,832)	(51,649)
Gross profit		102,686	26,510
Other income	9	11,256	8,020
Selling and distribution costs		(7,663)	(2,797)
Administrative expenses		(58,105)	(18,060)
Other expenses		(9,657)	(2,408)
Finance costs	10	(27,548)	(3,529)
Impairment loss recognised on amounts due from customers for contract work		(21,551)	—
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	36	(7,617)	—
(Loss) profit before tax		(18,199)	7,736
Income tax expenses	11	(4,109)	—
(Loss) profit for the year from continuing operations		(22,308)	7,736
Discontinued operations			
Loss for the year from discontinued operations	12	(403)	(638)
(Loss) profit for the year	13	(22,711)	7,098

Consolidated Income Statement

For year ended 31st December, 2007

	NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000 (re-presented)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(26,183)	6,856
Minority interests		3,472	242
		(22,711)	7,098
Dividends	16	—	—
(Loss) earnings per share			
From continuing and discontinued operations:			
Basic		(1.52) cent	0.52 cent
Diluted		N/A	0.51 cent
From continuing operations:			
Basic		(1.49) cent	0.57 cent
Diluted		N/A	0.56 cent

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31st December, 2007

	NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	18	4,074	—
Property, plant and equipment	19	457,175	111,664
Goodwill	20	94,512	732
Other intangible assets	21	213,899	11,641
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	22	40,440	—
Prepaid lease payments	23	44,133	15,321
		854,233	139,358
Current assets			
Inventories	25	34,000	11,066
Trade receivables	26	27,478	2,598
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		29,922	24,710
Prepaid lease payments	23	1,076	457
Amounts due from customers for contract work	27	26,348	32,621
Loan receivables	28	133,190	—
Trust monies placed with a financial institution	29	42,964	—
Amounts due from related companies	30	118	3,854
Pledge bank deposit	31	1,171	—
Bank balances and cash	31	365,545	65,815
		661,812	141,121
Current liabilities			
Deferred income and advance received		31,499	4,339
Derivative financial instruments	32	130,036	—
Trade payables	33	59,398	16,085
Other payables and accrued charges		47,608	7,573
Amounts due to customers for contract work	27	1,348	1,752
Amounts due to related companies	30	1,105	1,038
Bank borrowings	34	201,091	36,483
Tax payables		3,579	—
		475,664	67,270
Net current assets		186,148	73,851
Total assets less current liabilities		1,040,381	213,209

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31st December, 2007

	NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	35	19,440	13,252
Reserves		677,157	170,072
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		696,597	183,324
Minority interests		65,249	8,172
Total equity		761,846	191,496
Non-current liabilities			
Provision for long service payment		—	213
Bank borrowings	34	58,521	21,500
Convertible bonds	36	203,358	—
Deferred taxation	37	16,656	—
		278,535	21,713
		1,040,381	213,209

The consolidated financial statements on pages 30 to 100 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27th March, 2008 and are signed on its behalf by:

DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For year ended 31st December, 2007

	Attributable to equity holders of the parent										
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000 (Note a)	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000 (Note b)	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated (losses) profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2006	13,252	145,901	2,408	3,740	—	7,607	607	(6,284)	167,231	7,922	175,153
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,829	—	6,829	8	6,837
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,856	6,856	242	7,098
Total recognised income for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,829	6,856	13,685	250	13,935
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments	—	—	2,408	—	—	—	—	—	2,408	—	2,408
At 31st December, 2006	13,252	145,901	4,816	3,740	—	7,607	7,436	572	183,324	8,172	191,496
Exchange differences arising on translation to presentation currency	—	—	—	—	—	—	44,866	—	44,866	581	45,447
Revaluation upon change of intended use of properties	—	—	—	—	1,747	—	—	—	1,747	—	1,747
Share of valuation surplus by minority shareholders	—	—	—	—	(182)	—	—	—	(182)	182	—
Deferred taxation liability on revaluation of buildings	—	—	—	—	(437)	—	—	—	(437)	—	(437)
Net income recognised directly in equity	—	—	—	—	1,128	—	44,866	—	45,994	763	46,757
(Loss)/profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(26,183)	(26,183)	3,472	(22,711)
Total recognised income for the year	—	—	—	—	1,128	—	44,866	(26,183)	19,811	4,235	24,046
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments	—	—	9,657	—	—	—	—	—	9,657	—	9,657
Acquisition of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,675	28,675
Issue of shares	6,165	509,898	—	—	—	—	—	—	516,063	—	516,063
Disposal of subsidiaries	—	—	—	(3,740)	—	—	—	3,740	—	—	—
Exercise of share options	50	1,911	(402)	—	—	—	—	—	1,559	—	1,559
Shares repurchased and cancelled	(27)	(2,578)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,605)	—	(2,605)
Transaction costs attributable to issue of shares	—	(31,212)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(31,212)	—	(31,212)
Contributions from minority shareholders upon incorporation of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,167	24,167
At 31st December, 2007	19,440	623,920	14,071	—	1,128	7,607	52,302	(21,871)	696,597	65,249	761,846

Notes:

- The merger reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital of a subsidiary acquired pursuant to the group reorganisation completed on 21st May, 2001 and the nominal value of the share capital of the Company issued in exchange thereof.
- Other reserve represents the discount on acquisition arising from the acquisition of China City Gas Construction Explore Company Limited and China City Gas Construction Holdings Company Limited from the ultimate holding company accounted for by the Group as a deemed contribution which was credited to the other reserve.

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For year ended 31st December, 2007

NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Operating activities		
(Loss) profit before tax	(18,602)	7,098
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,220	3,772
Share-based payment expense	9,657	2,408
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,611	406
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	726	430
Loss on disposal of a subsidiary	839	—
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,067	259
Allowance for doubtful debts	148	211
Impairment loss recognised for amounts due from customers for contract work	21,551	—
Interest income	(8,882)	(126)
Finance costs	27,548	3,529
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	7,617	—
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	56,500	17,987
Decrease (increase) in inventories	463	(2,526)
(Increase) decrease in trade receivables	(19,810)	424
Decrease (increase) in deposits, prepayments and other receivables	71,071	(2,852)
Increase in amounts due from customers for contract work	(4,087)	(17,413)
Decrease in loan to an officer	—	4
Decrease in deferred income and advance received	(8,359)	(2,727)
Increase in trade payables	7,157	6,308
Decrease in other payables and accrued charges	(41,656)	(9,721)
(Decrease) increase in amounts due to customers for contract work	(3,535)	1,175
Cash generated from (used in) operations	57,744	(9,341)
Interest received	4,624	126
Income taxes (paid) refunded	(1,263)	133
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	61,105	(9,082)

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For year ended 31st December, 2007

	NOTES	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(82,138)	(27,503)
Increase in loan receivables		(133,190)	—
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,252	1,808
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	39,40	(174,344)	—
Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents disposed	41	(393)	—
Repayments from related companies		3,736	5,240
Advance to related companies		—	(319)
Increase in pledged bank deposits		(1,171)	—
Addition of prepaid lease payments		(4,201)	—
Development costs paid		(40,065)	—
Interest received		4,258	—
Net cash used in investing activities		(426,256)	(20,774)
Financing activities			
New loans raised		48,075	18,296
Contributions from minority shareholders upon incorporation of subsidiaries		24,167	—
Interest paid		(18,123)	(4,909)
Repayments of borrowings		(86,766)	(12,509)
Advance from related companies		943	403
Repayments to related companies		(876)	—
Proceed from issue of ordinary shares		437,894	—
Shares issue expenses		(31,212)	—
Proceed on issue of convertible bonds		312,000	—
Payment on repurchase of shares		(2,605)	—
Net cash from financing activities		683,497	1,281
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		318,346	(28,575)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January		65,815	92,805
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		24,348	1,585
		408,509	65,815
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December, represented by			
Bank balances and cash		365,545	65,815
Trust monies placed with a financial institution		42,964	—
		408,509	65,815

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 12th February, 2001 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (2001 Revision) of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company were listed on the Growth Enterprise Market ("GEM") of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Its parent and ultimate holding company is Hezhong Investment Holding Company Limited ("Hezhong"), incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the section headed "Corporate Information" of the Group's annual report.

The functional currency of the Company is Renminbi.

The Company acts as an investment holding company and provides corporate management services to its subsidiaries.

The Company's subsidiaries are principally engaged in the development, construction and operation of natural gas and coalbed gas projects in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). In prior years, the Group was also engaged in the development and sales of software and provision of software maintenance services. That operation was discontinued in current year (Note 12).

Certain comparative figures for the year ended 31st December, 2006 have been re-presented in order to be consistent with the presentation of discontinued operations in the consolidated income statement for the year ended 31st December, 2007.

2. PRESENTATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The presentation currency of the consolidated financial statements is Hong Kong dollars. The directors consider this presentation is more appropriate as the Company is listed on the Stock Exchange.

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3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”)

In the current year, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new standard, amendment and interpretations (“new HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), which are effective for the Group’s financial year beginning 1st January, 2007.

HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Capital disclosures
HKFRS 7	Financial instruments: Disclosures
HK(IFRIC) - INT 7	Applying the restatement approach under HKAS 29 financial reporting in hyperinflationary economies
HK(IFRIC) - INT 8	Scope of HKFRS 2
HK(IFRIC) - INT 9	Reassessment of embedded derivatives
HK(IFRIC) - INT 10	Interim financial reporting and impairment

The adoption of the new HKFRSs had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

The Group has applied the disclosure requirements under HKAS 1 (Amendment) and HKFRS 7 retrospectively. Certain information presented in prior year under the requirements of HKAS 32 has been removed and the relevant comparative information based on the requirements of HKAS 1 (Amendment) and HKFRS 7 has been presented for the first time in the current year.

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

HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of financial statements ¹
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing costs ¹
HKFRS 8	Operating segments ¹
HK(IFRIC) - INT 11	HKFRS 2 - Group and treasury share transactions ²
HK(IFRIC) - INT 12	Service concession arrangements ³
HK(IFRIC) - INT 13	Customer loyalty programmes ⁴
HK(IFRIC) - INT 14	HKAS 19 - The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction ³

¹ Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2009.

² Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st March, 2007.

³ Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2008.

⁴ Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st July, 2008.

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these standards or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

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For year ended 31st December, 2007

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the HKICPA. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the Group.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein. Minority interests in the net assets consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the minority in excess of the minority's interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the interests of the Group except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation and is able to make an additional investment to cover the losses.

