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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of August 2008

Commission File Number: 1-12158

Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Jinshanwei, Shanghai

The People's Republic of China

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SINOPEC SHANGHAI PETROCHEMICAL

COMPANY LIMITED

Date: 2 September 2008

By: /s/ Rong Guangdao
Name: Rong Guangdao
Title: Chairman

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To: Business Editor

[For Immediate Release]

Shanghai Petrochemical Announces 2008 Interim Results

Turnover increases by 22.55%;

But Operating Results Decline due to High Crude Oil Prices

Hong Kong, August 27, 2008 Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (Shanghai Petrochemical or the Company) (HKEx:338; SSE: 600688; NYSE: SHI) announced today the unaudited operating results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the Group) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008 (the Period) prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Under IFRS, turnover of the Group during the Period amounted to RMB32,867.1 million, up RMB6,046.9 million and representing an increase of 22.55% year-on-year. Loss before taxation was RMB433.8 million, while loss after taxation attributable to equity shareholders of the Company amounted to RMB358.1 million. Basic loss per share was RMB0.050 (basic earnings per share for 2007 interim: RMB0.248). The board of directors does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for 2008 (2007 interim: Nil).

Mr. Rong Guangdao, Chairman of Shanghai Petrochemical, said, In the first half of 2008, the domestic petrochemical industry was faced with a serious situation where international oil prices soared to high levels, repeatedly hitting record highs; prices of production materials rose continuously; refined oil products prices and crude oil prices were seriously inverted as a result of the government's stringent control over the prices of refined oil products; and market competition was ever-intensifying. As a result, all domestic oil refining businesses posted losses and the petrochemical industry witnessed an obvious decline in profitability. In light of such grim situation, the Group fully implemented the overall cost leadership strategy as its main course of action. The Group further improved its production operation, adjusted the assets and product mix, enhanced internal management and strove for cost and expense reductions. In the first half of the year, the Group maintained stable operations and production, without encountering any major incidents in production, safety or environmental protection. The performance of major technical and economic indicators was satisfactory with total production output reaching 5.0687 million tons, up 15.43% year-on-year, whereas operating results posted a substantial decrease over the same period last year due to impact of changes in the external operating environment and policy-related factors.

In the first half of 2008, the Group realized net sales of RMB32,294.4 million, up 22.01% over the same period last year, among which net sales derived from petroleum products, intermediate petrochemicals and resins and plastics increased by 43.88%, 44.30% and 5.51% year-on-year respectively, while net sales of synthetic fibres reported an 8.18% dip year-on-year.

As for production operation, the Group processed 5.0665 million tons of crude oil, an increase of 553.8 thousand tons or 12.27% year-on-year. Of the total processed amount, imported oil and offshore oil amounted to 4.8933 million tons and 173.2 thousand tons respectively. The output of gasoline and diesel amounted to 417.3 thousand tons and 1.8897 million tons respectively, up 43.50% and 38.93% year-on-year respectively. Production of jet fuel was 336.9 thousand tons, down 4.15% year-on-year. The output of ethylene and propylene amounted to 480.9 thousand tons and 265.0 thousand tons respectively, representing respective increases of 0.92% and

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6.85% year-on-year. Output of synthetic resins and plastics amounted to 536.1 thousand tons, down 3.99% year-on-year. The output of synthetic fibre monomers and synthetic fibre polymers amounted to 487.9 thousand tons and 304.6 thousand tons respectively, up 13.28% and 0.73% year-on-year respectively. Output of synthetic fibres dropped 9.00% to 147.7 thousand tons. The Group's output-to-sales ratio and receivable recovery ratio remained at satisfactory levels in the first half of the year, standing at 99.03% and 98.47% respectively.

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In the first half of 2008, the Group's weighted average cost of crude oil rose RMB1,521.13/ton or 42.88% on a year-on-year basis to RMB5,068.88/ton. With the average prices of crude oil having soared, the Group's total cost of crude oil processed during the Period shot up 60.50% year-on-year to RMB25,681.50 million. Crude oil costs accounted for 75.05% of the Group's cost of sales.

During the Period, the construction of the Group's structural adjustment projects continued to move forward. The 600,000-ton/year PX aromatics complex and the 150,000-ton/year C5 separation plant, adding flue-gas desulphurization facilities to No.3 and No.4 furnaces of the coal-fired power plant, the flare-gas recovery expansion project and the 220,000-volt transformer station renovation project were proceeding as scheduled.

Looking ahead, Mr. Rong Guangdao said, In the second half of 2008, the average cost of crude oil may continue to climb. Since the significant loss in the Company's oil refining operations arising from the inversion between refined oil product prices and crude oil prices in the country may not be reversed within a short period of time. On one hand, whether the State's financial subsidy policies to ensure the supply of refined oil products will change or continue remains to be seen. On the other hand, in line with the recent sharp drop in international oil prices, prices of downstream petrochemicals witnessed a decline, and the Company has yet to process these already purchased expensive crude oil in transit and in stock. The Group cannot be optimistic about the extremely tough production and operation environment. In light of the above unfavorable conditions, the Group will continue to strengthen management work to ensure smooth, stable and optimized production operations; further implement the overall cost leadership strategy amid the challenges posed by high oil prices; dedicate efforts on corporate development tasks, steadily pushing ahead reforms on the Company's internal systems and mechanisms; and strengthen team building among staff to further improve the Company's operating efficiency.

Shanghai Petrochemical is one of the largest petrochemical companies in the PRC and was one of the first Chinese companies to effect a global securities offering. Located in Jinshan District in the southwest of Shanghai, it is a highly integrated petrochemical complex which processes crude oil into a broad range of products in synthetic fibres, resins and plastics, intermediate petrochemicals and petroleum categories.

This press release contains statements of a forward-looking nature. These statements are made under the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these forward-looking statements by terminology such as will, expects, anticipates, future, intends, plans, believes, estimates and similar statements. The accuracy of these statements may be impacted by a number of business risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated, including risks related to: the risk that the PRC economy may not grow at the same rate in future periods as it has in the last several years, or at all, including as a result of the PRC government's macro-economic control measures to curb over-heating; uncertainty as to global economic growth in future periods; the risk that prices of the Company's raw materials, particularly crude oil, will continue to increase; not be able to raise its prices accordingly which would adversely affect the Company's profitability; the risk that new marketing and sales strategies may not be effective; the risk that fluctuations in demand for the Company's products may cause the Company to either over-invest or under-invest in production capacity in one or more of its four major product categories; the risk that investments in new technologies and development cycles may not produce the benefits anticipated by management; the risk that the trading price of the Company's shares may decrease for a variety of reasons, some of which may be beyond the control of management; competition in the Company's existing and potential markets; and other risks outlined in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update this forward-looking information, except as required under applicable law.

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Encl: Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)

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| | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Turnover | 32,867,105 | 26,820,241 |
| Sales taxes and surcharges | (572,750) | (352,076) |
| Net sales | 32,294,355 | 26,468,165 |
| Other income | 1,627,727 | |
| Cost of sales | (34,218,330) | (24,413,090) |
| Gross (loss) / profit | (296,248) | 2,055,075 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | (270,356) | (243,101) |
| Other operating income | 56,363 | 63,414 |
| Other operating expenses: | | |
| Employee reduction expenses | (35,631) | (50,733) |
| Others | (32,777) | (64,805) |
| Total other operating expenses | (68,408) | (115,538) |
| (Loss) / profit from operations | (578,649) | 1,759,850 |
| Financial income | 97,314 | 36,766 |
| Financial expenses | (236,348) | (125,523) |
| Net financing costs | (139,034) | (88,757) |
| Investment income | 131,772 | 413,119 |
| Share of profits of associates and jointly controlled entities | 152,101 | 384,912 |
| (Loss) / profit before taxation | (433,810) | 2,469,124 |
| Taxation | 102,120 | (653,094) |
| (Loss) / profit after taxation | (331,690) | 1,816,030 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Equity shareholders of the Company | (358,080) | 1,785,569 |
| Minority interests | 26,390 | 30,461 |
| (Loss) / profit after taxation | (331,690) | 1,816,030 |
| Basic (loss) / earnings per share | RMB (0.050) | RMB 0.248 |

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(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China)

(Stock Code: 338)

Overseas Regulatory Announcement

Resolutions of the Fourth Meeting of the Sixth Session

of the Board of Directors

The Company and all members of the board of directors warrant that the information contained in this announcement is truthful, accurate and complete, and jointly and severally accept full responsibility for any false representation or misleading statements contained in, or material omissions from this announcement.

This announcement is issued pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The directors were informed of the convening of the fourth meeting of the sixth session of the board of directors of Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (the Company) (the Meeting) via facsimile and mail on 13 August 2008. The Meeting was held on 27 August 2008 by means of correspondence. Of the 12 directors entitled to attend the Meeting, 10 of them attended the Meeting. Directors Mr. Lei Dianwu and Mr. Xiang Hanyin were absent due to business engagement and they had authorized Mr. Rong Guangdao, Chairman, as their irrevocable voting proxies. The supervisory committee members and senior management of the Company attended the Meeting. The Meeting complied with the requirements of PRC Company Law and the articles of associations of the Company. Mr Rong Guangdao, Chairman of the Company, presided over the Meeting. The Meeting considered and approved the following resolutions:

Resolution 1 The 2008 interim report (full report and its summary) and the announcement of the interim report were considered and approved. The Chairman and the secretary to the board of directors (the Board) were authorized to submit the relevant information in respect of the interim report in accordance with the applicable requirements to the China Securities Regulatory Commission

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(CSRC), the Shanghai Stock Exchange, The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange (with 12 votes in favor, 0 vote against, 0 abstention);

In the first half of 2008, the crude oil costs of the Company surged substantially as the international oil prices soared continually to high levels, reaching a historic high in July. Petroleum products prices and crude oil prices were seriously inverted as a result of the government's stringent control over the domestic prices of petroleum products, leading to a severe loss in the Company's oil refining operation. On the other hand, in line with the recent rapid dip in the international oil prices, downstream petrochemicals prices witnessed a decline and the Company has yet to gradually dispose of the expensive crude oil in transit and in stock. Besides, whether the government will continue the policy of giving reasonable subsidies to the processing of imported processed crude oil in the second half is still uncertain. Thus, it is expected the Group will suffer a bigger loss in its overall results for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2008 (adjusted net profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2007 prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises amounted to RMB1,664,225,000).

