China Leason CBM & Shale Gas Group Company Limited
中國聯盛煤層氣頁岩氣產業集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8270)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT
For the six months ended 30 June 2013

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Turnover of the Company together with its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the quarter ended 30 June 2013 (the "Quarterly Period") and the six months ended 30 June 2013 (the "Interim Period") were approximately RMB42,768,000 and RMB76,295,000 respectively, representing a decline of approximately 8.9% and a rise of 3.3% respectively compared with corresponding periods in the previous financial year.

- The Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately RMB40,108,000 for the Interim Period.

- Loss per share of the Group was approximately RMB0.86 cents for the Interim Period.

- The board of Directors (the "Board") does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the Interim Period.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

The unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the Quarterly Period and Interim Period, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding periods in 2012, respectively were as follows:—

(Unless otherwise stated, all financial figures presented in this interim results are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"))

		Quarterly ended 30 June		**Half year ended 30 June**	
		2013	2012	**2013**	2012
		RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
	Note	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*
Turnover	*3*	**42,768**	46,957	**76,295**	73,880
Cost of sales		**(44,782)**	(58,081)	**(87,624)**	(96,514)
Gross loss		**(2,014)**	(11,124)	**(11,329)**	(22,634)
Other revenue and net income	*3*	**9**	13	**1,274**	140
Distribution costs		**(1,654)**	(1,206)	**(2,652)**	(1,556)
Administrative and other operating expenses		**(8,013)**	(7,974)	**(22,505)**	(22,909)
Finance costs		**(4,933)**	(1,608)	**(8,899)**	(2,974)
Loss before income tax	*4*	**(16,605)**	(21,899)	**(44,111)**	(49,933)
Income tax	*5*	**(549)**	962	**1,437**	2,890
Loss for the period		**(17,154)**	(20,937)	**(42,674)**	(47,043)
Attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		**(15,751)**	(19,486)	**(40,108)**	(44,346)
Non-controlling interests		**(1,403)**	(1,451)	**(2,566)**	(2,697)
Loss for the period		**(17,154)**	(20,937)	**(42,674)**	(47,043)
Dividends attributable to the period	*6*	**—**	—	**—**	—
		RMB (cents)	*RMB (cents)*	***RMB (cents)***	*RMB (cents)*
Loss per share					
— basic	*7*	**(0.34)**	(0.49)	**(0.86)**	(1.12)
— diluted		**(0.34)**	(0.49)	**(0.86)**	(1.12)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Quarterly ended 30 June		Half year ended 30 June	
	2013	2012	**2013**	2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*
Loss for the period	**(17,154)**	(20,937)	**(42,674)**	(47,043)
Other comprehensive (expense)/ income for the period				
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of foreign entities	**(1,207)**	97	**(1,261)**	540
Total comprehensive expense for the period	**(18,361)**	(20,840)	**(43,935)**	(46,503)
Total comprehensive expense attributable to:				
Equity shareholders of the Company	**(16,958)**	(19,389)	**(41,369)**	(43,806)
Non-controlling interests	**(1,403)**	(1,451)	**(2,566)**	(2,697)
	(18,361)	(20,840)	**(43,935)**	(46,503)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	**30 June 2013** ***RMB'000*** ***(unaudited)***	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Non-current assets			
Goodwill		**267,298**	267,298
Property, plant and equipment		**626,875**	601,503
Prepaid lease payments for land under operating leases		**34,585**	34,309
Intangible assets		**350,054**	365,231
Deposits and prepayments		**47,813**	53,485
Deferred tax assets		**152**	152
		1,326,777	1,321,978
Current assets			
Prepaid lease payments for land under operating leases		**824**	810
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss		**200**	200
Inventories		**13,873**	5,949
Trade and other receivables	*9*	**250,972**	187,387
Cash and cash equivalents		**29,274**	29,437
		295,143	223,783
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	*10*	**234,076**	280,191
Bank and other borrowings due within one year	*11*	**122,400**	110,600
Obligation under finance leases		**31,322**	4,747
Provision		**3,098**	2,507
Tax payable		**13,700**	22,253
		404,596	420,298
Net current liabilities		**(109,453)**	(196,515)
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,217,324**	1,125,463
Non-current liabilities			
Bank and other borrowings	*11*	**3,000**	5,400
Obligation under finance leases		**64,691**	1,405
Deferred tax liabilities		**92,422**	95,955
		160,113	102,760
Net assets		**1,057,211**	1,022,703
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	*12*	**40,542**	34,828
Reserves		**996,592**	965,232
Equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		**1,037,134**	1,000,060
Non-controlling interests		**20,077**	22,643
Total equity		**1,057,211**	1,022,703