Business combinations

The acquisition of business is accounted for using the purchase method. The cost of the acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values, at the date of exchange, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under HKFRS 3 "Business Combinations" are recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised as an asset and initially measured at cost, being the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised. If, after reassessment, the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities exceeds the cost of the business combination, the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The interest of minority shareholders in the acquiree is initially measured at the minority's proportion of the net fair value of the assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1st January, 2005

Goodwill arising on an acquisition of net assets and operations of another entity for which the agreement date is before 1st January, 2005 represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the relevant acquiree at the date of acquisition.

For previously capitalised goodwill arising on acquisitions of net assets and operations of another entity after 1st January, 2001, the Group has discontinued amortisation from 1st January, 2005 onwards, and such goodwill is tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the cash generating unit to which the goodwill relates may be impaired. (See the accounting policy below).

Goodwill arising on acquisitions on or after 1st January, 2005

Goodwill arising on an acquisition of a business for which the agreement date is on or after 1st January, 2005 represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the relevant business at the date of acquisition. Such goodwill is carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Capitalised goodwill arising on an acquisition of a business is presented separately in the consolidated balance sheet.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill arising from an acquisition is allocated to each of the relevant cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the acquisition. A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. For goodwill arising on an acquisition in a financial year, the cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment before the end of that financial year. When the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit first, and then to the other assets of the unit pro rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised directly in the consolidated income statement. An impairment loss for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On subsequent disposal of the relevant cash generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill capitalised is included in the determination of the amount of profit or loss on disposal.

Jointly controlled entity

Joint venture arrangement that involve the establishment of a separate entity in which venturers have joint control over the economic activity of the entity are referred to as a jointly controlled entity.

The Group recognises its interests in a jointly controlled entity using proportionate consolidation. The Group's share of each of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the jointly controlled entity are combined with the Group's similar line items, line by line, in the consolidated financial statements.

When a group entity transacts with a jointly controlled entity of the Group, profits or losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the jointly controlled entity.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods sold and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts and sales related taxes.

Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction is recognised when the outcome of a contract can be estimated reliably and the stage of completion at the balance sheet date can be measured reliably. Revenue from gas connection contracts is recognised on the percentage of completion method, measured by reference to the value of work carried out during the year. When the outcome of a gas connection contract cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of contract cost incurred that it is probable to be recoverable.

Software project income is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the project at the balance sheet date. Stage of completion is generally determined by reference to the services performed to date as a proportion of total services to be performed.

Revenue from sales of goods is recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed.

Software maintenance service income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the maintenance service agreements. The unearned portion of the maintenance service income received is stated as deferred income in the consolidated balance sheet.

Management fee income is recognised when related services are rendered.

Interest income from a financial asset including financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or administrative purposes other than construction in progress are stated at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment other than construction in progress over their estimated useful lives and after taking into account their estimated residual value, using the straight-line method.

Construction in progress represents buildings, machinery and pipelines under construction for the Group's own use purposes and is carried at cost less any impairment loss. Cost comprises direct and indirect costs of acquisition or construction. Completed items are transferred from construction in progress to the relevant categories of property, plant and equipment when they are ready for their intended use. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for intended use.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed as evidenced by end of owner-occupation, any difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of that item at the date of transfer is recognised as a revaluation increase in accordance with HKAS 16 "Property, plant and equipment" in property revaluation reserve. On the subsequent sale or retirement of the asset, the relevant revaluation reserve will be transferred directly to retained profits.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the consolidated income statement in the year in which the item is derecognised.

Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation.

On initial recognition, investment properties are measured at cost, including any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at their fair values using the fair value model. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in profit or loss for the period in which they arise.

Construction contracts

Where the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the balance sheet date, as measured by the proportion that contract costs incurred for work performed to date bear to the estimated total contract costs, except where this would not be representative of the stage of completion. Variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments are included to the extent that they have been agreed with the customer.

Where the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of contract costs incurred that it is probable will be recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where contract costs incurred to date plus recognised profits less recognised losses exceed progress billings, the surplus is shown as amounts due from customers for contract work. For contracts where progress billings exceed contract costs incurred to date plus recognised profits less recognised losses, the surplus is shown as amounts due to customers for contract work. Amounts received before the related work is performed are included in the consolidated balance sheet, as a liability, as advance received. Amounts billed for work performed but not yet paid by the customers are included in the consolidated balance sheet under trade receivables.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Leasing

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

The Group as lessor

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Group as lessee

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to enter into an operating lease are recognised as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Leasehold and building

The land and building elements of a lease of land and building are considered separately for the purpose of lease classification, leasehold land which title is not expected to pass to the lessee by the end of the lease term is classified as an operating lease unless the lease payments cannot be allocated reliably between the land and building elements, in which case, the entire lease is classified as a finance lease.

Retirement benefits costs

Payments to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme") and other schemes managed by the PRC government are charged as an expense when employees have rendered services entitling them to the contributions.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Development expenditure

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development expenditure is recognised only if it is anticipated that the development costs incurred on a clearly-defined project will be recovered through future commercial activity. The resultant asset is amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life, and carried at cost less subsequent accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible asset is reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination are identified and recognised separately from goodwill where they satisfy the definition of an intangible asset and their fair values can be measured reliably. The cost of such intangible assets is their fair value at the acquisition date.

Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at costs less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is provided on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are tested for impairment when there is an indication that an asset may be impaired (see the accounting policies in respect of impairment losses for tangible and intangible assets below).

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the consolidated income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and in a jointly controlled entity, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the consolidated balance sheet when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Financial assets

The Group's financial assets are mainly classified into loans and receivables. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace. The accounting policies adopted are set out below.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees on points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. At each balance sheet date subsequent to initial recognition, receivables (including trade receivables, deposits, other receivables, amounts due from customers for contract work, loan receivables, trust monies placed with a financial institution, amounts due from related companies, pledged bank deposit and bank balances) are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any identified impairment losses. (See accounting policy on impairment loss on financial assets below).

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets have been impacted. Objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- the receivables become past due for a long period of time; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

For trade receivables that are assessed not to be impaired individually are subsequently assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the Group's past experience of collecting payments, observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss when there is objective evidence of impairment and is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

The carrying amount is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all loans and receivables with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account (if any). Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss. When a trade receivables is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to profit or loss.

Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. The Group's financial liabilities are generally classified into financial liabilities at FVTPL and other financial liabilities. The accounting policies adopted in respect of financial liabilities and equity instruments are set out below.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Interest expense is recognised on an effective interest basis.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at FVTPL represent financial liabilities held for trading.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is a part of an identified portfolio of financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking or it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

At each balance sheet date subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised directly in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any interest paid on the financial liabilities.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial liabilities and equity (Continued)

Convertible bonds contain liability component and conversion/redemption option derivatives

Convertible bonds issued by the Group that contain liability and conversion/redemption option derivatives components are classified separately into respective items on initial recognition. Conversion option derivatives will be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments is a conversion option derivative. The redemption option derivatives represent the redemption at the option of the bondholders before the maturity date and will be settled by fixed amount of cash upon exercise of such option by the bondholders. At the date of issue, both the liability and conversion/redemption option components are recognised at fair value.

In subsequent periods, the liability component of the convertible bonds is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The conversion/redemption option derivative is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

Transaction costs that relate to the issue of the convertible bonds are allocated to the liability and conversion/redemption option components in proportion to the allocation of the proceeds. Transaction costs relating to the conversion/redemption option derivatives is charged to profit and loss immediately. Transaction costs relating to the liability component are included in the carrying amount of the liability portion and amortised over the period of the convertible bonds using the effective interest method.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities including trade payables, other payables, accrued charges, amounts due to related companies and bank borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

The amount of proceeds resulting from share repurchase are deducted against share capital and share premium accounts directly.

Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded in non-derivative host contracts are treated as separate derivatives when their characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contracts, and the host contracts are not measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets expire or, the financial assets are transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised directly in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

Share options granted to employees after 7th November, 2002 and vested on or after 1st January, 2005

The fair value of services received determined by reference to the fair value of share options granted at the grant date is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase in equity (share option reserve).

At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to ultimately vest. The impact of the revision of the estimates during the vesting period, if any, is recognised in profit or loss with a corresponding adjustment to share options reserve.

At the time when the share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in the share option reserve will be transferred to share premium. When the share options are forfeited after vesting date or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in the share option reserve will be transferred to accumulated profits.

Share options granted to consultants

Share options issued in exchange for goods or services are measured at the fair values of the goods or services received. The fair values of the goods or services received are recognised as expenses immediately, unless the goods or services qualify for recognition as assets. Corresponding adjustment has been made to equity (share options reserve).

Inventories

Inventories, including construction materials, gas appliances, consumables and spare parts, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recorded in the respective functional currency (i.e. the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates) at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the translation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. Hong Kong dollars) at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date, and their income and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates for the year, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during the year, in which case, the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised as a separate component of equity (translation reserve). Such exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the foreign operation is disposed of.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments on identifiable assets acquired arising on an acquisition of a foreign operation before 1st January, 2005 is treated as non-monetary foreign currency items of the acquirer and reported using the historical cost prevailing at the date of acquisition.

Impairment on tangible and intangible assets other than goodwill (see the accounting policy in respect of goodwill above)

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. In addition, intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that they may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, such that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

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5. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet dates, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

Revenue recognition of gas connection contract

Revenue from gas connection contracts is recognised on the percentage of completion method, measured by reference to the proportion of the contract costs incurred for the work performed to date over the estimated total costs. Accordingly, any changes to the estimated total cost may have material impact on the contract revenue recognised in each accounting period over the contract term.

Impairment on amounts due from customers for contract work

At each balance sheet date, management reconsidered the recoverability of its amounts due from customers for contract work based on likelihood of collection from its customers. In determining whether impairment is required, the Group takes into consideration of the construction progress and the progress payments received from its customers. Impairment is recognised for those contracts that may not be honored by the customers and is recognised on the difference between the estimated future cash flows expected to be received discounted using the ordinary effective interest rate and the carrying value. During the year, the Group has recognised impairment loss on amounts due from customers for contract work of HK\$21,551,000. If the customers fail to honor the terms of agreement, additional impairment is required.