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Resolution 2 In consideration of international practice and the time and cost needed for an interim results audit due to the CSRC's requirement of audited interim results for interim dividend distribution and in view of the actual circumstances of the Company, the Board's resolution of not declaring an interim dividend was considered and approved (with 12 votes in favor, 0 vote against, 0 abstention).

Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited

Shanghai, the PRC, 27 August 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Rong Guangdao, Du Chongjun, Han Zhihao, Shi Wei, Li Honggen and Dai Jinbao; the non-executive directors of the Company are Lei Dianwu and Xiang Hanyin, and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Chen Xinyuan, Sun Chiping, Jiang Zhiquan and Zhou Yunnong.

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2008 Interim Results Announcement

§1 IMPORTANT MESSAGE

- 1.1 The board of directors (the Board) and Supervisory Committee of Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (the Company or SPC) as well as its directors, supervisors and senior management warrant that there are no false representations or misleading statements contained in, or material omission from this report, and severally and jointly accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in this report.

This summary of the interim report is extracted from the full text of the interim report. The full report is published on www.sse.com.cn simultaneously. For detailed content, investors are advised to read the full text of the interim report.

- 1.2 Directors Lei Dianwu and Xiang Hanyin were absent from the 4th Meeting of the Sixth Session of the Board due to business engagement. Mr. Lei Dianwu and Mr. Xiang Hanyin had appointed and authorized Mr. Rong Guangdao, Chairman, as their irrevocable voting proxies. The Board considered and approved the 2008 Interim Report.
- 1.3 The interim financial statements of the Company for the six-month period were unaudited.
- 1.4 The Company did not have any application of funds by major shareholder.
- 1.5 Mr. Rong Guangdao, Chairman and President of the Company, Mr. Han Zhihao, Director and Chief Financial Officer overseeing the accounting operations and Mr. Zhou Meiyun, Finance Manager (Accounting Chief) hereby warrant the truthfulness and completeness of the financial report contained in this report.

§2 CORPORATE INFORMATION

2.1 Corporate Information

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| Stock Abbreviation | |
| Shares Stock Code | 600688 |
| Stock Exchange Listing | Shanghai Stock Exchange |
| Stock Abbreviation | Shanghai Petrochemical |
| Shares Stock Code | 338 |
| Stock Exchange Listing | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited |
| Stock Abbreviation | SHI |
| Stock Exchange Listing | New York Stock Exchange |

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Table of Contents**2.2 Major Financial Data and Indicators**

Prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises

2.2.1 Major Accounting Data and Financial Indicators (unaudited)

Unit: RMB 000

| | As at the end of this reporting period | As at the end of the previous year | Increase/ decrease at the end of this reporting period as compared to the end of the previous year (%) |
|--|---|---|--|
| Total assets | 31,535,422 | 30,494,334 | 3.41 |
| Shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests) | 19,823,791 | 20,999,444 | -5.60 |
| Net asset value per share attributable to equity shareholders of the Company (RMB) | 2.753 | 2.917 | -5.62 |

Unit: RMB 000

| | For the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 (reporting period) | Corresponding period of the previous year | | Increase/decrease during this reporting period as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (%) |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | (After adjustment) ^{Note} | (Before adjustment) ^{Note} | |
| Operating (loss)/profit | (2,065,089) | 2,494,833 | 2,493,081 | -182.77 |
| (Loss)/profit before taxation | (448,939) | 2,453,995 | 2,452,243 | -118.29 |
| Net (loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | (372,772) | 1,758,290 | 1,751,897 | -121.20 |
| Net (loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company excluding non-recurring items | (1,655,889) | 1,551,321 | 1,510,975 | -206.74 |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share (RMB) | (0.052) | 0.244 | 0.243 | -121.31 |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share excluding non-recurring items (RMB) | (0.230) | 0.215 | 0.210 | -206.98 |
| Diluted (loss) /earnings per share (RMB) | (0.052) | 0.244 | 0.243 | -121.31 |
| Fully diluted return on net assets (%) | (1.880) | 8.329 | 8.285 | 10.209 |
| | | | | percentage points decrease |
| Net cash flow from operating activities | (808,818) | 1,335,255 | 1,335,255 | -160.57 |
| Net cash flow per share from operating activities (RMB) | (0.112) | 0.185 | 0.185 | -160.54 |

Note: After the publication of 2007 interim report by the Group (the Company and its subsidiaries), further interpretations on China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises (2006) were issued. The Group reviewed the consolidated income statement for

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the six-month period ended 30 June 2007 in accordance with these interpretations during the preparation of the 2008 interim report. As a result, the comparative figures of the corresponding period of the previous year have been restated accordingly.

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Unit: RMB 000

| | From the beginning for the year to the end of the reporting period Amount |
|---|---|
| Non-recurring items | |
| Gain from disposal of non-current assets | 135,527 |
| Subsidy income | 1,627,727 |
| Employee reduction expenses | (35,631) |
| Net expense of non-operating income/(expenses) other than those mentioned above | (16,754) |
| Less: Tax effect of the above items | (427,717) |
| Total | 1,283,152 |
| Include: Non-recurring items attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | 1,283,117 |
| Non-recurring items attributable to minority shareholders | 35 |

2.2.3 Differences between financial statements prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and IFRS

Unit: RMB 000

| | Net (loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | | Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company (excluding minority interests) | |
|---|---|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | | | At the beginning of the period | At the end of the period |
| | This Period | Last Period | | |
| Under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises | (372,772) | 1,758,290 | 20,999,444 | 19,823,791 |
| Under IFRS | (358,080) | 1,785,569 | 20,648,038 | 19,487,077 |

For details, please refer to Section 7.5.

§3. CHANGE IN SHARE CAPITAL AND INFORMATION ON SHAREHOLDERS**3.1 Number of Shareholders and their Shareholdings**

Unit: Share

| | |
|--|---------|
| Total number of shareholders as at the end of the reporting period | 171,866 |
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| Name of shareholder | Type of shareholder | Percentage of total shareholding (%) | Number of shares held | Increase/decrease during the reporting period | Type of shares | Number of Non-circulating shares held | Number of shares pledged or frozen |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation | State-owned Shareholder | 55.56 | 4,000,000,000 | | Non-circulating | 4,000,000,000 | Nil |
| HKSCC (Nominees) Ltd. | Foreign Shareholder | 32.03 | 2,305,802,101 | 2,104,000 | Circulating | | Unknown |
| China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd. Orient Jing Xuan Hun He Xing Kai Fang Shi Securities Investment Fund | Others | 1.04 | 74,781,220 | 16,148,751 | Circulating | | Unknown |
| Shanghai Kangli Gong Mao Company | Others | 0.23 | 16,730,000 | | Non-circulating | 16,730,000 | Unknown |
| Zhejiang Province Economic Construction and Investment Company | Others | 0.17 | 12,000,000 | | Non-circulating | 12,000,000 | Unknown |
| Agricultural Bank of China Zhongyou Core Growth Equity Securities Investment Fund | Others | 0.08 | 6,116,696 | Unknown | Circulating | | Unknown |
| Bank of China-Harvest Shanghai and Shenzhen 300 Index Securities Investment Fund | Others | 0.08 | 6,040,176 | 752,571 | Circulating | | Unknown |

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|---|--------|------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|---------|
| Shanghai Textile Development Company | Others | 0.08 | 5,650,000 | | Non-circulating | 5,650,000 | Unknown |
| Shanghai Xiangshun Shiye Company Limited | Others | 0.08 | 5,500,000 | | Non-circulating | 5,500,000 | Unknown |
| International Finance Standard Chartered CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LIMITED | Others | 0.06 | 4,248,135 | Unknown | Circulating | | Unknown |
| CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LIMITED | | | | | | | |

Table of Contents**Shareholdings of the top ten holders of circulating shares**

| Name of shareholder | Number of shares in circulation held | Type of shares |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HKSCC (Nominees) Ltd. | 2,305,802,101 | Overseas listed foreign shares |
| China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd. Orient Jing Xuan Hun He Xing Kai Fang Shi Securities Investment Fund | 74,781,220 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Agricultural Bank of China Zhongyou Core Growth Equity Securities Investment Fund | 6,116,696 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Bank of China-Harvest Shanghai and Shenzhen 300 Index Securities Investment Fund | 6,040,176 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| International Finance Standard Chartered CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LIMITED -CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LIMITED | 4,248,135 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Agricultural Bank of China Zhongyou Core Prime Equity Securities Investment Fund | 3,445,520 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| China Construction Bank Bosera Yufu Securities Investment Fund | 3,394,080 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Shanghai Junfa Trading Company Limited | 2,350,000 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Bank of China ICBCCS Core Value Equity Fund | 2,242,947 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |
| Guotai Junan-CCB-The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited | 2,005,147 | RMB-denominated ordinary shares |

Description of any connected relationship or connected parties relationships among the above shareholders

Of the above-mentioned shareholders, China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (Sinopec Corp.), the State-owned shareholder, does not have any connected relationship with the other shareholders, and is not a concert party of the other shareholders under the Administrative Measures on Acquisition of Listed Companies . Of the above-mentioned shareholders, HKSCC (Nominees) Limited is a nominee shareholder. Apart from the above, the Company is not aware whether there are other connected relationships amongst the other

shareholders, and whether they are concert parties under the
Administrative Measures on Acquisition of Listed Companies .