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2013	2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*
CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(25,879)**	(6,478)
CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	**(151,396)**	(13,198)
CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	**177,112**	9,170
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND BANK BALANCES	**(163)**	(10,506)
CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY	**29,437**	21,698
CASH AND BANK BALANCES AT 30 JUNE	**29,274**	11,192

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company									
(Unaudited)	Share capital *RMB'000*	Share premium *RMB'000*	General reserve *RMB'000*	Translation reserve *RMB'000*	Share option reserve *RMB'000*	Convertible bonds reserve *RMB'000*	Accumulated losses *RMB'000*	Total *RMB'000*	Non-controlling interests *RMB'000*	Total equity *RMB'000*
Balance at 1 January 2013	34,828	878,366	2,412	1,506	30,763	241,209	(189,024)	1,000,060	22,643	1,022,703
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2013										
Loss for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	(40,108)	(40,108)	(2,566)	(42,674)
Exchange differences arising from translation	–	–	–	(1,261)	–	–	–	(1,261)	–	(1,261)
Total comprehensive expenses for the period	–	–	–	(1,261)	–	–	(40,108)	(41,369)	(2,566)	(43,935)
Issue of new shares										
– Share placement	3,227	77,454	–	–	–	–	–	80,681	–	80,681
– Conversion of convertible bonds	2,487	62,167	–	–	–	(64,654)	–	–	–	–
– Transaction costs attributable to issue of new shares	–	(2,830)	–	–	–	–	–	(2,830)	–	(2,830)
Equity-settled share based payments	–	–	–	–	592	–	–	592	–	592
Balance at 30 June 2013	40,542	1,015,157	2,412	245	31,355	176,555	(229,132)	1,037,134	20,077	1,057,211

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company									
(Unaudited)	Share capital *RMB'000*	Share premium *RMB'000*	General reserve *RMB'000*	Translation reserve *RMB'000*	Share option reserve *RMB'000*	Convertible bonds reserve *RMB'000*	Accumulated losses *RMB'000*	Total *RMB'000*	Non-controlling interests *RMB'000*	Total equity *RMB'000*
Balance at 1 January 2012	34,828	878,366	1,523	1,528	28,376	241,209	(133,408)	1,052,422	28,975	1,081,397
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2012										
Loss for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	(44,346)	(44,346)	(2,697)	(47,043)
Exchange differences arising from translation	–	–	–	540	–	–	–	540	–	540
Total comprehensive expenses for the period	–	–	–	540	–	–	(44,346)	(43,806)	(2,697)	(46,503)
Equity-settled share based payments	–	–	–	–	1,598	–	–	1,598	–	1,598
Balance at 30 June 2012	34,828	878,366	1,523	2,068	29,974	241,209	(177,754)	1,010,214	26,278	1,036,492

NOTES:

1. Basis of presentation of financial statements

The unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and comply with accounting standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). They are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2013 have not been audited by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The accounting policies and basis of preparation used in the preparation of the unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30 June 2013 are consistent with those used in the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The Group principally operates in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") with its business activities principally transacted in RMB, the results of the Group are therefore prepared in RMB.

2. Application of New and Revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs")

In the interim period, the Group has, where applicable, applied the new and revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are or have become effective.

The application of the new and revised HKFRSs in the current period had no material effect on the Group's financial performance and positions for the current and prior accounting periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these financial statements.

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the HKICPA has issued a number of amendments, new standards and interpretation which are not yet effective for the period ended 30 June 2013 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements.

The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of these new and revised standards, amendments or interpretation is expected to be in the period of initial application but is not yet in a position to state whether those new and revised standards, amendments or interpretation would have a significant impact on the Group's or the Company's results of operations and financial position.

3. Turnover and segment information

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are manufacture and sales of liquefied coalbed gas (including provision of liquefied coalbed gas logistics services), sales of piped natural gas and provision of gas supply connection services.

Turnover represents the sales value of goods supplied and services provided to customers, which excludes value-added and business taxes, and is after deduction of any goods returns and trade discounts.