Impairment of intangible assets

At the balance sheet date, management reconsidered the recoverability of its intangible assets arising from the acquisition of subsidiaries, in which the carrying amount at 31st December, 2007 was HK\$213,899,000 (2006: HK\$11,641,000). The business of the related subsidiaries continues to progress in a very satisfactory manner. Detailed valuation analysis has been carried out and management is confident that the carrying amount of the asset will be recovered in full. This situation will be closely monitored. Any change in the business environment may lead to the change of expected future cashflows in the future. If the future recoverable amounts falls below the carrying amounts, additional impairment is required.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES

Capital risk management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, which includes the borrowings, net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity holders of the Company, comprising issued capital and retained profits.

The management of the Group review the capital structure on a continuous basis taking into account the cost of capital and the risk associated with the capital. The Group will balance its overall capital structure through new share issues, repurchase of shares and the issue of new debt or the redemption of the existing debt.

The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

Categories of financial instruments

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Financial assets		
Loans and receivables (including cash and cash equivalents)	611,219	127,283
Financial liabilities		
Amortised cost	559,598	82,679
Derivative financial liabilities	130,036	—
	689,634	82,679

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade receivables, deposits, other receivables, loan receivables, trust monies placed with a financial institution, amounts due from customers for contract work, amount due from related companies, pledged bank deposit and bank balances, trade payables, other payables, accrued charges, convertible bonds (including derivative financial instruments) and bank borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

Market risks

Interest rate risk

The Group's fair value interest rate risk relates primarily to certain fixed-rate bank borrowings (see note 34 for details of these borrowings), fixed-rate loan receivables and trust monies placed with a financial institution (see note 28 and 29 for details). The Group has not used any derivative contracts to hedge these exposure to interest rate risk. The directors of the Company consider that the Group's exposure to interest rate risk is not significant as the fixed-rate bank borrowings, fixed-rate loan receivables and trust monies placed with a financial institution are within short maturity period.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risks (Continued)

Interest rate risk (Continued)

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk primarily relates to variable-rate bank balances and bank borrowings (see note 34 for details of these borrowings). The Group has not used any interest rate swaps in order to mitigate its exposure associated with fluctuations relating to interest cash flows. However, the management monitors interest rate exposure and will consider other necessary actions when significant interest rate exposure is anticipated.

The impact on the Group's cash flow is due in part to its sensitivity to interest rates which has been determined based on the exposure to the floating-rate bank loans and variable-rate bank balances at the balance sheet date and the reasonably possible change taking place at the beginning of each year and held constant throughout the year. If interest rates on bank loans and bank balances had been 100 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the potential effect on profit for the year is as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Increase/decrease in profit for the year	1,018	210

Foreign currency risk

The Group collects most of its revenue in RMB and incurs most of the expenditures as well as capital expenditures in RMB. The directors considered that the Group's exposure to foreign currency exchange risk is insignificant as the majority of the Group's transactions are denominated in the functional currency of the respective group entities.

As at balance sheet date, the Group has convertible bonds and certain bank balances denominated in United State Dollars ("USD") and Hong Kong dollars ("HKD") amounting to HK\$203,358,000 (2006: nil), HK\$82,763,000 (2006: nil) and HK\$2,051,000 (2006: HK\$2,928,000) respectively, which is the currency other than the functional currency of the respective group entities.

The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

The directors considered that the sensitivity of the Group's exposure towards the change in foreign exchange rates is minimal as the assets and liabilities of the Group except for convertible bond and bank balance denominated in USD and HKD, denominated in currency other than functional currency of a particular group entity were insignificant as at the balance sheet dates. The sensitivity analysis of convertible bond and bank balances denominated in USD and HKD were as follows.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risks (Continued)

Foreign currency risk (Continued)

The Group is mainly exposed to the HKD and USD.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in RMB against USD and 5% increase and decrease in RMB against HKD. 5% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonable possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only USD and HKD bank balances and convertible bonds, and adjusts their translation at the year end for a 5% change in foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates an increase in profit where RMB strengthen 5% against the relevant currency. For a 5% weakening of RMB against in the USD and HKD, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit or loss, and the balance below would be negative.

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
USD convertible bonds	10,168	—
USD bank balances	4,138	—
HKD bank balances	104	139

Credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in the event of the counterparties failure to perform their obligations as at 31st December, 2007 in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as stated in the consolidated balance sheet. In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade debt at each balance sheet date to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties and customers, except for the loans receivables and trust monies placed with a financial institution. As at the date of this report, all the loans receivables and trust monies placed with a financial institution were subsequently received. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies and the Group has limited exposure to any single financial institution.

The policy of allowances for doubtful debts of the Group is based on the evaluation of collectibility and aging analysis of accounts and on management's estimate. In determining whether impairment is required, the Group takes into consideration the aging status and likelihood of collection. Specific allowance is only made for receivables that are unlikely to be collected and is recognised on the difference between the estimated future cash flows expected to receive discounted using the original effective interest rate and the carrying value. If the financial conditions of customers of the Group were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowance may be required.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The bank balances have maturity less than three months. In addition to issuance of new shares and convertible bonds, the Group also relies on bank borrowings as a significant source of liquidity. The management monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. For non-derivative financial liabilities, the table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

Liquidity and interest risk tables

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	Less than 3 month HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 - 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31.12.2007 HK\$'000
2007						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Trade payables	N/A	48,627	10,771	—	59,398	59,398
Other payables and accrued charges	N/A	36,125	—	—	36,125	36,125
Bank loans						
- fixed rate	8.45%	—	50,987	—	50,987	47,014
- variable rate	9.5%	—	168,714	79,662	248,376	212,598
Amount due to related companies	N/A	1,105	—	—	1,105	1,105
Convertible bond (note 36) (note)	16.18%	—	3,120	346,320	349,440	203,358
		85,857	233,592	425,982	745,431	559,598

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity and interest risk tables (Continued)

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	Less than 3 month HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 - 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31.12.2006 HK\$'000
2006						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Trade payables	N/A	4,912	11,173	—	16,085	16,085
Other payables and accrued charge	N/A	7,573	—	—	7,573	7,573
Bank loans						
- fixed rate	9.6%	—	29,132	—	29,132	26,580
- variable rate	8.75%	—	10,770	23,906	34,676	31,403
Amount due to related companies	N/A	1,038	—	—	1,038	1,038
		13,523	51,075	23,906	88,504	82,679

Note: The amount of undiscounted cash flow represents the nominal value of the convertible bond assumed no early conversion taken place. The carrying amount represents the liability components carried at amortised cost with an effective interest rate of 16.18%.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL DISCLOSURES (Continued)

Fair value

The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis or using prices from observable current market transactions.

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

7. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the net amounts received and receivable for goods sold and services rendered by the Group to outside customers, net of discounts and related taxes. An analysis of the Group's turnover for the year, for both continuing and discontinued operations is as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Sales of piped gas	143,547	17,833
Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction	123,693	39,139
Sales of liquefied petroleum gas	25,415	20,866
Sales of stoves and related equipment	1,863	321
	294,518	78,159
Discontinued operations		
Software project income	1,213	3,156
Software maintenance service income	603	1,460
Sales of computer hardware	136	96
	1,952	4,712
	296,470	82,871

8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

Business segments

For management purpose, the Group is currently organised into three major operating divisions: Sales of piped gas, connection revenue from gas pipeline construction and sales of liquefied petroleum gas. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. On 3rd May, 2007, the Group completed the discontinuation of development and sale of software maintenance services and sales of computer hardware operations.

Segment information about these business is presented below:

Income statement for the year ended 31st December, 2007

	Continuing operations				Discontinued operations				Total Consolidated 2007 HK\$'000	
	Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction 2007 HK\$'000		Sales of liquefied petroleum gas operations 2007 HK\$'000		Other operations 2007 HK\$'000		Development and sale of software services 2007 HK\$'000			Software maintenance computer hardware 2007 HK\$'000
Turnover	143,547	123,693	25,415	1,863	294,518	1,213	603	136	1,952	296,470
Segment results	12,522	35,157	(2,524)	237	45,392	172	192	136	500	45,892
Unallocated corporate income					8,881				1	8,882
Unallocated corporate expenses					(37,307)				(65)	(37,372)
Finance costs					(27,548)				—	(27,548)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments					(7,617)				—	(7,617)
(Loss) profit before tax					(18,199)				436	(17,763)
Income tax expense					(4,109)				—	(4,109)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operation, net of tax					—				(839)	(839)
Loss for the year					(22,308)				(403)	(22,711)

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Business segments (Continued)

Income statement for the year ended 31st December, 2006

	Continuing operations				Discontinued operations			Total Consolidated 2006 HK\$'000		
	Sales of piped gas 2006 HK\$'000	Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction 2006 HK\$'000	Sales of liquefied petroleum gas 2006 HK\$'000	Other operations 2006 HK\$'000	Total 2006 HK\$'000	Development and sale of software 2006 HK\$'000	Software maintenance services 2006 HK\$'000		Sales of computer hardware 2006 HK\$'000	
Turnover	17,833	39,139	20,866	321	78,159	3,156	1,460	96	4,712	82,871
Segment results	463	21,301	(2,995)	7	18,776	(393)	(115)	—	(508)	18,268
Unallocated corporate income					3,600				26	3,626
Unallocated corporate expenses					(11,111)				(156)	(11,267)
Finance costs					(3,529)				—	(3,529)
Profit (loss) before tax					7,736				(638)	7,098
Income tax expense					—				—	—
Profit (loss) for the year					7,736				(638)	7,098

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Business segments (Continued)

Balance sheet as at 31st December, 2007

	Continuing operations				Consolidated HK\$'000
	Sales of piped gas HK\$'000	Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction HK\$'000	Sales of liquefied petroleum gas HK\$'000	Other operations HK\$'000	
ASSETS					
Segment assets	854,724	67,023	11,351	2,860	935,958
Unallocated corporate assets					580,087
Consolidated total assets					1,516,045
LIABILITIES					
Segment liabilities	83,359	27,143	17,643	—	128,145
Unallocated corporate liabilities					626,054
Consolidated total liabilities					754,199

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Business segments (Continued)

Balance sheet as at 31st December, 2006

	Continuing operations				Discontinued operations			
	Sales of piped gas HK\$'000	Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction HK\$'000	Sales of liquefied petroleum gas HK\$'000	Other operations HK\$'000	Total of software HK\$'000	Development and sale of software HK\$'000	Software maintenance services HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
ASSETS								
Segment assets	157,493	41,343	5,817	796	205,449	1,360	613	207,422
Unallocated corporate assets								73,057
Consolidated total assets								280,479
LIABILITIES								
Segment liabilities	2,104	19,382	—	—	21,486	214	852	22,552
Unallocated corporate liabilities								66,431
Consolidated total liabilities								88,983

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Business segments (Continued)