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As at 30 June 2008, the interests and short positions of the Company's substantial shareholders and other persons who are required to disclose their interests pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (SFO) (i.e. those who are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, 5% or more of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company but excluding the directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company) in the shares and underlying shares of the equity derivatives of the Company as recorded in the register which is required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as set out below:

(i) Interests in ordinary shares of the Company

| Name of shareholders | Number and type of shares held | % of total issued share capital | % of shareholding in the Company's total issued H share | Capacity |
|--|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation | 4,000,000,000 promoter legal person shares (L) | 55.56 | | Beneficial owner |
| UBS AG | 178,091,550(L) 6,315,071(S) | 2.47(L) 0.09(S) | 7.64(L) 0.27(S) | Beneficial owner; investment managers; others (Lending pool) |
| Citigroup Inc. | 178,077,175(L) 6,377,744(S) 114,345,155(P) | 2.47(L) 0.09(S) 1.59(P) | 7.64(L) 0.27(S) 4.91(P) | Beneficial owner; investment managers; others (Lending pool) |
| Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte. Ltd. | 137,443,700(L) | 1.91(L) | 5.90(L) | Beneficial owner; investment managers; others (Lending pool) |

(L): Long position (S): Short position (P): Lending pool

Save as disclosed above, no short positions of substantial shareholders or other persons who are required to disclose their interests pursuant to Part XV of the SFO in the shares or underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

(ii) Short positions in the shares and the underlying shares of the Company

As at 30 June 2008, no short positions of substantial shareholders or other persons who are required to disclose their interests pursuant to Part XV of the SFO in the shares or underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

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During the reporting period, there were no changes to the numbers of shares of the Company held by the directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company. The actual numbers of shares in the issued share capital of the Company held by the directors, supervisors and senior management as at the end of the reporting period were as follows:

Unit: share

| Name | Position | Number of shares held at the beginning of the period | Number of shares held at the end of the period | Change in the number of shares held |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Rong Guangdao | Chairman and President | 3,600 | 3,600 | No Change |
| Du Chongjun | Vice Chairman and Vice President | 1,000 | 1,000 | No Change |
| Han Zhihao | Director and Chief Financial Officer | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Li Honggen | Director and Vice President | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Shi Wei | Director and Vice President | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Dai Jinbao | Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Lei Dianwu | External Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Xiang Hanyin | External Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Chen Xinyuan | Independent Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Sun Chiping | Independent Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Jiang Zhiquan | Independent Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Zhou Yunnong | Independent Director | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Gao Jinping | Chairman of Supervisory Committee | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Zhang Chenghua | Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Wang Yanjun | Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Zhai Yalin | External Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Wu Xiaoqi | External Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Liu Xiangdong | Independent Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Yin Yongli | Independent Supervisor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Zhang Jianping | Vice President | Nil | Nil | No Change |
| Tang Chengjian | Vice President | Nil | Nil | No Change |

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|----------------|--|-----|-----|-----------|
| Zhang Jingming | Company Secretary and General Counsellor | Nil | Nil | No Change |
|----------------|--|-----|-----|-----------|

Shares held by the above individuals are A shares and represented their personal interests in their capacity as beneficial owners.

Interests and short positions of directors and supervisors in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2008, none of the directors or supervisors of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares of equity derivatives or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register which is required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the Model Code).

As at 30 June 2008, none of the directors or supervisors of the Company or their respective spouses and children under 18 years of age had been granted by the Company or had exercised any rights to subscribe for shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations.

Table of Contents**§5. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS****Discussion and analysis of the overall operation during the reporting period**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited financial statements of the Group and notes in the interim report. The financial data involved hereinafter are extracted from the unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Business review and discussion on the operating results

In the first half of 2008, a marked slowdown in the global economy was witnessed due to the escalating turbulence in the global financial markets caused by the subprime lending crisis in the United States, as well as mounting pressure on inflation around the world exerted by spiraling international oil prices and soaring grain prices. The PRC economy has surmounted the threats posed by successive natural disasters and developed along the direction as planned by the macro-economic control measures. It enjoyed a stable and fast growth in general, with GDP reaching 10.4%. The domestic petrochemical industry continued to grow. Under the combined impact of continuously rising prices in energy and raw materials, soaring costs and strengthened macro-economic control measures, the excessive growth in production was curbed and a balance between demand and supply was basically observed. Prices of a majority of products rose within a limited range. All domestic oil refining businesses posted losses and the petrochemical industry saw an obvious decline in profitability.

In the first half of 2008, the Group was confronted with the international oil prices soaring to high levels and repeatedly hitting record highs, as well as a continuous price rise in production materials. It was faced with a situation where refined oil products prices and crude oil prices were seriously inverted as a result of the government's stringent control over the prices of refined oil products and where market competition was ever-intensifying. In light of such grim situation, the Group fully implemented the overall cost leadership strategy and endeavored to build up a harmonious organization as its main course of action. The Group further improved its production operation, adjusted the assets and product mix, enhanced internal management and strove for cost and expense reductions. In the first half, the Group maintained stable operations and production, without encountering any major incidents in production, safety or environmental protection. The performance of major technical and economic indicators was satisfactory with total production output reaching 5.0687 million tons, up 15.43% year-on-year. The output-to-sales ratio and the receivable recovery ratio remained at satisfactory levels whereas operating results posted a substantial decrease over the same period last year. For the six-month period ended 30 June 2008, the Group's turnover was RMB32,867.1 million, up RMB6,046.9 million or 22.55% year-on-year. Profit before taxation of RMB-433.8 million was realized, representing a decrease of RMB2,902.9 million over the same period last year. Meanwhile, profit after taxation and minority interests amounted to RMB-358.1 million, representing a decrease of RMB 2,143.7 million over the same period last year.

In the first half of 2008, the Group processed 5.0665 million tons of crude oil, an increase of 553.8 thousand tons or 12.27% year-on-year. Of the total processed amount, imported oil and offshore oil amounted to 4.8933 million tons and 173.2 thousand tons respectively. The output of gasoline and diesel amounted to 417.3 thousand tons and 1.8897 million tons respectively, up 43.50% and 38.93% year-on-year. Production of jet fuel was 336.9 thousand tons, down 4.15% year-on-year. The output of ethylene and propylene amounted to 480.9 thousand tons and 265.0 thousand tons respectively, representing respective increases of 0.92% and 6.85% year-on-year. On the other hand, the output of synthetic resins and plastics amounted to 536.1 thousand tons, down 3.99% year-on-year. The output of synthetic fibre monomers amounted to 487.9 thousand tons, up 13.28% year-on-year, while synthetic fibre polymers amounted to 304.6 thousand tons, up 0.73% over the same period last year. However, the output of synthetic fibres dropped 9.00% to 147.7 thousand tons. The Group's output-to-sales ratio and receivable recovery ratio in the first half of the year were 99.03% and 98.47% respectively.

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The following table sets forth the Group's sales volumes and net sales, net of sales taxes and surcharges, for the reporting period:

| | For the six-month period ended 30 June | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
| | Sales Volume ('000 tons) | Net Sales (in RMB million) | % of Total | Sales Volume ('000 tons) | Net Sales (in RMB million) | % of Total |
| Self-produced products | | | | | | |
| Synthetic Fibres | 153.4 | 2,108.6 | 6.53 | 157.8 | 2,296.4 | 8.68 |
| Resins and Plastics | 775.0 | 8,533.9 | 26.43 | 802.4 | 8,088.4 | 30.56 |
| Intermediate Petrochemicals | 710.8 | 6,038.3 | 18.70 | 593.1 | 4,184.5 | 15.80 |
| Petroleum Products | 3,138.4 | 14,074.8 | 43.58 | 2,547.3 | 9,782.5 | 36.96 |
| Others | | 1,538.8 | 4.76 | | 2,116.4 | 8.00 |
| Total | 4,777.6 | 32,294.4 | 100.00 | 4,100.6 | 26,468.2 | 100.00 |

In the first half of 2008, the Group realized net sales of RMB32,294.4 million, up 22.01% over the same period last year, among which net sales derived from petroleum products, intermediate petrochemicals and resins and plastics increased by 43.88%, 44.30% and 5.51% year-on-year respectively, while net sales of synthetic fibres reported an 8.18% dip year-on-year. The increases were mainly due to continued increases in the prices of energy and raw materials and the increased product prices and sales volume of petroleum products, intermediate petrochemicals and resins and plastics, while the decrease in net sales of synthetic fibres was attributable to a drop in sales volume and prices. Compared to the first half of 2007, the average prices (excluding tax) of the Group's petroleum products, intermediate petrochemicals and resins and plastics increased by 16.67%, 20.40% and 9.23% respectively, whereas the average price (excluding tax) of synthetic fibres slid 5.50% during the reporting period. However, when compared to the second half year of 2007, the average prices (excluding tax) of the first three products out of the above four products increased 12.56%, 4.68% and 5.56% respectively, while the average price of synthetic fibres fell 6.53%.

A majority of the Group's products were sold in eastern China.

During the first six months of 2008, the Group's cost of sales increased by 40.16% year-on-year to RMB34,218.3 million, accounting for 105.96% of the net sales.

Crude oil is the Group's major raw material. Affected by various factors such as continued growth in global demand, limited capabilities to increase output by major oil producing countries, geo-political factors, the depreciation of the US dollar and trading activities of speculative funds, prices of international crude oil have been hovering around the high level of US\$100/barrel since the end of February and were up to US\$140/barrel. During the first half of the year, the average price of Brent crude oil was approximately US\$111/barrel, rising approximately 73% from the average price of US\$64/barrel year-on-year. This resulted in a year-on-year rise of RMB1,521.13/ton to RMB5,068.88/ton for our weighted average cost of crude oil in the first half of 2008, representing a 42.88% increase. With the average prices of crude oil having soared, the Group's total cost of crude oil processed during the reporting period shot up 60.50% year-on-year to RMB25,681.50 million. The crude oil costs accounted for 75.05% of the Group's cost of sales in the first half of the year.