— The amount of each significant category of revenue recognised in turnover during the year is as follows:

	Quarterly ended 30 June		**Half year ended 30 June**	
	2013	2012	**2013**	2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*
Turnover				
Sales of liquefied coalbed gas (including provision of liquefied coalbed gas logistic services)	**33,083**	38,570	**57,070**	57,156
Sales of piped natural gas and provision of gas supply connection services	**9,685**	8,387	**19,225**	16,724
	42,768	46,957	**76,295**	73,880
Other revenue and net income				
Interest income from bank deposits	**9**	5	**27**	15
Others	**—**	8	**1,247**	125
	9	13	**1,274**	140

The Group's turnover and assets were mainly derived from and related to the liquefied coalbed gas business in China while other segments were immaterial. Hence no geographical segment information is presented.

4. Loss before income tax

Loss before income tax was arrived at after charging:

	Quarterly ended 30 June		**Half year ended 30 June**	
	2013	2012	**2013**	2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*
Staff costs (including Directors' remuneration)				
— share-based payments	**178**	806	**592**	1,598
— others	**4,080**	5,781	**9,560**	9,441
	4,258	6,587	**10,152**	11,039
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	**9,134**	4,655	**17,532**	11,622

5. Income tax

(a) Hong Kong profits tax

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for the period ended 30 June 2013 and 2012.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not derive any income subject to Hong Kong profits tax during the Interim Period.

(b) Overseas income tax

Taxes on incomes assessable elsewhere were provided for in accordance with the applicable tax legislations, rules and regulations prevailing in the territories in which the Group operates. Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and the Implementation Regulations of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% from 1 January 2008 onwards.

There was no significant unprovided deferred taxation for the Quarterly Period and Interim Period.

6. Dividends

The Board does not recommend payment of any interim dividend for the Interim Period (six-month ended 30 June 2012: Nil).

7. Loss per share

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share for the Quarterly Period and Interim Period were based on the respective unaudited data as follows:

	Quarterly ended 30 June		**Half year ended 30 June**	
	2013	2012	**2013**	2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(unaudited)*	***(unaudited)***	*(unaudited)*
Loss attributable to owners of the Company	**(15,751)**	(19,486)	**(40,108)**	(44,346)
	Shares	Shares	**Shares**	Shares
	('000)	*('000)*	***('000)***	*('000)*
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of calculating basic loss per share	**4,642,505**	3,942,505	**4,642,505**	3,942,505

No dilutive loss per share was presented because there were no dilutive potential ordinary share in existence during the quarters and six months ended 30 June 2013 and 30 June 2012 respectively.

8. Additions and disposals of property, plant and equipment

During the Interim Period, the Group have acquired approximately RMB6,118,000 (six-months ended 30 June 2012: RMB10,472,000) property, plant and equipment. There was no material disposal in the current period (six-months ended 30 June 2012: Nil).

9. Trade and other receivables

The Group's trade receivables relate to sales of goods to third party customers. The Group performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally does not require collateral on trade receivables.

The Group's trade and other receivables are as follows:

	30 June 2013	31 December 2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Amounts due from directors *(note (a))*	**1,315**	945
Trade and bills receivables	**19,623**	13,005
Amounts due from related companies	**12,188**	16,247
Advances to suppliers	**—**	1,163
Prepayments and other receivables	**213,355**	152,559
Other tax recoverable	**4,491**	3,468
	250,972	187,387

The ageing analysis of the trade and bills receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	30 June 2013	31 December 2012
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	*(audited)*
Within 1 month	**11,606**	5,587
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	**3,339**	4,408
More than 3 months but less than 6 months	**2,192**	2,986
More than 6 months but less than 12 months	**2,486**	—
More than 12 months	**—**	24
	19,623	13,005

Note:

(a) The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

10. Trade and other payables

	30 June 2013 *RMB'000* *(unaudited)*	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Trade payables	**72,345**	76,621
Amounts due to directors *(note (a))*	**—**	514
Amount due to a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary *(note (a))*	**1,569**	1,979
Accrued expenses and other payables	**131,552**	187,125
Deposits received from customers	**24,864**	12,531
Other taxes payables	**3,746**	1,421
	234,076	280,191

The ageing analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	30 June 2013 *RMB'000* *(unaudited)*	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Within 1 month	**17,652**	19,306
More than 1 month but less than 3 months	**15,978**	958
More than 3 months but less than 6 months	**823**	15,989
More than 6 months but less than 12 months	**17,524**	12,946
More than 12 months	**20,368**	27,422
	72,345	76,621