Other information for the year ended 31st December, 2007

	Continuing operations					Discontinued operations	Consolidated 2007 HK\$'000
	Sales of piped gas 2007 HK\$'000	Connection	Sales of	Other operations 2007 HK\$'000	Unallocated 2007 HK\$'000	Development and sales of software 2007 HK\$'000	
		revenue from	liquefied				
		gas pipeline construction	petroleum gas				
Capital additions	310,914	173,307	—	—	159,198	—	643,419
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,067	—	—	—	—	—	1,067
Amortisation of prepaid lease payment	726	—	—	—	—	—	726
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10,392	—	2,806	—	—	22	13,220
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,611	—	—	—	—	—	1,611
Allowance for doubtful debts	148	—	—	—	—	—	148
Impairment loss recognised on amounts due from customers for contract work	—	21,551	—	—	—	—	21,551

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Business segments (Continued)

Other information for the year ended 31st December, 2006

	Continuing operations					Discontinued operations			
	Sales of piped gas 2006 HK\$'000	Connection revenue from gas pipeline construction 2006 HK\$'000	Sales of liquefied petroleum gas 2006 HK\$'000	Other operations 2006 HK\$'000	Unallocated 2006 HK\$'000	Total 2006 HK\$'000	Development and sale of software 2006 HK\$'000	Software maintenance services 2006 HK\$'000	Consolidated 2006 HK\$'000
Capital additions	28,268	—	549	—	—	28,817	66	—	28,883
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	259	—	—	—	—	259	—	—	259
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	430	—	—	—	—	430	—	—	430
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,989	—	706	—	3	3,698	74	—	3,772
Amortisation of intangible assets	406	—	—	—	—	406	—	—	406
Allowance for doubtful debts	—	—	—	—	—	—	211	—	211

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8. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

Geographical segments

Sales revenue from Group's continuing operations are derived from the PRC (2007: HK\$294,518,000, 2006: HK\$78,159,000) and revenue from the Group's discontinued operations are derived from Hong Kong (2007: HK\$1,952,000, 2006: HK\$4,712,000).

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets, and additions to property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located.

	Carrying amount of segment assets		Additions to property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets	
	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
The PRC	934,095	205,449	642,346	28,817
Hong Kong	—	1,973	1,073	66
	934,095	207,422	643,419	28,883

9. OTHER INCOME

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000 (re-presented)
Continuing operations		
Bank interest income	4,623	124
Interest income from loan receivables	4,258	—
Sundry income	2,375	4,494
Management fee income (note 45(a))	—	3,402
	11,256	8,020
Discontinued operations		
Bank interest income	1	2
Sundry income	11	24
	12	26

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10. FINANCE COSTS

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Continuing operations		
Interest on		
Bank borrowings:		
- wholly repayable within five years	16,563	4,909
- not wholly repayable within five years	—	—
Effective interest expense on convertible loan notes	15,337	—
Total borrowing costs	31,900	4,909
Less: Amounts capitalised in construction in progress	(4,352)	(1,380)
	27,548	3,529

Borrowing costs capitalised during the year arose on the general borrowing pool and are calculated by applying a capitalisation rate of 8.7% (2006: 8.2%) to expenditure on qualifying assets.

11. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	Continuing operations	
	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax	4,118	—
Deferred tax (note 37):		
Current year	(9)	—
	4,109	—

PRC Enterprise Income Tax is calculated at a tax rate of 33%, which is the prevailing tax rate in the PRC. Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2006: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year. During the year, the Group has disposed of all of its subsidiaries operated in Hong Kong, except for certain investment holding companies.

The statutory tax rates for Hong Kong Profits Tax and the PRC Enterprise Income Tax are 17.5% (2006: 17.5%) and 33% (2006: 33%), respectively.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the consolidated financial statements as the Company and its subsidiaries had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong.

On 16th March, 2007, the People's Republic of China promulgated the Law of the People's Republic of China on Enterprise Income Tax (the "New Law") by Order No. 63 of the President of the People's Republic of China. On 6th December, 2007, the State Council of the PRC issued Implementation Regulations of the New Law. The New Law and Implementation Regulations will change the tax rate from 33% to 25% for certain subsidiaries from 1st January, 2008. The deferred tax balance has been adjusted to reflect the tax rates that are expected to apply to the respective periods when the asset is realised or the liability is settled.

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11. INCOME TAX EXPENSES (Continued)

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, certain PRC subsidiaries of the Group and the jointly controlled entity are exempted from PRC Enterprise Income Tax for two years starting from their first profit-making year, followed by a 50% reduction for the next three years. The tax concession arrangement of the aforesaid PRC subsidiaries will be expired from 2009 to 2011. According to New Law, the tax concession arrangement will not be granted to all new applicants incorporated after 16th March, 2007. As for the existing group entities entitle such tax concession but have not commenced their first profit-making year will be exempted from PRC Enterprise Income Tax for two years, followed by a 50% reduction for the next three years regardless of its reported results commencing from 1st January, 2008 and the charge of PRC Enterprise Income Tax for the year has been provided for after taking these tax incentive into account.

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the (loss) profit per the consolidated income statement as follows:

	Hong Kong		PRC		Total	
	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
(Loss) profit before tax						
Continuing operations	(41,944)	(7,752)	23,745	15,488	(18,199)	7,736
Discontinued operations	(341)	(377)	(62)	(261)	(403)	(638)
	(42,285)	(8,129)	23,683	15,227	(18,602)	7,098
Taxation at the statutory income tax rate	(7,400)	(1,423)	7,815	5,025	415	3,602
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	7,454	1,550	—	—	7,454	1,550
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	(497)	(628)	—	—	(497)	(628)
Tax effect of estimated tax losses not recognised	533	501	8,039	87	8,572	588
Utilisation of estimated tax losses previously not recognised	(90)	—	—	(1,387)	(90)	(1,387)
Effect of tax exemptions granted to PRC subsidiaries and a jointly controlled entity	—	—	(7,654)	(3,725)	(7,654)	(3,725)
Income tax on concessionary rate	—	—	(4,091)	—	(4,091)	—
Tax charge for the year	—	—	4,109	—	4,109	—

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12. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On 30th April, 2007, the Group entered into a sale agreement to dispose of a subsidiary, Cyber Dynamic Enterprise Limited ("Cyber Dynamic") and its subsidiaries which carried out all of the Group's operations related to sales of software and software maintenance services. The disposal was effected in order to streamline the principal businesses of the Group to focus mainly on the coalbed methane and natural gas businesses. The disposal resulted a net loss of HK\$839,000 and was completed on 10th May, 2007, on which date control of Cyber Dynamic was passed to the acquirer.

The loss for the year from the discontinued operation is analysed as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) of software operation for the year	436	(638)
Loss on disposal of software operation (see note 41)	(839)	—
	(403)	(638)

The results of the software operations for the period from 1st January, 2007 to 10th May, 2007, which have been included in the consolidated income statement, were as follows:

	Period ended 10.5.2007 HK\$'000	Year ended 31.12.2006 HK\$'000
Revenue	1,952	4,712
Cost of sales	(462)	(1,720)
Other income	12	26
Distribution costs	(349)	(905)
Administrative expenses	(593)	(2,381)
Other expenses	(124)	(370)
Profit (loss) before tax	436	(638)
Income tax expense	—	—
Profit (loss) for the period/year	436	(638)

During the year, Cyber Dynamic contributed HK\$795,000 (2006: HK\$68,000) to the Group's net operating cash flows, paid HK\$393,000 (2006: HK\$89,000) in respect of investing activities.

The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of Cyber Dynamic at the date of disposal are disclosed in note 41.

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13. (LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	Continuing operations		Discontinued operations		Consolidated	
	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
(Loss) profit for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):						
Auditor's remuneration	1,600	950	—	—	1,600	950
Amortisation of other intangible assets (included in cost of sales)	1,611	406	—	—	1,611	406
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	726	430	—	—	726	430
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,198	3,695	22	77	13,220	3,772
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,067	259	—	—	1,067	259
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries	—	—	839	—	839	—
Allowance for doubtful debts	148	211	—	—	148	211
Employee benefits expenses, other than directors (including contributions to retirement benefits schemes of HK\$4,284,000 (2006: HK\$497,000))	27,932	7,563	1,150	2,657	29,082	10,220
Employee share option benefits other than directors	1,915	1,294	—	—	1,915	1,294
Operating lease rentals in respect of rented premises	1,171	1,569	157	505	1,328	2,074
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	138,232	53,369	—	—	138,232	41,442

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14. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The emoluments paid or payable to each of the 10 (2006: 9) directors were as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Fees	2,640	2,820
Other emoluments:		
– Salaries and other benefits	320	—
– Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	4	—
– Employee share option benefits	7,742	1,114
Total emoluments	10,706	3,934

The emoluments of directors are analysed as follows:

	2007					2006		
	Employee share option benefits HK\$'000	Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Fees HK\$'000	Contributions to retirement benefits scheme HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Employee share option benefits HK\$'000	Fees HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Wang Wenliang	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	398	1,300	1,698
Hao Yu	7,742	—	720	—	8,462	318	780	1,098
Lu Zhaoheng	—	—	120	—	120	199	120	319
Lui Siu Keung	—	320	—	4	324	—	—	—
Xu Yongxuan	—	—	240	—	240	199	240	439
Wang Lei	—	—	80	—	80	—	—	—
Nicholas John Ashley Rigg	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	100
Wang Shunlong	—	—	100	—	100	—	100	100
Luo Yongtai	—	—	100	—	100	—	100	100
Hung, Randy King Kuen	—	—	80	—	80	—	80	80
	7,742	320	2,640	4	10,706	1,114	2,820	3,934

No emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors as a discretionary bonus or an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as a compensation for loss of office for the year.

No directors waived any emoluments during the year.

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15. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, three (2006: two) were directors of the Company whose emoluments are included in the disclosures in note 14 above. The emoluments of the remaining two (2006: three) individuals were as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	672	1,343
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	17	36
	689	1,379

Their emoluments were within the following bands:

	Number of individuals	
	2007	2006
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	2	3

16. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed during 2007, nor has any dividend been proposed since the balance sheet date (2006: nil).

17. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
For continuing and discontinued operations		
(Loss) earnings		
(Loss) earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share	(26,183)	6,856

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17. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

	2007 '000	2006 '000
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,727,476	1,325,186
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Share options (notes a and b)	N/A	17,737
Convertible bonds (note c)	N/A	—
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	N/A	1,342,923

From continuing operations

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
(Loss) earnings		
(Loss) earnings for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company	(26,183)	6,856
Add: Loss for the year from discontinued operations	403	638
(Loss) profit for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	(25,780)	7,494

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for both basic and diluted earnings per share.