Expenses for other ancillary materials amounted to RMB5,641.4 million in the first half of 2008, up 9.32% as compared to the same period last year, mainly due to increases in both the prices of raw materials and the volume of intermediate petrochemicals purchased to meet production needs. Depreciation and maintenance costs of the Group during the reporting period amounted to RMB833.7 million and RMB385.0 million respectively, both of which increased slightly from a year ago. Energy and power costs increased by RMB377.4 million to RMB919.3 million, as a result of year-on-year increases to various degrees in both purchase volumes and purchase prices of coal for power generation and external electricity. The Group made a provision for the decline in value of inventories of RMB71.9 million during the reporting period.

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The Group's selling and administrative expenses in the first half of 2008 amounted to RMB270.4 million, up 11.23% from RMB243.1 million recorded last year. The increase was caused by the rise in sales and transportation expenses as a result of the increase in sales volume during the reporting period.

The Group's other operating expenses in the reporting period dropped RMB47.1 million year-on-year to RMB68.4 million, mainly as a result of a decrease in employee reduction expenses during the reporting period.

Net financing costs of the Group in the first half of 2008 increased by 56.53% on a year-on-year basis to RMB139.0 million, mainly due to the 31.86% increase in the Group's short-term loans over the same period last year and the increase in the lending interest rates.

The Group's profit after taxation and minority interests decreased from RMB1,785.6 million in the first half of 2007 to RMB-358.1 million in the first half of 2008, representing a drop of RMB2,143.7 million.

During the first half of 2008, the Group recognized grant income of RMB1,627.7 million (among the grant income, RMB1,619.9 million was financial grant income) and such subsidy was not received in the same period of last year. These grants were mainly for compensation of losses incurred due to the distortion of the correlation of domestic refined oil product prices and crude oil prices, and the measures taken by the Group to stabilize the supply in the PRC petroleum product market during the period. There are no unfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to the receipts of these grants. There is no assurance that the Group will continue to receive such grants in the future.

Liquidity and capital resources

The Group's net cash used in operating activities amounted to RMB1,056.2 million for the first half of 2008, as compared with a net cash inflow of RMB1,243.4 million of the corresponding period last year. The Group's gross profit was RMB-296.2 million during the first half of 2008 and was RMB2,055.1 million during the first half of 2007, it led to a decrease of operating cash inflow of RMB2,351.3 million.

During the first half of 2008, net cash generated from investing activities amounted to RMB120.0 million, a decrease of net cash inflow of RMB23.0 million year-on-year. The main reason was: (1) a decrease in cash generated from investing activities of RMB281.3 million due to a decrease of proceeds from sale of available-for-sale financial assets during the first half of 2008, and (2) a decrease in cash used in investing activities of RMB257.0 million due to a year-on-year decrease in the Group's capital expenditures during the period.

During the first half of 2008, net cash generated from financing activities of the Group amounted to RMB802.8 million, an increase of net cash inflow of RMB2,281.4 million year-on-year, since the Group's borrowings increased for working capital purpose during the first half of 2008.

Borrowings and debts

The Group's long-term borrowings are mainly applied to its capital expansion projects. In general, the Group arranges long-term borrowings according to its capital expenditure plans, and in overall terms there are no seasonal borrowings. Short-term debts are used to meet the Group's needs for working capital during the normal course of production operation. The Group's borrowings as at the end of the first half of 2008 amounted to RMB 5,742.4 million, up RMB1,011.2 million as compared with the beginning of the period. Among the borrowings, short-term debts increased by RMB1,230.6 million while long-term borrowings decreased by RMB219.4 million respectively.

As at 30 June 2008, guarantees provided by the Group to the Company's joint ventures and associates in favor of various banks, together with the contingent liabilities to be undertaken on the guarantees provided by the joint ventures to various third parties, amounted to RMB30.7 million.

Risks associated with exchange rate fluctuation

Since the Group purchases its major raw materials, particularly crude oil, from overseas sources and exports a portion of the Group's petrochemical products directly as well, exchange rate changes will indirectly affect the prices of the Group's raw materials and petrochemical products. This may, in turn, have a discernible impact on the Group's profitability. In addition, as discussed above, a change in the relevant exchange rates will affect the level of the Group's financial expenses since a part of the Group's debts is denominated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, the Group's profitability will be affected as well.

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Capital Expenditure

In the first half of 2008, the construction of the Group's structural adjustment projects continued to move forward. The 600,000-ton/year PX aromatics complex and the 150,000-ton/year C5 separation plant, adding flue gas desulphurization facilities to No. 3 and No. 4 furnaces of coal-fired power plants, the flare-gas recovery expansion project and the 220,000-volt transformer station alteration project were proceeding as scheduled.

In the first half of the year, the Group's capital expenditure amounted to RMB 416.0 million, mainly comprising capital injections into the 600,000-ton/year aromatics complex and the 150,000-ton/year C5 segregation plant as well as other technological renovation projects. In the second half of the year, the Group will continue to proactively push forward the above construction projects and other projects including technological renovation, safety and environmental protection, energy conservation and consumption reduction. The Group plans to fund the capital expenditure from operating cash and banking facilities.

Liability-to-asset ratio

As at 30 June 2008, the Group's liability-to-asset ratio was 36.86%, compared to 29.82% as at 31 December 2007. The ratio is calculated using this formula: total liabilities/ total assets.

Employees

As at 30 June 2008, the Group's employees totaled at 18,418. The staff costs for the period ended 30 June 2008 totaled at RMB673.1 million.

Income tax

Since the official implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China on 1 January 2008, the enterprise income tax rate has been uniformly adjusted to 25%. The Group's income tax rate was adjusted from 33% last year to 25% correspondingly.

Disclosure required by the Listing Rules

Save as disclosed herein, pursuant to paragraph 40 in Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the Listing Rules), the Company confirmed that there have been no material changes in the existing information of the Company relating to the matters as set out in paragraph 32 in Appendix 16 and the information disclosed in the Company's 2007 annual report.

Market outlook and work plans for the second half of the year

In the second half of 2008, uncertainties and instabilities will still exist in the global economy and present developing and developed countries with huge challenges. The PRC economy will not be immune from the daunting challenges in light of numerous factors such as skyrocketing global energy and grain prices and successive natural disasters such as snowstorms, earthquakes and floods. On the domestic oil and petrochemical industries front, particularly the petrochemical sector, given energy and raw materials prices continuing to rise and production costs surging substantially while being unable to transfer the increases to the downstream sectors, the growth of demand will continue to tamper off with escalating market competition and shrinking profitability of companies. As the industry's economic efficiency will further be impaired, certain enterprises may record losses.

With respect to the Group, the average costs of crude oil processed by the Group may continue to climb in the second half of the year. Since the significant loss in the Company's oil refining operations arising from the inversion between refined oil product prices and crude oil prices in the country may not be completely reversed, and whether the State's financial subsidy policies to ensure the supply of refined oil products will change or continue still remains to be seen, the Group cannot be optimistic about the production and operation environment. In light of the above conditions, in the second half of 2008, the Group will continue to follow the work objectives and targets established at the beginning of the year, proceeding with the following tasks in a solid and effective manner:

1. Continuing to strengthen management work to ensure smooth, stable and high-quality production operations.

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2. Implementing the overall cost leadership strategy thoroughly amid the challenges posed by high oil prices.
3. Seeking satisfactory and rapid completion of projects through dedicated efforts on corporate development tasks.
4. Emphasizing coordination and organization and steadily pushing ahead reforms on the Company's internal systems and mechanisms.
5. Strengthening team building among staff based on the People-First Principle.
6. Continuing the active cultivation of a corporate culture that emphasizes fairness, justice, teamwork and harmony.

5.1. Summary of segmental results (Prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises)

Unit: RMB '000

| By segment or by product | Operating income | Operating cost | Gross profit margin (%) | Increase/decrease of operating income compared to the corresponding period last year (%) | Increase/decrease of operating cost compared to the corresponding period last year (%) | Increase/decrease of gross profit margin compared to the corresponding period last year (%) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Synthetic fibres | 2,114,272 | 2,323,306 | -9.89 | -8.26 | 9.97 | Decrease 18.22 percentage points |
| Resins and plastics | 8,558,916 | 8,311,658 | 2.89 | 5.43 | 17.64 | Decrease 10.07 percentage points |
| Intermediate petrochemicals | 6,058,541 | 5,034,445 | 16.90 | 44.15 | 54.41 | Decrease 5.52 percentage points |
| Petroleum products | 14,590,287 | 16,220,609 | -11.17 | 44.89 | 75.22 | Decrease 19.24 percentage points |
| Others | 1,585,745 | 1,414,376 | 10.81 | -27.54 | -28.66 | Increase 1.41 percentage points |
| Including: connected transactions | 15,319,559 | 16,650,188 | -8.69 | 46.70 | 80.44 | Decrease 20.33 percentage points |

Pricing principles of connected transactions

The directors of the Company (including independent non-executive directors) are of the view that the connected transactions were entered into on normal commercial terms or on terms no less favorable than those offered to or by any third party and were conducted in the ordinary course of business. This was confirmed by the independent non-executive directors of the Company.

Description of the necessity and continuity of connected transactions

The purchases by the Company from Sinopec Corp. and its associates of crude oil related materials and the sales of petroleum products by the Company to them were conducted in accordance with the State's relevant policy and applicable State tariffs

or State guidance prices. As long as the State does not revoke its control over purchases of crude oil, sales of petroleum products and pricing thereof, such connected transactions will continue to happen. The Company sold petrochemical products to Sinopec Corp. and its associates, and Sinopec Corp. and its associates act as agents for the sale of petrochemicals in order to reduce the Company's inventories, to expand its trading, distribution and sales networks and to improve the Company's bargaining power with its customers. The Company accepts construction and installation, design, insurance agency and financial services from China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec) and its associates in order to secure steady and reliable services at reasonable prices.