Note:

(a) The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

11. Bank and other borrowings

As at 30 June 2013, the bank and other loans were repayable as follows:

	30 June 2013 *RMB'000* *(unaudited)*	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Secured bank loans repayable:		
Within 1 year or on demand	**32,400**	30,600
After 1 year but within 2 years	**—**	2,400
After 2 years but within 5 years	**3,000**	3,000
	35,400	36,000
Unsecured other loans repayable:		
Within 1 year or on demand	**90,000**	80,000
	125,400	116,000
Less: Amount due within 1 year shown under current liabilities	**(122,400)**	(110,600)
Amount due after 1 year shown under non-current liabilities	**3,000**	5,400

Notes:

(a) Unsecured other loans of RMB90,000,000 (2012: RMB80,000,000) represent loans due to non-controlling shareholders of PRC subsidiaries of the Group. The loans bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 5.69% to 11.50% (2012: 5.69% to 11.50%) per annum.

(b) As at 30 June 2013, bank borrowings of RMB5,400,000 (2012: RMB6,000,000) were secured by the Group's property, plant and equipment with carrying amount of approximately RMB27,500,000 (2012: RMB28,397,000). The remaining bank borrowings of RMB30,000,000 (2012: RMB30,000,000) were secured by the pledge of certain plant and equipment of 諾信(獻縣)機械工程材料有限公司 (transliterated as Nopin (Xian Country) Engineering Material & Machinery Co., Ltd. ("Nopin Engineering"). Nopin Engineering is a company owned by Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng. As at 30 June 2013, the Group did not have any undrawn banking facilities (2012: Nil).

12. Share capital

	30 June 2013 *(unaudited)*		31 December 2012 *(audited)*	
	Number of shares ***'000***	**Total nominal value** ***RMB'000***	Number of shares *'000*	Total nominal value *RMB'000*
Authorised *(Note (a))*	**20,000,000**	**174,064**	10,000,000	94,610
Issued and fully paid				
At 1 January ordinary shares of HK$0.01 each	**3,942,505**	**34,828**	3,942,505	34,828
Issue of shares by share placement	**400,000**	**3,227**	—	—
Issue of shares upon conversion of convertible bonds	**300,000**	**2,487**	—	—
At 30 June/31 December	**4,642,505**	**40,542**	3,942,505	34,828

Note (a): Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at the extraordinary general meeting held on 18 June 2013, the authorised share capital of the Company was increased from HK$100,000,000 divided into 10,000,000,000 Shares to HK$200,000,000 divided into 20,000,000,000 shares by the creation of an additional 10,000,000,000 new shares.

Share option scheme

Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed on 18 May 2011, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of enabling the Company to recruit and retain high-calibre employees and attract resources that are available to the Group and to provide the Company with a means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to such persons who contribute or may bring benefit to the Group. The Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years from adoption of the Scheme and will expire on 17 May 2021.

On 30 May 2011, the Board approved to grant options in respect of 258,300,000 ordinary shares to the Company's directors, employees and consultants under the Scheme. The options outstanding at 30 June 2013 had an exercise price of HK$0.495 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 7.8 years. The exercise periods for the above options granted under the Scheme shall end not later than 10 years from 30 May 2011.

13. Commitments

(a) At 30 June 2013, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of office premises are payable as follows:

	30 June 2013 *RMB'000* *(unaudited)*	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Within 1 year	**667**	444
After 1 year but within 5 years	**445**	—
	1,112	444

The Group leases a number of properties under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of one to three years, with an option to renew the lease with all terms renegotiable. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

(b) At 30 June 2013, the Group had the following capital commitments:

	30 June 2013 *RMB'000* *(unaudited)*	31 December 2012 *RMB'000* *(audited)*
Capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment and in respect of construction in progress:		
— contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	**72,289**	222,645

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Financial Review

The Group recorded a consolidated turnover of approximately RMB76,295,000 for the Interim Period, representing a rise of approximately 3.3% compared with the corresponding period last year. Details of the structure and change of revenue are as follows:

(i) The LNG plant in Qinshui County, Shanxi Province was shut down for major overhaul between February 2012 and April 2012. However, the production has increased as compared with the corresponding period last year as the equipment was operating under normal capacity for the Interim Period, therefore operating income generated from liquefied coalbed gas has increased by approximately RMB6,000,000. As the income generated from liquefied coalbed gas has increased, in order to meet the demand for the Group's logistic services, we cut back the external sales of logistics services for the Interim Period which offset the increase in sales of liquefied coalbed gas during the period.