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17. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

From discontinued operations

Basic loss per share for discontinued operations for the year ended 31st December, 2007 is HK0.02 cent (2006: HK0.05 cent), and diluted loss per share for the discontinued operation is nil (2006: HK\$0.05 cent) based on the calculation of the loss for the year from discontinued operations of HK\$403,000 (2006: HK\$638,000) and the same denominators detailed above for the basic and diluted earnings per share.

Notes:

- (a) The computation of diluted loss per share for the year ended 31st December, 2007 does not assume the exercise of the Company's outstanding share options since their exercise would result in a decrease in loss per share from continuing operations.
- (b) Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of the computation of diluted earnings per share for the year ended 31st December, 2006 has been accounted for the effect of the options with a dilutive effect.
- (c) The computation of diluted earnings per share for the year ended 31st December, 2007 did not assume the conversion of the Company's outstanding convertible bonds, since their conversion would decrease the loss per share, after taking into account of the effect of interest and change in fair value of conversion/redemption option derivatives components of the convertible bonds.

18. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2006 and 31st December, 2006	—
Transferred from property, plant and equipment (note 19)	4,074
At 31st December, 2007	4,074

Note: Buildings and prepaid lease payments having an aggregate carrying value of HK\$2,327,000 were revalued on 31st December, 2007 by 河南九鼎資產評估有限公司. The resulting surplus of HK\$1,747,000 was credited to properties revaluation reserve. The buildings and prepaid lease payments were transfer from property, plant and equipment to investment properties on the same date.

河南九鼎資產評估有限公司 has appropriate qualifications and recent experiences in the valuation of similar properties in the relevant locations. The valuation, which conforms to the valuation standards on properties in the PRC, was arrived at by reference to comparable market transactions and rental yield for similar properties.

All of the Group's property interests held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purposes are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

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19. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings	Construction in progress	Leasehold improvements	Pipelines	Machinery and equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Motor vehicles	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
COST								
At 1st January, 2006	8,870	34,643	2,868	26,811	12,506	831	3,266	89,795
Exchange adjustments	450	1,180	62	2,001	477	2	258	4,430
Additions	8	24,796	410	—	2,148	29	1,492	28,883
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(2,183)	—	(94)	(2,277)
Transfer	3,674	(40,838)	—	35,674	1,490	—	—	—
At 31st December, 2006	13,002	19,781	3,340	64,486	14,438	862	4,922	120,831
Acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries	16,517	134,190	296	86,462	17,363	1,086	4,210	260,124
Exchange adjustments	1,529	6,344	132	7,793	1,556	42	676	18,072
Additions	31,539	29,364	1,887	1,207	10,529	874	11,090	86,490
Disposals	(938)	—	(402)	(695)	(528)	—	(231)	(2,794)
Transfer	10,120	(164,944)	—	153,709	1,115	—	—	—
Disposal of subsidiaries	—	—	(296)	—	(1,582)	(374)	—	(2,252)
Transfer to investment properties	(2,545)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,545)
At 31st December, 2007	69,224	24,735	4,957	312,962	42,891	2,490	20,667	477,926
DEPRECIATION								
At 1st January, 2006	323	—	495	807	2,587	502	686	5,400
Exchange adjustments	3	—	18	62	67	1	54	205
Provided for the year	352	—	358	1,149	977	33	903	3,772
Eliminated on disposals	—	—	—	—	(131)	—	(79)	(210)
At 31st December, 2006	678	—	871	2,018	3,500	536	1,564	9,167
Exchange adjustments	110	—	41	574	245	11	241	1,222
Provided for the year	1,458	—	328	6,525	1,903	200	2,806	13,220
Eliminated on disposals	(61)	—	(50)	(21)	(215)	—	(128)	(475)
Eliminated on disposals of subsidiaries	—	—	(296)	—	(1,503)	(366)	—	(2,165)
Eliminated on transfer to investment properties	(218)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(218)
At 31st December, 2007	1,967	—	894	9,096	3,930	381	4,483	20,751
CARRYING VALUES								
At 31st December, 2007	67,257	24,735	4,063	303,866	38,961	2,109	16,184	457,175
At 31st December, 2006	12,324	19,781	2,469	62,468	10,938	326	3,358	111,664

The buildings of the Group are situated outside Hong Kong with medium-term lease.

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19. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The above items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Buildings	Over the shorter of 30 years or the remaining terms of leases
Leasehold improvements	Over the remaining term of leases
Pipelines	Over the shorter of 30 years or operation period of the relevant company
Machinery and equipment	6% - 30%
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Motor vehicles	10% - 18%

At 31st December, 2007, the Group is in process of obtaining title deeds from relevant government authority for its buildings in the PRC amounting to HK\$22,993,000 (2006: nil). In the opinion of the directors, the Group is not required to incur additional cost in obtaining the title deeds for its buildings in the PRC.

The Group has pledged certain buildings in the PRC having a net book value of approximately HK\$25,873,000 (2006: nil) to secure certain bank borrowings granted to the Group.

20. GOODWILL

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Cost and carrying amount		
At 1st January	732	732
Arising on acquisition of subsidiaries	93,780	—
At 31st December	94,512	732

The Group tests goodwill annually or more frequently if there are indications that goodwill might be impaired.

As explained in note 7, the Group presents business segments as its primary segment for reporting segment information. For the purposes of impairment testing, the carrying amount of goodwill has been allocated to an individual cash-generating unit, including a subsidiary engaged in sales of piped gas ("Unit A") amounted to HK\$46,311,000 and connection of pipeline constructions ("Unit B") amounted to HK\$48,201,000.

During the year ended 31st December, 2007, management of the Group determines that there is no impairment of Unit A and Unit B.

The basis of the recoverable amount of Unit A and Unit B and its major underlying assumptions are summarised below:

The recoverable amount of Unit A and Unit B has been determined based on a value in use calculation. For impairment assessment purpose, cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a 15-year period, at a discount rate of 11.3% was used. The cash flows of Unit A and Unit B beyond the 5-year period of the financial budgets are extrapolated using a steady 2% growth rate. This growth rate is based on the relevant industry growth forecasts and does not exceed the average long-term growth rate for the relevant industry. Another key assumption for the value in use calculation is the budgeted gross margin, which is determined based on the unit's past performance and management's expectations for the market development. Management believes that any reasonably possible change in any of these assumptions would not cause the aggregate carrying amount of Unit A and Unit B to exceed the aggregate recoverable amount of Unit A and Unit B.

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21. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Development costs HK\$'000	Deferred development costs HK\$'000	Exclusive rights of operation HK\$'000	Other operating rights HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
COST					
At 1st January, 2006	—	1,969	12,004	—	13,973
Exchange adjustments	—	—	480	—	480
Written off	—	(1,969)	—	—	(1,969)
At 31st December, 2006	—	—	12,484	—	12,484
Exchange adjustments	—	—	925	—	925
Written off	—	—	—	—	—
Additions	40,065	—	—	—	40,065
Acquired on acquisition of subsidiaries (notes 39 and 40)	—	—	70,414	92,546	162,960
At 31st December, 2007	40,065	—	83,823	92,546	216,434
AMORTISATION					
At 1st January, 2006	—	1,969	410	—	2,379
Exchange adjustments	—	—	27	—	27
Charge for the year	—	—	406	—	406
Eliminated on written off	—	(1,969)	—	—	(1,969)
At 31st December, 2006	—	—	843	—	843
Exchange adjustments	—	—	81	—	81
Charge for the year	—	—	1,611	—	1,611
At 31st December, 2007	—	—	2,535	—	2,535
CARRYING VALUES					
At 31st December, 2007	40,065	—	81,288	92,546	213,899
At 31st December, 2006	—	—	11,641	—	11,641

Note: Development costs represent costs incurred for extraction of coalbed methane gas in the PRC. Amortisation shall begin when the relevant gas wells are available for mass extraction and will be based on the expected length of extraction on a straight-line basis.

The exclusive rights of operation represent sales and distribution of natural gas in Linyi City and is amortised on a straight-line method over the period of 30 years.

Other operating rights represent the licences possessed by Jiyuan Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd ("JYCG"), Luohe Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd ("LYCG"), and Sanmenxia Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd. ("SYCG") (collectively named as "Acquired Companies") to operate eight natural gas refill stations in Jiyuan City, Luohe City and Sanmenxia City and is amortised on a straight line method over a period of 30 years. Details are set out in note 40.

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22. DEPOSITS PAID FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The amount represents deposits paid to the Finance Bureau of Jiaozuo City ("Seller") for the purpose of acquiring certain natural gas pipeline network including the exclusive right of distribution of natural gas in the area of Jiaozuo City. In 2006, the Group and the Seller have jointly appointed an independent valuer for appraising the fair value of the said pipeline network. On 19th June, 2007, the Group has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Seller that the formal sales and purchase agreement in relation to the natural gas pipeline network will be entered on or before 30th June, 2008. As at the date of this report, the terms of the acquisition are still under negotiation including the purchase consideration and the category of assets to be acquired.

23. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

All the Group's prepaid lease payments comprise property interests in leasehold land in the PRC with medium-term lease and amortised over the terms of relevant leases ranging from 30 to 50 years.

At 31st December, 2007, the Group is in process of obtaining land use right certificate from relevant government authority for its land in the PRC amounting to HK\$8,893,000 (2006: nil). In the opinion of the directors, the Group is not required to incur additional cost in obtaining the land use right certificate for its land in the PRC.

The Group has pledged certain leasehold land in the PRC having a net book value of approximately HK\$24,210,000 (2006: nil) to secure certain bank borrowings granted to the Group.

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24. INVESTMENT IN A JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITY

As at 31st December, 2007, the Group had interest in the following jointly controlled entity:

Name of entity	Form of business structure	Country of registration/principal place of operations	Registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of registered capital held by the Group	Proportion of voting power held	Principal activities
Linyi Zhong Yu City Gas Construction Development construction Company Limited ("Linyi Zhong Yu JV")	Sino-foreign joint venture	PRC	RMB42,000,000	51%	57% (Note)	Trading of natural gas and pipeline construction

The summarised financial information in respect of the Group's jointly controlled entity which are accounted for using proportionate consolidation with the line-by-line reporting format is set out below:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Current assets	22,992	7,232
Non-current assets	53,852	48,045
Current liabilities	39,509	29,432
Income	31,325	21,575
Expenses	23,364	16,475

Note: The Group holds 51% of the registered capital of Linyi Zhong Yu JV and controls 57% of the voting power in directors' meetings, with the remaining held by The Department of City Natural Gas Engineering of Linyi City ("CNGE"). Pursuant to the shareholders' agreement, the board of directors of Linyi Zhong Yu JV comprised 7 directors, of which 4 of them were nominated by the Group. For all the decisions approved in the directors' meetings, approval from a minimum of 5 directors must be obtained. Therefore, Linyi Zhong Yu JV is classified as a jointly controlled entity of the Group.