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Including: During the reporting period, the connected transactions involving the sale of products or provision of services by the listed company to the controlling shareholder and its subsidiaries amounted to RMB15,319.6 million.

Table of Contents**5.2 Analysis of geographical segments for principal operations (Prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises)**

Unit: RMB 000

| Geographical location | Operating income | Increase/decrease of operating income compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (%) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| Eastern China | 30,260,008 | 22.80 |
| Other regions in the PRC | 2,532,887 | 17.50 |
| Exports | 114,866 | 33.60 |

5.3 Reasons for substantial changes in the profitability (gross profit margin) of the principal operations as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (Prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises)

In the first half of 2008, gross profit margin of the Group's principal operations was -1.43%, representing a decrease of 13.18 percentage points year-on-year. This was mainly attributable to international crude oil prices soaring to high levels and repeatedly hitting record highs, as well as a continuous price rise in production material; and refined oil products prices and crude oil prices were seriously inverted as a result of the State's stringent control over the prices of refined oil products. Gross profit margin of other products saw a decline due to limited price surge amid the State's strengthened macro-economic control measures and intensified market competition.

5.4 Warning on and description of any possibility of the accumulated net profit forecast for the period from the beginning of the year to the end of the next reporting period turning into a loss or any material change in relation to such forecast as compared to the same period last year and the reasons thereof.

Results forecast

Description of results forecasts

Loss

In the first half of 2008, the crude oil costs of the Company surged substantially as international oil prices soared continuously to high levels, reaching a historic high in July. Refined oil products prices and crude oil prices were seriously inverted as a result of the government's stringent control over the domestic prices of refined oil products, leading to a severe loss in the Company's oil refining operation. On the other hand, in line with the recent rapid dip in the international oil prices, downstream petrochemicals prices witnessed a decline, and the Company has yet to gradually dispose of the expensive crude oil in transit and in stock. Besides, whether the government will continue the policy of giving reasonable subsidies to the processing of imported crude oil in the second half is still uncertain. Thus, it is expected the Group will suffer a bigger loss in its overall results for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2008 (adjusted net profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Group for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2007 prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises amounted to RMB1,664,225,000).

Table of Contents**§6. MAJOR EVENTS****6.1 Guarantees****Unit: RMB 000**

| External guarantees provided by the Company | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| (excluding guarantees provided for its controlling subsidiaries) | | | | | | |
| Guaranteed entities | Date (Agreement signing date) | Guarantee amount | Type of guarantee | Guarantee period | Guarantee expired | Guarantee for a connected party |
| Shanghai Jinpu Plastics Packaging Material Company Limited | 20 July 2007 | 14,500 | Joint guarantee | 20 July 2007- 20 July 2008 | No | Yes |
| Others | 21 December 2004 | 16,247 | Joint guarantee | 21 December 2004 - 21 December 2009 | No | Yes |
| Total amount of guarantees provided during the reporting period | | | | | | |
| Total balance of guarantees as the end of the reporting period | | | | | | 30,747 |
| Guarantees provided by the Company to its controlling subsidiaries | | | | | | |
| Total amount of guarantees provided for the controlling subsidiaries by the Company during the reporting period | | | | | | (120,000) |
| Total balance of guarantees provided for the controlling subsidiaries as at the end of the reporting period | | | | | | 425,000 |
| Total amount of guarantees provided by the Company | | | | | | |
| (including guarantees provided for the controlling subsidiaries) | | | | | | |
| Total guarantee amount | | | | | | 455,747 |
| Total guarantee amount as a percentage of net asset value (under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises (2006)) of the Group | | | | | | 2.30% |
| of which: | | | | | | |
| Amounts of guarantee provided for shareholders, the de facto controller or the other connected parties | | | | | | |
| Amount of debt guarantee directly or indirectly provided for the companies with liabilities to assets ratio of over 70% directly or indirectly | | | | | | 438,250 |
| Amount of guarantee with a total amount of which is over 50% of the net assets | | | | | | |
| Total guarantee amount of the above three items | | | | | | 438,250 |

Table of Contents**6.2 Non-operating connected creditor s rights and liabilities**

Unit: RMB million

| Connected party | Connected relationship | Funds provided to connected parties | | Funds provided by connected parties to the company | |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| | | Net transaction | Balance | Net transaction | Balance |
| Sinopec Corp. | Controlling shareholder | | | 0.52 | 0.52 |
| Sinopec and its subsidiaries | Actual controller and other subsidiaries | (44.39) | 0.27 | (51.67) | 15.02 |
| Total | | (44.39) | 0.27 | (51.15) | 15.54 |

During the reporting period, the listed company had provided RMB nil of funds to the controlling shareholder and its subsidiaries and the balance of funds provided by the listed company to the controlling shareholder and its subsidiaries amounted to RMB nil.

6.3 Other major events and factors, and analysis of solutions**6.3.1 Investments in securities**

Unit: RMB 000

| No. | Stock code | Abbreviation | Number of shares held as at the end of the period (shares) | Initial investment amount | Book value as at the end of the reporting period | Book value at the beginning of the period | Account category |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 600837 | HTSEC | 9,904,098 | 11,164 | 203,953 | 223,354 | Available-for-sale financial assets |
| 2 | 600000 | SPDB | 2,340,000 | 1,318 | 51,480 | 211,200 | Available-for-sale financial assets |
| 3 | 600527 | JNGX | 2,983,527 | 898 | 14,858 | 44,239 | Available-for-sale financial assets |
| Total | | | | 13,380 | 270,291 | 478,793 | |

6.4 Audit Committee

On 26 August 2008, the Audit Committee of the sixth session of the Board held the first meeting, primarily to review the Group s interim financial report for the period.

6.5 Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Securities

During the reporting period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities.

Table of Contents**6.6 Compliance with Code of Corporate Governance Practices**

The Group has complied with all the principles and provisions set out in the Code of Corporate Governance Practices (the Code) contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except for the following deviation:

Code Provision A.2.1: The roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate; responsibilities of chairman and chief executive officer should be clearly established and set out in writing.

Deviation: Mr. Rong Guangdao is both the chairman and president of the Company.

Reason: Mr. Rong Guangdao has extensive experience in large-scale petrochemical production enterprise and management. Mr. Rong is the most suitable candidate to serve in the positions of chairman and president of the Company. For the time being, the Company is unable to identify another suitable person who possesses abilities and talent better than or equivalent to Mr. Rong to serve in either of the positions. The same deviation was also reported in the Company's Corporate Governance Report contained in the annual report for 2007.

6.7 The Model Code

The directors of the Company confirm that the Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. After making specific enquiries with the directors and supervisors of the Company, the Company is not aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the directors and supervisors of the Company were not in compliance with the requirements of the Model Code during the reporting period.

§7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**7.1 Financial Statements prepared under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises (Unaudited)
Balance Sheet**

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | At 30 June 2008 RMB 000 | At 31 December 2007 RMB 000 | At 30 June 2008 RMB 000 | At 31 December 2007 RMB 000 |
| Assets | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash at bank and on hand | 758,941 | 893,165 | 398,133 | 634,533 |
| Bills receivable | 956,476 | 1,800,856 | 803,979 | 1,669,202 |
| Trade debtors | 1,042,672 | 563,093 | 854,153 | 420,734 |
| Advance payments | 57,301 | 123,939 | 45,671 | 105,211 |
| Dividends receivable | 200,758 | | 200,000 | |
| Other receivables | 410,965 | 254,420 | 422,264 | 213,481 |
| Inventories | 7,479,426 | 5,197,849 | 6,920,699 | 4,780,473 |
| Total current assets | 10,906,539 | 8,833,322 | 9,644,899 | 7,823,634 |
| Non-current assets | | | | |
| Available-for-sale financial assets | 270,291 | 478,793 | 255,433 | 434,554 |
| Long-term equity investments | 3,165,398 | 3,543,769 | 4,470,241 | 5,081,193 |
| Investment property | 506,073 | 512,793 | 561,866 | 569,326 |
| Fixed assets | 14,509,446 | 15,259,283 | 13,195,613 | 13,753,579 |

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| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Construction in progress | 1,161,187 | 965,463 | 1,134,481 | 940,491 |
| Intangible assets | 587,574 | 597,897 | 465,722 | 460,638 |

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|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Long-term deferred expenses | 148,970 | 173,807 | 143,756 | 167,582 |
| Deferred tax assets | 279,944 | 129,207 | 279,703 | 126,519 |
| Total non-current assets | 20,628,883 | 21,661,012 | 20,506,815 | 21,533,882 |
| Total assets | 31,535,422 | 30,494,334 | 30,151,714 | 29,357,516 |
| Liabilities and shareholders equity | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | |
| Short-term loans | 4,703,190 | 3,672,942 | 4,458,190 | 3,289,642 |
| Bills payable | 892,641 | 300,575 | 877,430 | 285,594 |
| Trade creditors | 2,640,328 | 1,913,118 | 2,114,492 | 1,797,640 |
| Receipts in advance | 360,144 | 429,516 | 320,528 | 397,112 |
| Employee benefits payable | 27,222 | 85,651 | 21,121 | 68,212 |
| Taxes payable | (311,367) | 70,533 | (336,512) | 46,333 |
| Interest payable | 10,845 | 11,796 | 10,845 | 11,796 |
| Dividends payable | 446,199 | | 385,143 | |
| Other payables | 1,273,171 | 1,236,529 | 1,706,016 | 1,585,040 |
| Current portion of non-current liabilities | 619,359 | 419,027 | 450,000 | 259,097 |
| Total current liabilities | 10,661,732 | 8,139,687 | 10,007,253 | 7,740,466 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | |
| Long-term loans | 419,860 | 639,289 | 250,000 | 450,000 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 97,105 | 150,170 | 91,371 | 137,186 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 267,249 | 261,753 | 267,249 | 261,753 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 784,214 | 1,051,212 | 608,620 | 848,939 |
| Total liabilities | 11,445,946 | 9,190,899 | 10,615,873 | 8,589,405 |
| Shareholders equity | | | | |
| Share capital | 7,200,000 | 7,200,000 | 7,200,000 | 7,200,000 |
| Capital reserve | 3,048,961 | 3,203,842 | 3,038,492 | 3,171,623 |
| Surplus reserve | 4,766,408 | 4,766,408 | 4,766,408 | 4,766,408 |
| Retained earnings | 4,808,422 | 5,829,194 | 4,530,941 | 5,630,080 |
| Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | 19,823,791 | 20,999,444 | 19,535,841 | 20,768,111 |
| Minority interests | 265,685 | 303,991 | | |
| Total equity | 20,089,476 | 21,303,435 | 19,535,841 | 20,768,111 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | 31,535,422 | 30,494,334 | 30,151,714 | 29,357,516 |