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25. INVENTORIES

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Construction materials	28,286	8,045
Finished goods	5,714	3,021
	34,000	11,066

26. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables net of allowance for doubtful debts at the balance sheet date:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	25,301	1,111
31 - 90 days	1,526	211
91 - 180 days	175	517
Over 180 days	476	759
	27,478	2,598

The trade receivables of HK\$25,301,000 (2006: HK\$1,111,000) were neither past due nor impaired. These customers were local reputable real estate developers in certain cities of the PRC and no counterparty default was noted in the past.

As at 31st December, 2007, trade receivables of HK\$2,177,000 (2006: HK\$1,487,000) were past due but not provided for as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the amounts are still considered recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. The average age of these trade receivables is 60 days and 180 days as at 31st December, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Ageing of trade receivables which are past but not impaired

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
31 - 90 days	1,526	211
91 - 180 days	175	517
Over 180 days	476	759
	2,177	1,487

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26. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Movement in the allowance for doubtful debts

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Balance at beginning of year	1,164	953
Increase in allowance recognised in consolidated income statement	148	211
Balance at the end of year	1,312	1,164

Included in the allowance for doubtful debts are individually impaired trade receivables, which were in the severe financial difficulties. The Group has provided fully for these receivables and considered that they are generally not receivable.

In determining the recoverability of a trade receivable, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivable from the date credit was initially granted up to the report date. The trade receivables past due but not provided for were either subsequently settled as at the date of this report or no historical default of payments by the respective customers. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated. Accordingly, the directors believe that there is no further credit provision required in excess of the allowance for doubtful debts.

27. AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) CUSTOMERS FOR CONTRACT WORK

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Contracts in progress at the balance sheet date:		
Contract costs incurred plus recognised profits (including impairment loss)	148,740	45,489
Less: Progress billings	(102,189)	(14,620)
Less: Impairment losses recognised (Note)	(21,551)	–
	25,000	30,869
Analysed for reporting purposes as:		
Amounts due from customers for contract work	26,348	32,621
Amounts due to customers for contract work	(1,348)	(1,752)
	25,000	30,869

At 31st December, 2007, advances received from customers for contract work amounted to HK\$23,952,000 (2006: HK\$2,413,000) which was included in deferred income and advance received.

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27. AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) CUSTOMERS FOR CONTRACT WORK (Continued)

Note: During the year, the directors of the Company reviewed the recoverable amounts of the amounts due from customers for contract work and identified certain projects have slow construction progress. In the opinion of the directors, the amounts are unlikely to be recovered from its customers and accordingly, impairment losses are recognised in full.

28. LOAN RECEIVABLES

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Fixed-rate loan receivables	133,190	—

All the loan receivables are denominated in RMB and have contractual maturity dates of one year. The effective interest rates (which is equal to contractual interest rate) are ranged from 4.2% to 7.29% per annum as at 31st December, 2007.

All the loan receivables are entrusted by the Guangdong Development Bank (a financial institution in the PRC) to certain independent third parties.

29. TRUST MONIES PLACED WITH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

The amount represents trust monies placed with a company incorporated in the PRC that is engaged in the business of assets management. The amount is denominated in RMB and have contractual maturity date of 38 days. The effective interest rate is 5.2% per annum as at 31st December, 2007.

30. AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) RELATED COMPANIES

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Amounts due from related companies:		
Amount due from ultimate holding company	—	3,500
Amount due from a fellow subsidiary	—	35
Amount due from jointly controlled entity	118	319
	118	3,854
Amounts due to related companies:		
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary	—	876
Amount due to jointly controlled entity	1,105	162
	1,105	1,038

The amounts are unsecured and interest-free. The amounts due from/to related companies are non-trade in nature and are repayable within one year/repayable on demand, respectively.

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31. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS/BANK BALANCES AND CASH

The bank balances carry interest at market rates which ranged from 0.72% to 2.75% per annum. At 31st December, 2007, the bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$281,753,000 (2006: HK\$62,518,000) were denominated in Renminbi which are not freely convertible into other currencies.

As at 31st December, 2007, the bank balances and cash consisted of approximately HK\$82,763,000 and HK\$2,051,000 denominated in USD and HKD respectively.

Pursuant to a letter of undertaking, the Group is required to maintain deposits of RMB1,090,000 (approximately HK\$1,171,000) with a bank as a condition precedent to the supply of natural gas from its suppliers. The pledged bank deposits carry interest at average market rates 3.33% per annum.

32. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Derivative financial liabilities	130,036	—

The derivative financial liabilities comprise of three embedded options as follows.

Embedded conversion option represents the bondholders' option to convert the convertible bond issued on 25th June, 2007 (as detailed in note 36) into equity of the Company, but the conversion will be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed number of the Company's own equity.

Early redemption option and mandatory redemption option represent the Company's option to early redeem and the redemption at the option of certain bondholders prior to the maturity date on 25th June, 2012 ("Maturity Date"), in respect of convertible bond issued on 25th June, 2007.

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32. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

The fair value of the embedded conversion option is calculated using the Monte Carol Simulation Model. The inputs into the model were as follows:

Conversion price	HK\$1.456
Expected volatility (note a)	46.14%
Expected life (note b)	3 years
Risk free rate (note c)	4.39% per annum

Notes:

- (a) Expected volatility for embedded conversion option was determined by calculating the historical volatility of the Company's share price over 250 trading days.
- (b) Expected life was the expected remaining life of the embedded conversion option.
- (c) The risk free rate is determined by reference to the Hong Kong Exchange Fund Note.

The fair value of the early redemption option and mandatory redemption option is determined by application of Trinomial method, using effective yield at 5.42% per annum and time to maturity equal to the expected remaining life of the option.

During the year, HK\$7,617,000 (2006: nil) was recognised as a change in fair value of derivative financial instruments.

33. TRADE PAYABLES

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables at the balance sheet date:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	15,109	7,723
31 - 90 days	26,709	3,450
91 - 180 days	6,807	1,379
Over 180 days	10,773	3,533
	59,398	16,085

The average credit period on purchase of goods is 90 days. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables within the credit timeframe.

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34. BANK BORROWINGS

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Bank loans		
Secured	144,361	—
Unsecured	115,251	57,983
	259,612	57,983
Carrying amount repayable:		
On demand or within one year	201,091	36,483
More than one year, but not exceeding two years	15,127	15,500
More than two years but not exceeding five years	43,394	6,000
	259,612	57,983
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	(201,091)	(36,483)
	58,521	21,500

The exposure of the Group's fixed-rate borrowings are as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Fixed-rate borrowings:		
Within one year	47,014	26,580

The ranges of effective interest rates (which are also equal to contracted interest rates) on the Group's borrowings are as follows:

	2007	2006
Effective interest rate:		
Fixed-rate borrowings	6.1% - 10.8%	8% - 11.2%
Variable-rate borrowings	6.3% - 12.7%	8% - 9.5%

As at 31st December, 2007, certain bank loans were secured by the Group's prepaid lease payment and buildings with the carrying amounts of HK\$24,210,000 (2006: nil) and HK\$25,873,000 (2006: nil) respectively.

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35. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares		Amount	
	2007 '000	2006 '000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each				
Authorised	10,000,000	10,000,000	100,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid				
At beginning of year	1,325,186	1,325,186	13,252	13,252
Issue of new shares (note a)	265,000	—	2,650	—
Issue of new shares (note b)	279,000	—	2,790	—
Issue of shares for acquisition of subsidiaries (note c)	72,480	—	725	—
Exercise of share options (note 38)	5,028	—	50	—
Share repurchased and cancelled (note d)	(2,730)	—	(27)	—
At end of year	1,943,964	1,325,186	19,440	13,252

Notes:

- Pursuant to a placing and subscription agreement dated 1st March, 2007, the substantial shareholder of the Company, Hezhong, agreed to place, through a placing agent, 265,000,000 shares beneficially owned by Hezhong to not less than six placees at a price of HK\$0.42 per share. On the same date, the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Hezhong has agreed to subscribe for 265,000,000 new Shares at a price of HK\$0.42 per share. The placement was completed on 8th March, 2007 and the total proceeds raised as a result of the placement were HK\$111,300,000.
- Pursuant to a placing and subscription agreement dated 25th May, 2007, the substantial shareholder of the Company, Hezhong, agreed to place, through a placing agent, 279,000,000 shares beneficially owned by Hezhong to not less than six placees at a price of HK\$1.165 per share. On the same date, the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and Hezhong has agreed to subscribe for 279,000,000 new shares at a price of HK\$1.165 per share. The placement was completed on 7th June, 2007 and the total proceeds raised as a result of the placement were HK\$325,035,000.
- On 14th August, 2007, the Group allotted and issued 72,480,000 new shares of HK\$0.01 each as a partial consideration to acquire the entire issued share capital and outstanding shareholder's loan of Glory Path Investment Limited ("Glory Path"). Details of the acquisitions are set out in note 39.
- In September 2007, the Company repurchased a total of 2,730,000 shares through the Stock Exchange at a price range from HK\$0.90 to HK\$0.97 at an aggregate consideration of HK\$2,605,000. All shares were cancelled upon repurchase.

All the shares issued during the year ended 31st December, 2007 rank pari passu with the then existing shares in all respects.

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36. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

On 28th May, 2007, the Company entered into a bond subscription agreement with five institutional subscribers of the Group, whereby they subscribed the USD denominated Bonds ("the Bond") issued at par by the Company in an aggregate principal amount of US\$40,000,000. The Bond was issued on 25th June, 2007 ("the Issue Date") and carries interest at 1% per annum and will be matured on the Maturity Date. The conversion price of the Bond is HK\$1.456 and will be subject to adjustment in the event of further issues of shares or other dilution events.

The Bond can be converted at any time after 40 days from the Issue Date up to 5 business day prior to Maturity Date or 7 business days prior to the date of redemption. Unless previously redeemed, converted or purchased and cancelled, the Bonds will be redeemed at 125 per cent of their principal amount on Maturity Date. All or some of the Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the relevant holder on 24 months after the Issue Date at 110 per cent of their principal amount.