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| | Six-month period ended 30 June | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | The Group | | The Company | |
| | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Operating income | 32,907,761 | 26,883,431 | 30,432,883 | 23,917,553 |
| Less: Operating costs | 33,304,394 | 23,678,698 | 31,021,843 | 20,974,168 |
| Business taxes and surcharges | 572,750 | 352,076 | 567,321 | 345,312 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | 270,356 | 243,101 | 227,827 | 197,250 |
| General and administrative expenses | 899,460 | 813,358 | 785,416 | 694,282 |
| Financial expenses | 139,034 | 88,757 | 112,507 | 70,934 |
| Impairment loss | 71,956 | (106) | 182,227 | 143 |
| Add: Investment income | 285,100 | 787,286 | 257,679 | 983,780 |
| Including: income from investment in associates and jointly controlled entities | 147,101 | 384,912 | 133,500 | 372,876 |
| Operating (loss)/profit | (2,065,089) | 2,494,833 | (2,206,579) | 2,619,244 |
| Add: Non-operating income | 1,642,207 | 10,969 | 1,640,775 | 8,819 |
| Less: Non-operating expenses | 26,057 | 51,807 | 25,651 | 39,849 |
| Including: loss from disposal of non-current assets | 2,024 | 16,140 | 2,023 | 5,859 |
| (Loss)/profit before income tax | (448,939) | 2,453,995 | (591,455) | 2,588,214 |
| Less: Income tax | (102,557) | 665,244 | (140,316) | 641,077 |
| Net (loss)/profit | (346,382) | 1,788,751 | (451,139) | 1,947,137 |
| Attributable to: | | | | |
| Equity shareholders of the Company | (372,772) | 1,758,290 | | |
| Minority shareholders | 26,390 | 30,461 | | |
| Basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share | (0.052) | 0.244 | | |

Cash Flow Statement

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | The Group | | The Company | |
| | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Cash received from sale of goods and rendering of services | 39,222,587 | 31,315,528 | 35,933,384 | 27,534,488 |
| Refund of taxes | 83,917 | 9,679 | 83,917 | |
| Other cash received relating to operating activities | 1,419,246 | 2,635 | 1,417,933 | 545 |
| Sub-total of cash inflows | 40,725,750 | 31,327,842 | 37,435,234 | 27,535,033 |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash paid for goods and services | (39,938,084) | (28,213,551) | (37,126,600) | (24,828,352) |
| Cash paid to and for employees | (920,685) | (889,202) | (735,542) | (629,052) |
| Cash paid for all types of taxes | (473,148) | (725,437) | (431,337) | (693,424) |
| Other cash paid relating to operating activities | (202,651) | (164,397) | (185,884) | (167,276) |
| Sub-total of cash outflows | (41,534,568) | (29,992,587) | (38,479,363) | (26,318,104) |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities | (808,818) | 1,335,255 | (1,044,129) | 1,216,929 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | |
| Cash received from disposal of investments | 153,997 | 477,873 | 120,001 | 392,781 |
| Cash received from investment income | 335,318 | 269,351 | 327,239 | 549,575 |
| Net cash received from disposal of fixed assets and intangible assets | 12,437 | 47,133 | 6,834 | 31,702 |
| Other cash received relating to investing activities | 34,249 | 21,644 | 29,367 | 18,068 |
| Sub-total of cash inflows | 536,001 | 816,001 | 483,441 | 992,126 |
| Cash paid for acquisition of fixed assets and intangible assets | (416,035) | (673,039) | (411,920) | (656,148) |
| Sub-total of cash outflows | (416,035) | (673,039) | (411,920) | (656,148) |
| Net cash inflow from investing activities | 119,966 | 142,962 | 71,521 | 335,978 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 13,993,717 | 7,315,948 | 13,860,717 | 6,960,948 |
| Sub-total of cash inflows | 13,993,717 | 7,315,948 | 13,860,717 | 6,960,948 |
| Repayment of borrowings | (12,912,189) | (8,773,440) | (12,633,166) | (8,586,613) |
| Cash paid for dividends, profits distribution and interest | (526,071) | (112,868) | (491,337) | (72,877) |
| Sub-total of cash outflows | (13,438,260) | (8,886,308) | (13,124,503) | (8,659,490) |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities | 555,457 | (1,570,360) | 736,214 | (1,698,542) |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (829) | (1,008) | (6) | (36) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (134,224) | (93,151) | (236,400) | (145,671) |
| Add: cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 893,165 | 894,650 | 634,533 | 551,693 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 758,941 | 801,499 | 398,133 | 406,022 |

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Consolidated Statement of changes in shareholders' equity

(Expressed in Renminbi '000)

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 | | | | | | 2007 | | | | | | | |
| | Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | | | | | | Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | | | | | | | |
| | Share capital | Capital reserve | Surplus reserve | Retained earnings | Subtotal | Minority interests | Total equity | Share capital | Capital reserve | Surplus reserve | Retained earnings | Subtotal | Minority interests | Total equity |
| Balance at December 31, 2006 | 7,200,000 | 3,203,842 | 4,766,408 | 5,829,194 | 20,999,444 | 303,991 | 21,303,435 | 7,200,000 | 2,945,607 | 4,610,707 | 4,516,774 | 19,273,088 | 336,013 | 19,609,101 |
| Changes in accounting policies | | | | | | | | | (67,380) | (36,733) | 200,744 | 96,631 | | 96,631 |
| Balance at January 1, 2007 | 7,200,000 | 3,203,842 | 4,766,408 | 5,829,194 | 20,999,444 | 303,991 | 21,303,435 | 7,200,000 | 2,878,227 | 4,573,974 | 4,717,518 | 19,369,719 | 336,013 | 19,705,732 |
| Changes in equity during the period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net (loss)/profit during the period | | | | (372,772) | (372,772) | 26,390 | (346,382) | | | | 1,758,290 | 1,758,290 | 30,461 | 1,788,751 |
| Other comprehensive income and loss attributable to equity shareholders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Changes in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets | | (154,881) | | | (154,881) | | (154,881) | | 269,804 | | | 269,804 | | 269,804 |
| Provision of share-based payments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution to shareholders | | | | (648,000) | (648,000) | (64,696) | (712,696) | | | | (288,000) | (288,000) | (5,686) | (293,686) |
| Balance at June 30, 2007 | 7,200,000 | 3,048,961 | 4,766,408 | 4,808,422 | 19,823,791 | 265,685 | 20,089,476 | 7,200,000 | 3,148,031 | 4,573,974 | 6,187,808 | 21,109,813 | 360,788 | 21,470,601 |

Table of Contents**Statement of changes in shareholders' equity***(Expressed in Renminbi '000)*

| | 2008 | | | | | Six-month period ended 30 June | | | | | 2007 | | | | |
|--|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Share capital | Capital reserve | Surplus reserve | Retained earnings | Total equity | Share capital | Capital reserve | Surplus reserve | Retained earnings | Total equity | Share capital | Capital reserve | Surplus reserve | Retained earnings | Total equity |
| Balance at 31 December | 7,200,000 | 3,171,623 | 4,766,408 | 5,630,080 | 20,768,111 | 7,200,000 | 2,945,607 | 4,610,707 | 4,516,774 | 19,273,088 | | | | | |
| Changes in accounting policies | | | | | | | (76,932) | (36,733) | (330,594) | (444,259) | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 January | 7,200,000 | 3,171,623 | 4,766,408 | 5,630,080 | 20,768,111 | 7,200,000 | 2,868,675 | 4,573,974 | 4,186,180 | 18,828,829 | | | | | |
| Changes in equity for the period | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net (loss)/profit for the period | | | | (451,139) | (451,139) | | | | 1,947,137 | 1,947,137 | | | | | |
| Gain and loss recognised directly in equity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Net changes in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets | | (133,131) | | | (133,131) | | 255,121 | | | 255,121 | | | | | |
| Appropriation of profits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution to shareholders | | | | (648,000) | (648,000) | | | | (288,000) | (288,000) | | | | | |
| Balance at 30 June | 7,200,000 | 3,038,492 | 4,766,408 | 4,530,941 | 19,535,841 | 7,200,000 | 3,123,796 | 4,573,974 | 5,845,317 | 20,743,087 | | | | | |

7.2 There is no correction of accounting errors during the period ended 30 June 2008.

7.3 There is no significant change for the scope of the company's consolidated financial statements during the period ended 30 June 2008.

Table of Contents**7.4 Financial statements prepared under IFRS (Unaudited)**

This interim financial report for the six-month period ended 30 June 2008 is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, whose unmodified review report is included in the interim report to be sent to shareholders.

Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)

| | Note | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|--|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Turnover | 2 | 32,867,105 | 26,820,241 |
| Sales taxes and surcharges | | (572,750) | (352,076) |
| Net sales | | 32,294,355 | 26,468,165 |
| Other income | 2 | 1,627,727 | |
| Cost of sales | | (34,218,330) | (24,413,090) |
| Gross (loss) / profit | | (296,248) | 2,055,075 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | | (270,356) | (243,101) |
| Other operating income | | 56,363 | 63,414 |
| Other operating expenses | | | |
| Employee reduction expenses | | (35,631) | (50,733) |
| Others | | (32,777) | (64,805) |
| Total other operating expenses | | (68,408) | (115,538) |
| (Loss) / profit from operations | | (578,649) | 1,759,850 |
| Financial income | | 97,314 | 36,766 |
| Financial expenses | | (236,348) | (125,523) |
| Net financing costs | | (139,034) | (88,757) |
| Investment income | | 131,772 | 413,119 |
| Share of profits of associates and jointly controlled entities | | 152,101 | 384,912 |
| (Loss) / profit before taxation | 2, 3 | (433,810) | 2,469,124 |
| Taxation | 4 | 102,120 | (653,094) |
| (Loss) / profit after taxation | | (331,690) | 1,816,030 |
| Attributable to: | | | |
| Equity shareholders of the Company | | (358,080) | 1,785,569 |
| Minority interests | | 26,390 | 30,461 |
| (Loss) / profit after taxation | | (331,690) | 1,816,030 |
| Basic (loss) / earnings per share | 5 | RMB (0.050) | RMB 0.248 |

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| | Note | At 30 June 2008 RMB 000 | At 31 December 2007 RMB 000 |
|--|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 14,240,780 | 14,977,237 |
| Investment property | | 506,073 | 512,793 |
| Construction in progress | | 1,158,037 | 962,313 |
| Interest in associates and jointly controlled entities | | 2,690,387 | 3,068,135 |
| Other investments | | 510,302 | 714,427 |
| Lease prepayments and other assets | | 615,926 | 649,337 |
| Goodwill | | 22,415 | 22,415 |
| Deferred tax assets | | 212,994 | 9,629 |
| Total non-current assets | | 19,956,914 | 20,916,286 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Inventories | | 7,479,426 | 5,197,849 |
| Trade debtors | 7 | 241,568 | 212,257 |
| Bills receivable | 7 | 933,976 | 1,757,131 |
| Deposits, other debtors and prepayments | | 555,471 | 262,918 |
| Amounts due from related parties | 7 | 1,356,774 | 515,222 |
| Income tax recoverable | | | 98,222 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 758,941 | 893,165 |
| Total current assets | | 11,326,156 | 8,936,764 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 8 | 5,322,549 | 4,091,969 |
| Trade creditors | 9 | 2,198,130 | 1,504,454 |
| Bills payable | 9 | 178,141 | 300,575 |
| Other creditors | | 1,477,655 | 1,442,284 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 9 | 1,911,970 | 904,870 |
| Income tax payable | | 22,003 | 17,580 |
| Total current liabilities | | 11,110,448 | 8,261,732 |
| Net current assets | | 215,708 | 675,032 |
| Total assets less current liabilities carried forward | | 20,172,622 | 21,591,318 |

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| | Note | At 30 June 2008 RMB 000 | At 31 December 2007 RMB 000 |
|--|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total assets less current liabilities brought forward | | 20,172,622 | 21,591,318 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 8 | 419,860 | 639,289 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 419,860 | 639,289 |
| Net assets | | 19,752,762 | 20,952,029 |
| Shareholders equity | | | |
| Share capital | 10 | 7,200,000 | 7,200,000 |
| Reserves | 10 | 12,287,077 | 13,448,038 |
| Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | | 19,487,077 | 20,648,038 |
| Minority interests | | 265,685 | 303,991 |
| Total equity | | 19,752,762 | 20,952,029 |

Table of Contents**Notes to the unaudited interim financial report:****1 Principal activities and basis of preparation**

Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical Company Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group) is a highly integrated entity which processes crude oil into synthetic fibres, resins and plastics, intermediate petrochemicals and petroleum products. The Company is a subsidiary of China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation (Sinopec Corp).

This interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* , issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The preparation of interim financial report in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2007 included in the interim financial report do not constitute the Company's statutory financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 are available from the Company's registered office. The Company's independent auditors have expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their audit report dated 7 April 2008.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Group and are consistent with those adopted in the 2007 annual financial statements. The 2007 annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the IASB. IFRS includes International Accounting Standards (IAS) and related interpretations.

2 Segment reporting

Reportable information on the Group's operating segments is as follows:

| | Six-month period ended | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | 30 June | |
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| <i>Turnover and other income</i> | | |
| Manufactured Products | | |
| Synthetic fibres | | |
| External sales | 2,114,272 | 2,304,678 |
| Intersegment sales | 42 | 46 |
| Total | 2,114,314 | 2,304,724 |
| Resins and plastics | | |
| External sales | 8,558,916 | 8,117,734 |
| Intersegment sales | 50,534 | 35,115 |
| Total | 8,609,450 | 8,152,849 |

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| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Intermediate petrochemicals | | |
| External sales (note a) | 6,058,541 | 4,202,885 |
| Intersegment sales | 11,257,562 | 8,440,840 |
| Total | 17,316,103 | 12,643,725 |
| Petroleum products | | |
| External sales (note a) | 14,590,287 | 10,069,800 |
| Intersegment sales | 1,171,981 | 782,449 |
| Other income (note b) | 1,627,727 | |
| Total | 17,389,995 | 10,852,249 |
| All others | | |
| External sales | 1,545,089 | 2,125,144 |
| Intersegment sales | 1,131,348 | 1,535,505 |
| Total | 2,676,437 | 3,660,649 |

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| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Elimination of intersegment sales | (13,611,467) | (10,793,955) |
| Turnover and other income | 34,494,832 | 26,820,241 |
| (Loss) / profit before taxation | | |
| (Loss) / profit from operations | | |
| Synthetic fibres | (24,280) | 103,440 |
| Resins and plastics | 12,471 | 576,169 |
| Intermediate petrochemicals | 56,341 | 520,432 |
| Petroleum products | (626,476) | 477,217 |
| All others | 3,295 | 82,592 |
| Consolidated (loss) / profit from operations | (578,649) | 1,759,850 |
| Net financing costs | (139,034) | (88,757) |
| Investment income | 131,772 | 413,119 |
| Share of profits of associates and jointly controlled entities | 152,101 | 384,912 |
| (Loss) / profit before taxation | (433,810) | 2,469,124 |

Note (a): External sales include sales to Sinopec Corp Group companies as follows:

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Sales to Sinopec Corp Group companies | | |
| Intermediate petrochemicals | 1,670,193 | 1,195,851 |
| Petroleum products | 12,611,224 | 8,360,613 |
| Total | 14,281,417 | 9,556,464 |

Note (b): During the period ended 30 June 2008, the Group recognised grant income of RMB 1,627,727,000 (period ended 30 June 2007: RMB Nil). These grants were mainly for compensation of losses incurred due to the distortion of the correlation of domestic refined petroleum product prices and the crude oil prices, and the measures taken by the Group to stabilise the supply in the PRC refined petroleum product market during the period. There are no unfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to the receipts of these grants. There is no assurance that the Group will continue to receive such grants in the future.

3 (Loss) / profit before taxation

(Loss) / profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/ (crediting):

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 |
| Interest on bank loans and advances | 246,394 | 160,830 |
| Less: Amount capitalised as construction in progress | (10,046) | (35,307) |
| Interest expense, net | 236,348 | 125,523 |

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| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Cost of inventories sold | 34,218,330 | 24,413,090 |
| Depreciation | 825,263 | 817,110 |
| Write down of inventories | 71,930 | |
| Amortisation of lease prepayment and other assets | 8,428 | 8,372 |
| Net profit on sale of available-for-sale securities | (131,772) | (413,119) |
| Net (gain) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (5,177) | 12,806 |

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Taxation in the consolidated income statement represents:

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Provision for PRC income tax for the period | 49,617 | 676,220 |
| Deferred taxation | (151,737) | (23,126) |
| | (102,120) | 653,094 |

The charge for PRC income tax is calculated at the rate of 25% (2007: 33%) on the estimated assessable income of the period determined in accordance with relevant income tax rules and regulations. The Company did not carry out business overseas and therefore does not incur overseas income taxes.

5 Basic (loss) / earnings per share

The calculation of basic (loss) / earnings per share is based on the loss attributable to shareholders of the Company for the period of RMB 358,080,000 (period ended 30 June 2007: a profit of RMB 1,785,569,000) and 7,200,000,000 (six-month period ended 30 June 2007: 7,200,000,000) shares in issue during the period.

The amount of diluted earnings per share is not presented as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence for both periods.

6 Dividends

| | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved during the period, of RMB 0.09 per share (2007: RMB 0.04 per share) | 648,000 | 288,000 |

Pursuant to a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 12 June 2008, a final dividend of RMB 648,000,000 (2007: RMB 288,000,000) was declared and approved for the year ended 31 December 2007. The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the period (2007: RMB Nil).

7 Trade accounts receivable

| | At | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 30 June 2008 | 31 December 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Trade debtors | 266,159 | 236,848 |
| Less: Impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts | (24,591) | (24,591) |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 241,568 | 212,257 |
| Bills receivable | 933,976 | 1,757,131 |
| Amounts due from related parties | 1,356,774 | 515,222 |
| | 2,532,318 | 2,484,610 |

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The aging analysis of trade accounts receivable (net of impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts) is as follows:

| | At | At |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 30 June 2008 | 31 December 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Invoice date: | | |
| Within one year | 2,531,688 | 2,483,551 |
| Between one and two years | 630 | 1,059 |
| | 2,532,318 | 2,484,610 |

Sales are generally on a cash basis. Subject to negotiation, credit is generally only available for major customers with well-established trading records.