The net proceeds received from the issue of convertible bonds contain the following components that are required to be separately accounted for in accordance with HKAS 39 "Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement":

- (a) Liability component of the Bond represents the present value of the contractually determined stream of future cash flows discounted at the rate of interest at that time by the market to instruments of comparable credit status and providing substantially the same cash flows, on the same terms, but without the conversion and redemption option. The effective interest rate of the liability component is 16.18% per annum.
- (b) Embedded derivatives comprise of three embedded options as follows:
 - (i) Embedded conversion option of the Bond to be accounted for as a separate financial liability represents the fair value of the option to convert the liability into equity of the Company but the conversion will be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed number of the Company's own equity.
 - (ii) Mandatory redemption option of the Bond represents redemption at the option of the bond holders.
 - (iii) Embedded early redemption option of the Bond represents the Company's option to early redeem all or part of the Bond.

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36. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

The movement of different components of the convertible bonds during the year is set out below:

	Liability	Embedded derivatives	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2006 and 31st December, 2006	—	—	—
Issued during the year, net of issued cost	189,581	122,419	312,000
Interest charged (note 10)	15,337	—	15,337
Interest paid	(1,560)	—	(1,560)
Loss arising on change in fair value	—	7,617	7,617
At 31st December, 2007	203,358	130,036	333,394

37. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following is the deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior years.

	Revaluation of properties	Other intangible assets	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2006 and 31st December, 2006	—	—	—
Acquisition of subsidiaries (note 39)	—	16,228	16,228
Credit to income statement	—	(9)	(9)
Charge to equity	437	—	437
At 31st December, 2007	437	16,219	16,656

At 31st December, 2007, the Group had unused estimated tax losses of HK\$41,200,000 (2006: HK\$14,308,000) available for offset against future profits. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the unrecognised estimated tax losses due to unpredictability of future profit stream. Included in unrecognised tax losses are losses of HK\$39,319,000 (2006: HK\$1,925,000) that will expire in various dates up to 2017. Other losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

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38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

Equity-settled share option schemes

Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed on 21st May, 2001, the Company adopted a share option scheme ("Old Share Option Scheme") pursuant to which the directors of the Company were authorised to grant share options to full-time employees (including executive directors) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Company.

On 24th October, 2003, the Old Share Option Scheme was terminated and a new share option scheme ("New Share Option Scheme") was adopted. The purpose of the New Share Option Scheme is to enable the Company to grant option to eligible participants in order to reward or provide incentives to its employees or any person who has contributed or will contribute to the Group. The New Share Option Scheme shall continue in force for the period commencing from 30th September, 2003 and expiring at the close of business on the tenth anniversary thereof, after such period no further options will be granted but the provisions of the New Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of any options granted before its expiry or termination but not yet exercised.

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the directors of the Company may offer to any employees or any person who has contributions to the Group including directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries share options to subscribe for shares in the Company in accordance with the terms of the New Share Option Scheme.

The maximum number of shares in respect of which share options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme shall not, when aggregated with any shares subject to any other schemes, exceed such number of shares as represents 10% of the issued shares as at the date of approval of the New Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme Mandate Limit") which shall be equivalent to 81,080,000 shares. On 25th April, 2005, the Scheme Mandate Limit was refreshed to 106,280,000 shares. The Company may seek approval from the shareholders in a general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit. However, the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under all of the schemes of the Company or its subsidiaries under the limit as refreshed must not exceed 10% of the shares in issue as at the date of approval of the Scheme Mandate Limit. Share options previously granted under the New Share Option Scheme (excluding those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with the New Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes and exercised the share options) will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the New Share Option Scheme and any other scheme of the Company must not exceed 30% of the total issued shares from time to time.

The total number of shares issued and to be issued on the exercise of share options granted and to be granted in any 12-month period up to the date of grant of each eligible participant shall not exceed 1% of the total issued shares.

The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and shall not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant, (ii) the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's shares.

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38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Equity-settled share option schemes (Continued)

In July 2003, all the holders of share options under the Old Share Option Scheme accepted the mandatory unconditional cash offer made by Hezhong to cancel all the outstanding share options.

On 13th June, 2005, the Company granted 62,574,000 share options to its directors, employees and certain third parties under the New Share Option Scheme. Options granted must be taken up within 21 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 by each of the grantees. The options may be exercised at any time after twelve months from the date of grant of the share options to the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.

On 29th March, 2007, the Company granted 71,100,000 share options to its directors and employees under the New Share Option Scheme. Options granted must be taken up within 21 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 by each of the grantees. The options may be exercised at any time after twelve months from the date of grant of the share options to the tenth anniversary of the date of grant.

The following table discloses movements of the Company's share options granted under the New Share Option Scheme and movements in such holdings:

Category of grantee	Exercise price per share HK\$	Date of grant	Exercisable period	Number of share options				At 31st December, 2007
				At 1st January, 2006 and 31st December, 2006	Granted during year	Exercised during year	Transfer of category during the year (note b)	
Directors	0.31	13th June, 2005	4th July, 2006 to 3rd July, 2016	28,014,000	—	—	—	28,014,000
	0.56	29th March, 2007	29th March, 2008 to 28th March, 2017	—	57,000,000	—	9,000,000	66,000,000
Employees	0.31	13th June, 2005	4th July, 2006 to 3rd July, 2016	17,532,000	—	(5,028,000)	—	12,504,000
	0.56	29th March, 2007	29th March, 2008 to 28th March, 2017	—	14,100,000	—	(9,000,000)	5,100,000
Others (note a)	0.31	13th June, 2005	4th July, 2006 to 3rd July, 2016	15,024,000	—	—	—	15,024,000
				60,570,000	71,100,000	(5,028,000)	—	126,642,000
Exercisable at the end of the year								60,570,000

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38. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Equity-settled share option schemes (Continued)

Notes:

- a. These are individuals who rendered consultancy services in respect of management of natural gas projects to the Group without receiving any compensation. The Group granted share options to them for recognising their services similar to those rendered by other employees.
- b. During the year ended 31st December, 2007, Mr. Lui Siu Keung was appointed as executive director of the Company, who was the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and was categorised under employees previously.

These fair value was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model (the "Model"). The inputs into the model were as follows:

	2007
Closing share price at the date of grant	HK\$0.56
Exercise price	HK\$0.56
Date of grant	29th March, 2007
Expected volatility	53.86%
Expected life	2 years
Risk-free rate	3.76%

Expected volatility was determined by using the historical volatility of the Company's share price over 260 trading days. The expected life used in the model has been adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioural considerations.

The Company has used the Model to value the share options granted during the year ended 31st December, 2007. The Model is one of the commonly used models to estimate the fair value of an option. The value of an option varies with different variables of certain subjective assumptions. Any change in the variables so adopted may materially affect the estimation of the fair value of an option.

The Group recognised the total expense of HK\$9,657,000 for the year ended 31st December, 2007 (2006: HK\$2,408,000) in relation to share options granted by the Company.

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39. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESSES

On 2nd May, 2007, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Hezhong, pursuant to which the Group agreed to acquire the entire share capital and outstanding shareholder's loan of Glory Path which is principally engaged in development, construction and operation of natural gas in the PRC for total consideration of RMB294,045,000 (approximately HK\$306,824,000). This acquisition has been accounted for using the purchase method.

The net assets acquired in the transaction are as follows:

	Acquiree's carrying amount before combination	Fair value adjustments	Fair value
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net assets acquired:			
Property, plant and equipment	260,124	—	260,124
Prepaid lease payments	23,891	—	23,891
Deposit paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	39,100	—	39,100
Intangible assets - exclusive rights of operation	—	70,414	70,414
Inventories	23,484	—	23,484
Trade receivables	7,425	—	7,425
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	76,892	—	76,892
Amount due from customers for contracts work	11,191	—	11,191
Bank balances and cash	145,586	—	145,586
Trade payables	(36,156)	—	(36,156)
Other payables and accrued charges	(84,310)	—	(84,310)
Deferred income and advance received	(35,519)	—	(35,519)
Amount due to customers for contracts work	(3,131)	—	(3,131)
Tax payable	(724)	—	(724)
Deferred taxation	—	(16,228)	(16,228)
Bank borrowings	(240,320)	—	(240,320)
	187,533	54,186	241,719

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39. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESSES (Continued)

	Acquiree's carrying amount before combination	Fair value adjustments	Fair value
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Minority interests			(28,675)
Goodwill			93,780
Total consideration			306,824
Satisfied by:			
Shares issued (Note)			79,728
Cash			227,096
			306,824
Net cash outflow arising on acquisition:			
Bank balances and cash acquired			145,586
Cash consideration paid			(227,096)
			(81,510)

Note: As part of the consideration for the acquisition of Glory Path, 72,480,000 ordinary shares of the Company with par value of HK\$0.01 each were issued at a price of HK\$1.10 being the closing price on 9th August, 2007, amounted to HK\$79,728,000.

Glory Path contributed HK\$175,226,000 to the turnover and HK\$42,267,000 to the Group's profit before tax for the period between the date of acquisition and 31st December, 2007.

If the acquisition had been completed on 1st January, 2007, total Group's turnover for the year ended 31st December, 2007 would have been HK\$441,280,000, and loss for the year ended 31st December, 2007 would have been HK\$22,440,000. The proforma information is for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily an indication of turnover and profit for the year of the Group that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed on 1st January, 2007, nor is it intended to be projection of future results.

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40. ACQUISITION OF ASSETS THROUGH PURCHASE OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 16th December, 2007, the Group acquired certain assets through purchase of the entire equity interests of the Acquired Companies at a total consideration of RMB90,160,000 (approximately HK\$96,842,000). The subsidiaries have not commenced businesses at the date of acquisition.

The principal assets of the Acquired Companies is certain operating rights for operation of natural gas refill stations in Jiyuan City, Luohe City and Samenxia City. The Group is in substance acquiring assets instead of business.

	JYCG	LYCG	SYCG	Net assets acquired
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other receivables	17	242	29	288
Operating right	31,343	40,591	20,612	92,546
Bank balances and cash	2,131	832	1,045	4,008
Total consideration satisfied by cash	33,491	41,665	21,686	96,842
Net cash outflow arising on acquisition:				
Cash consideration paid				(96,842)
Bank balance and cash acquired				4,008
				(92,834)

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41. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

As referred to in note 12, on 30th April, 2007, the Group discontinued its software operations at time of disposal of its subsidiary, Cyber Dynamic. The net assets of Cyber Dynamic at the date of disposal were as follows:

	HK\$'000
Net assets disposed of:	
Property, plant and equipment	87
Trade receivables	2,207
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors	897
Inventories	87
Bank balances and cash	433
Other payables and accrued charges	(2,619)
Provision for long service payment	(213)
	879
Loss on disposal	839
Total consideration satisfied by cash	40
Net cash outflow arising on disposal:	
Cash consideration	40
Bank balances and cash disposed of	(433)
	(393)

The impact of Cyber Dynamic on Group's results and cash flows in the current and prior periods is disclosed in note 12.

42. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTION

On 31st July, 2007, the Group acquired the entire issued share capital and outstanding shareholder's loan of Glory Path, the purchase consideration of which was partially satisfied by the allotment and issue of the Company's shares. Details of this are set out in note 39.

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43. OPERATING LEASES

The Group as lessee

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

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Within one year	5,093	1,245
In the second to fifth year inclusive	2,706	222
Over five years	170	—
	7,969	1,467

Operating lease payments represent rental payable by the Group in respect of leasehold buildings. Leases for rented premises are negotiated for a period of one to three years with fixed rental.

The Group as lessor

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rented premises which fall due as follows:

	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000
Within one year	150	—
In the second to fifth year inclusive	887	—
After five years	823	—
	1,860	—

Leases are negotiated for an average term of two years.

Certain of the Group's properties with a carrying amount of HK\$4,074,000 (2006: nil) are held for rental purposes. The properties are expected to generate rental yield of 3.4% (2006: nil) on an ongoing basis. All of the properties held have committed tenants for the next five years.

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44. RETIREMENT BENEFITS PLANS

The Group had joined the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme under the rules and regulations of the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority. The Group's employees in Hong Kong are required to join the scheme. The Group and each employee employed in Hong Kong are required to make a contribution of 5% on the employees' monthly relevant income with a maximum monthly contribution of HK\$1,000 per person.

The Company's subsidiaries in the PRC, in compliance with the applicable regulations of the PRC, participated in various central pension schemes operated by the relevant municipal and provincial governments. These subsidiaries are required to make defined contributions to these schemes at rates ranging from 14% to 24% of their covered payroll. The Group has no other material obligation for the payment of its staff's retirement and other post-retirement benefits other than the contributions described above.

45. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) On 15th November, 2004, the Group entered into a service agreement with Hezhong, a substantial shareholder of the Company, pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide Hezhong with the nature gas projects management services, financial management services and human resources management services in return for a service fee which is equal to 120% of the notional time costs incurred by the Group for three years ended 31st December 2006. The service fee paid by Hezhong to the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2006 is HK\$3,402,000. No management fee income was recognised for the year ended 31st December, 2007.
- (b) During the year ended 31st December, 2007, the Group acquired Glory Path from Hezhong satisfied partially by issuance of Company's ordinary shares and partially by cash. Details of this are set out in note 39.
- (c) The directors of the Company considered that they are the only key management personnel of the Group. Their emoluments are set out in note 14.

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46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

At 31st December, 2007

Name of subsidiary	Place/Country of incorporation/ registration	Form of business structure	Paid up issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
				Directly %	Indirectly %	
China City Gas Construction Explore Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
China City Gas Construction Holdings Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
China Gas Construction Expansion Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	1,330,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	99.89	Investment holding
Linyi China Gas City Gas Construction Company Limited	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$20,000,000	—	99.89	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Sanmenxia China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$50,000,000	—	90	Trading of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas and gas pipeline construction
Xinmi City Zhongyu Gas Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$15,000,000	—	97	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Yanshi Zhongyu Gas Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$25,000,000	—	95	Trading of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas and gas pipeline construction
Yongcheng China-Gas Heating Explore Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$30,000,000	—	99	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction

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46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place/Country of incorporation/ registration	Form of business structure	Paid up issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
				Directly %	Indirectly %	
Zhongyu Gas Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Incorporated	1 ordinary share of HK\$1	100	—	Investment holding
Zhongyu Gas Investment Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	1 ordinary share of US\$1	100	—	Investment holding
China City Gas Construction Development Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
China City Gas Construction Investment Co. Ltd.	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
Jiyuan Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$40,280,000	—	92.9	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Luohe Zhongyu Gas Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB50,580,000	—	71.9	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Luohe Zhongyu Gas Project Install Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB3,500,000	—	68.3	Gas Pipeline construction
Jiaozuo China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$80,000,000	—	93.2	Trading of natural gas, coal gas and liquefied petroleum gas and gas pipeline construction
Jiaozuo China-Gas Project Install Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB5,000,000	—	88.54	Gas pipeline construction
Zhongyu (Henan) Energy Holdings Ltd.	PRC	Incorporated	Registered capital RMB400,000,000	100	—	Investment holding
Henan Zhongyu Coalbed Methane Development and Utilization Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB200,000,000	—	75	Exploration, development and production of coalbed methane

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46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place/Country of incorporation/ registration	Form of business structure	Paid up issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
				Directly %	Indirectly %	
Zhongyu Jiaozuo CMB Development and Utilization Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB150,000,000	—	71.25	Exploration, development and production of coalbed methane
Jiyuan Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB2,000,000	—	100	Not yet commenced business
Luohe Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB1,000,000	—	100	Not yet commenced business
Sanmenxia Yulian Compressed Gas Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital RMB1,000,000	—	100	Not yet commenced business

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46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

At 31st December, 2006

Name of subsidiary	Place/Country of incorporation/ registration	Form of business structure	Paid up issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
				Directly	Indirectly	
				%	%	
Cyber Dynamic Enterprise Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	10,311 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100	—	Investment holding
China City Gas Construction Explore Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
China City Gas Construction Holdings Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	100 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	100	Investment holding
China Gas Construction Expansion Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	1,330,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	—	99.89	Investment holding
Linyi China Gas City Gas Construction Company Limited	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$20,000,000	—	99.89	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Manpower Resource Computing (China) Limited	Hong Kong	Incorporated	1,600,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	—	70	Investment holding
Manpower Resource Computing Limited	Hong Kong	Incorporated	1,300,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	—	100	Development and distribution of human resources management software system and provision of maintenance and consultancy services
MRC Human Capital Services Limited	Hong Kong	Incorporated	675,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	—	78	Inactive

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Name of subsidiary	Place/Country of incorporation/ registration	Form of business structure	Paid up issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
				Directly %	Indirectly %	
Sanmenxia China-Gas City Gas Development Co. Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$50,000,000	—	90	Trading of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas and gas pipeline construction
Xinmi City Zhongyu Gas Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$15,000,000	—	97	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Yanshi Zhongyu Gas Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$25,000,000	—	95	Trading of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas and gas pipeline construction
Yongcheng China-Gas Heating Explore Co., Ltd.	PRC	Sino-foreign joint venture	Registered capital HK\$30,000,000	—	99	Trading of natural gas and gas pipeline construction
Zhongyu Gas Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Incorporated	1 ordinary share of HK\$1	100	—	Investment holding
Zhongyu Gas Investment Limited	British Virgin Islands	Incorporated	1 ordinary share of US\$1	100	—	Investment holding
晉興電腦軟體發展 (東莞) 有限公司	PRC	Wholly-owned foreign enterprise	Registered capital US\$200,000	—	70	Development and distribution of human resources software system and provision of maintenance and consultancy services

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the year.

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	1.1.2007 to 31.12.2007 HK\$'000	1.1.2006 to 31.12.2006 HK\$'000 (restated)	1.1.2005 to 31.12.2005 HK\$'000	1.7.2003 to 31.12.2004 HK\$'000	1.7.2002 to 30.6.2003 HK\$'000
Results					
Turnover	294,518	78,159	43,161	15,267	8,226
(Loss) profit for the year attributable to the equity holders of the parent	(26,183)	6,856	3,436	915	(5,391)
	31.12.2007 HK\$'000	31.12.2006 HK\$'000	31.12.2005 HK\$'000	31.12.2004 HK\$'000	30.6.2003 HK\$'000
Assets and liabilities					
Total assets	1,516,045	280,479	262,911	68,233	3,593
Total liabilities	(754,199)	(88,983)	(87,758)	(13,856)	(2,920)
	761,846	191,496	175,153	54,377	673
Equity attributable to the equity holders of the parent	696,597	183,324	167,231	53,465	1,537
Minority interests	65,249	8,172	7,922	912	(864)
	761,846	191,496	175,153	54,377	673

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of Zhongyu Gas Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Unit 10, 33rd Floor, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 25th April, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements, the report of the directors and independent auditor's report of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2007;
2. To re-elect retiring directors of the Company (the "Directors") and authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") or the Remuneration Committee of the Company to fix the remuneration of the Directors;
3. To re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the Company's auditors and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration;

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

4. **"THAT**
 - (i) subject to paragraph (iii) of this resolution, pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("GEM Listing Rules"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of nominal value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company ("Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
 - (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
 - (iii) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
 - (a) a Rights Issue (as defined hereinafter);
 - (b) the exercise of warrants to subscribe for Shares or the exercise of options granted under any ordinary share option scheme adopted by the Company; or
 - (c) an issue of Shares in lieu of whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company,shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and this approval shall be limited accordingly; and
 - (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the date of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

 - (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;

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- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company (“Articles”) or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands to be held; and
- (c) the date on which the revocation, variation or renewal of the issue mandate by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means offer of Shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to overseas shareholders or fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong).”

5. “**THAT**

- (i) subject to paragraph (ii) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all powers of the Company to repurchase issued Shares on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“GEM”) or any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited such purpose, subject to and in connection with all applicable laws and/or the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and the same is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and this approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (iii) for the purpose of this resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (c) the date on which the revocation, variation or renewal of the repurchase mandate by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

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6. “**THAT** conditional upon ordinary resolutions numbered 4 and 5 set out above being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors as mentioned in ordinary resolution numbered 5 above shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of share capital that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to ordinary resolution numbered 4 set out above.”

By Order of the Board
Wang Wenliang
Chairman

Zhengzhou, People's Republic of China
31st March, 2008

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Notes:

- (i) A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the above notice is entitled to appoint one or more proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of such member. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (ii) In order to be valid, the proxy form together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting or any adjourned meeting.
- (iii) Where there are joint holders of any share of the Company, any one of such holders may vote at the meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such holders be present at the meeting personally or by proxy, then the one of such holders whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof. Several executors or administrators of a deceased member in whose name any share stands shall for this purpose be deemed joint holders thereof.