8 Loans and borrowings

| | At | At |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 30 June 2008 | 31 December 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Short-term loans | 4,703,190 | 3,672,942 |
| Current portion of long-term bank loans | 619,359 | 419,027 |
| Loans and borrowings current | 5,322,549 | 4,091,969 |
| Loans and borrowings non-current | 419,860 | 639,289 |
| | 5,742,409 | 4,731,258 |

9 Trade accounts payable

| | At | At |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 30 June 2008 | 31 December 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Trade creditors | 2,198,130 | 1,504,454 |
| Bills payable | 178,141 | 300,575 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 1,911,970 | 904,870 |
| | 4,288,241 | 2,709,899 |

The maturity analysis of trade accounts payable is as follows:

| | At | At |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| | 30 June 2008 | 31 December 2007 |
| | RMB 000 | RMB 000 |
| Due within 1 month or on demand | 3,969,197 | 2,439,156 |
| Due after 1 month and within 3 months | 312,044 | 270,743 |
| Due after 3 months and within 6 months | 7,000 | |
| | 4,288,241 | 2,709,899 |

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Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company

| Note | Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company | | | | | | | | | Minority interests RMB 000 | Total equity RMB 000 |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Share capital RMB 000 | Share premium RMB 000 | Statutory surplus reserve RMB 000 | Capital reserve RMB 000 | Discretionary surplus reserves RMB 000 | Excess over share capital RMB 000 | Fair value reserve RMB 000 | Retained profits RMB 000 | Total RMB 000 | | |
| At 1 January 2007: | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,330,193 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 21,949 | 4,867,270 | 18,976,343 | 336,013 | 19,312,356 |
| Unrealised gain for changes in fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | 546,594 | 546,594 | | 546,594 |
| Transfer to profit or loss on disposal of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | (276,790) | (276,790) | | (276,790) |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | | | | | | | | 1,785,569 | 1,785,569 | 30,461 | 1,816,030 |
| Adjustment to statutory surplus reserve (a) | | | 11,786 | | | | | (11,786) | | | |
| Dividends approved in respect of previous year 6 | | | | | | | | (288,000) | (288,000) | | (288,000) |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders | | | | | | | | | | (5,686) | (5,686) |
| At 30 June 2007 | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,341,979 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 291,753 | 6,353,053 | 20,743,716 | 360,788 | 21,104,504 |
| At 1 July 2007 | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,341,979 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 291,753 | 6,353,053 | 20,743,716 | 360,788 | 21,104,504 |
| Unrealised gain for changes in fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | 295,408 | 295,408 | | 295,408 |
| Transfer to profit or loss on disposal of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | (239,597) | (239,597) | | (239,597) |
| (Loss) / profit attributable to shareholders | | | | | | | | (151,489) | (151,489) | 18,595 | (132,894) |
| Adjustment to statutory surplus (a) | | | (48,519) | | | | | 48,519 | | | |

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|---|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| reserve | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Appropriation | (b) | | 192,434 | | | | | (192,434) | | | | |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders | | | | | | | | | | (75,392) | (75,392) | |
| At 31 December 2007 | | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,485,894 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 347,564 | 6,057,649 | 20,648,038 | 303,991 | 20,952,029 |
| At 1 January 2008: | | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,485,894 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 347,564 | 6,057,649 | 20,648,038 | 303,991 | 20,952,029 |
| Unrealised gain for changes in fair value of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | (56,052) | | (56,052) | | (56,052) |
| Transfer to profit or loss on disposal of available-for-sale securities, net of deferred tax | | | | | | | | (98,829) | | (98,829) | | (98,829) |
| (Loss) / profit attributable to shareholders | | | | | | | | | (358,080) | (358,080) | 26,390 | (331,690) |
| Dividends approved in respect of previous year | 6 | | | | | | | | (648,000) | (648,000) | | (648,000) |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders | | | | | | | | | | | (64,696) | (64,696) |
| At 30 June 2008 | | 7,200,000 | 2,420,841 | 3,485,894 | 4,180 | 1,280,514 | (148,604) | 192,683 | 5,051,569 | 19,487,077 | 265,685 | 19,752,762 |

(a) Commencing from 1 January 2007, the Group has adopted the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises issued by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC (the MOF) on 15 February 2006, certain PRC accounting policies have been changed and applied retrospectively. The net profits as determined in accordance with the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises for prior periods have been restated and the statutory surplus reserve has been adjusted based on 10% of the restated net profits. The adjustment to the statutory surplus reserve was reflected as a movement in 2007.

(b) According to the Company's Articles of Association, the Company is required to transfer 10% of the Company's profit after taxation, as determined under China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, to a statutory surplus reserve until the reserve balance reaches 50% of the registered capital.

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(a) Financial guarantees issued:

| | At 30 June 2008 RMB 000 | At 31 December 2007 RMB 000 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Guarantees issued to banks in favour of | | |
| associates | 14,500 | 14,500 |
| joint ventures | 16,247 | 16,247 |
| | 30,747 | 30,747 |

Guarantees issued to banks in favour of associates and joint ventures are given to the extent of the Company's respective interest in these entities. The Group monitors the conditions that are subject to the guarantees to identify whether it is probable that a loss has occurred, and recognise any such losses under guarantees when those losses are estimable. At 30 June 2008, it is not probable that the Group will be required to make payments under the guarantees. Thus no liability has been accrued for a loss related to the Group's obligation under the guarantees arrangement.

(b) Income tax differences

Regarding the issue on the enterprise income tax differences arising from prior years as disclosed in Note 11(a) and 32(b) in the Company's 2007 financial statements, the Company has been informed by the relevant tax authority to settle the enterprise income tax (EIT) for 2007 at a rate of 33 percent. Up till now, the Company has not been requested to pay additional EIT in respect of any years prior to 2007. Except for the above, there is no further development of this matter during the six-month period ended 30 June 2008.

7.5 Differences between financial statements prepared under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The below figures are extracted from the interim financial statements prepared in accordance with the China Accounting Standards and IFRS, both of which have not been audited.

The Company also prepares a set of financial statements which complies with the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises (CAS (2006)). A reconciliation of the Group's net (loss)/profit and shareholders' equity prepared under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and IFRS is presented below.

Other than the differences in the classification of certain financial statements assertions and the accounting treatment of the items described below, there are no material differences between the Group's financial statements prepared in accordance with the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and IFRS. The major differences are:

Notes:

(i) Government grants

Under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, government subsidies defined as capital contributions according to the relevant government requirements are not considered a government grant, but instead should be recorded as an increase in capital reserves.

Under IFRS, such grants are offset against the cost of asset to which the grants related. Upon transfer to property, plant and equipment, the grant is recognised as income over the useful life of the property, plant and equipment by way of a reduced depreciation charge.

(ii) Revaluation of land use rights

Under IFRS, land use rights are carried at historical cost less accumulated amortisation. Under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, land use rights are carried at revalued amount less accumulated amortisation.

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(iii) Goodwill

Under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises, the Group no longer amortises positive goodwill effective 1 January 2007. From 1 January 2007, goodwill is tested annually for impairment.

Under IFRS, with reference to IFRS 3, Business combinations, the Group no longer amortises goodwill effective 1 January 2005. From 1 January 2005, goodwill is tested annually for impairment.

As a result, there are no differences in respect of goodwill amortisation between the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and IFRS effective 1 January 2007. The difference in the shareholders' equity represents the two years of amortisation of positive goodwill during the period from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006 under the previous China Accounting Rules and Regulations.

(iv) Change in tax rate on deferred tax

As the EIT rate applicable to the Company was changed from 33% in 2007 to 25% in 2008, deferred tax recognised as at 31 December 2007 is based on the 25% tax rate that is expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled. The amount represents the effects of change in tax rate on deferred tax assets.

The effect on the Group's net (loss)/profit and shareholders' equity of significant differences between the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and IFRS are summarised below:

| | Note | Six-month period ended 30 June | |
|--|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | 2008 RMB 000 | 2007 RMB 000 (restated)# |
| (Loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises | | (372,772) | 1,758,290 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Reduced depreciation on government grants | (i) | 13,380 | 13,380 |
| Amortisation of revaluation of land use rights | (ii) | 1,749 | 1,749 |
| Effects of the above adjustments on taxation | | (437) | (577) |
| Effects of change in tax rate on deferred tax | (iv) | | 12,727 |
| (Loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company under IFRS | | (358,080) | 1,785,569 |

After the publication of 2007 interim report, further interpretations on CAS (2006) were issued. The Group reviewed the consolidated income statement for the six-month period ended 30 June 2007 in accordance with these interpretations during the preparation of the 2008 interim report. The net profits as determined in accordance with the China Accounting Rules and Regulations for prior periods have been restated. As a result, the comparative figures have been adjusted accordingly.

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| | | At | |
|---|-------|------------|-------------|
| | | 30 June | At |
| | | 2008 | 31 December |
| | Note | RMB 000 | 2007 |
| | | | RMB 000 |
| Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company under the China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises | | 19,823,791 | 20,999,444 |
| Adjustments: | | | |
| Government grants | (i) | (223,779) | (237,159) |
| Revaluation of land use rights | (ii) | (165,505) | (167,254) |
| Goodwill | (iii) | 22,415 | 22,415 |
| Effects of the above adjustments on taxation | | 30,155 | 30,592 |
| Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company under IFRS | | 19,487,077 | 20,648,038 |

By order of the Board
Rong Guangdao
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC, 27 August 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Rong Guangdao, Du Chongjun, Han Zhihao, Shi Wei, Li Honggen and Dai Jinbao; the non-executive directors of the Company are Lei Dianwu and Xiang Hanyin, and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Chen Xinyuan, Sun Chiping, Jiang Zhiquan and Zhou Yunnong.