(ii) Due to the increase in the production of liquefied coalbed gas, the production cost of liquefied coalbed gas was lowered, resulting in the decrease in gross loss of approximately RMB11,035,000 for the Interim Period as compared with the corresponding period last year.

Loss attributable to shareholders for the Interim Period was approximately RMB40,108,000, compared with the loss attributable of shareholders of approximately RMB44,346,000 last year. The reasons for the decrease in loss are as follows:

(i) The production of liquefied coalbed gas has increased during the period, therefore the cost of liquefied coalbed gas was lowered, resulting in the decrease in gross loss as compared with the corresponding period last year.

(ii) Along with the increase in the operating income from liquefied coalbed gas, the distribution costs increased by approximately RMB1,096,000.

(iii) As a result of the entering into of a finance lease agreement and other borrowings, the finance costs increased by approximately RMB5,925,000.

Business Review and Development Prospects

Natural gas exploration and extraction: As at 30 June 2013, the Group has already completed the ground work and drilling of 228 CBM wells, of which 126 wells were in production. The number of wells drilled was slightly below our previous expectation as the Group was focus on the output of production and the stability of gas output. The Board expects to accelerate the output of production wells in the second half of 2013. The average gas production volume of the existing wells ready for immediate gas output is 800 cubic meters per day per well. As the construction of the Group's natural gas pipelines for delivery of gas from the production field to the liquefaction plant has been essentially completed in 2012, the Group has started to generate revenue, profit and cash flow from the business of exploitation of natural gas.

Liquefaction operation: As at 30 June 2013, the Group's LNG production capacity was 500,000 cubic metres per day. However, due to the tight supply of domestic natural gas within China, the Group experienced difficulty in sourcing enough natural gas feed for its downstream liquefaction purpose, therefore, the utilization of the Group's LNG plants was relatively low and unsatisfactory. However, the above situation has been improved after the Group has started its own gas production in the fourth quarter of 2012. The ex-factory price of LNG has increased along with the increase of the price of natural gas in the PRC since last quarter. Currently, the operation of LNG plant has been steady. The revenue, profit and cashflow contribution to be generated from the LNG plant to the Group are expected to increase due to the increase in both the self-produced gas production and supply.

Marketing and sales: In view of the strong demand of LNG in central China due to the rising industrial and residential demands, the Group developed the vertical integration structure to supply LNG from its LNG plant in Qinshui County, Shanxi Province to its customers in surrounding areas through its own distribution pipes. The vertical integration structure can reduce risk of gas supply disruption and increase profit margins. The Group can also decide its customer mix in order to maximise the profit margins. The Group will actively expand the natural gas consumption market by making full use of its exclusive natural gas operation right in Ruyang County, Henan Province and in Beiliu City, Guangxi Province. Meanwhile, through the project of building gas stations alongside the mature transportation routes within China and the market development and maintenance of end users, the Group is able to secure a long term demand from major users as well as optimise the overall sales mix and therefore maximise our profit margin. The Group's related gas pipelines placement works in the Ruyang Industrial Zone was in progress. Meanwhile, we started to use cylinder group and skid-mounted equipment to sell gas to our customers. Moreover, the Group will increase the utilisation of the LNG plant by continuously participating in the regional gas trading market so as to generate more revenue. Nevertheless, this will not be our major business. The trading business only generates a thin margin, but it is one of the measures to minimise the idle capacity and to generate more revenue.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

As at 30 June 2013, the Group had net assets of approximately RMB1,057,211,000, including cash, bank and deposit balances of approximately RMB29,274,000. To minimise financial risks, the Group implements stringent financial and risk management strategies and avoids the use of highly-geared financing arrangements. The Group's gearing ratio, calculated by the Group's total external borrowings divided by its shareholders' fund, was approximately 12.1%.

Although the Group has no plan in fund raising currently, the Group is opportunistic in obtaining financing to further improve the cash position given that the natural gas drilling program is capital intensive. If the Group has adequate financing in the future (whether it is from internal cash flow due to increased gas sales, or from fund raising), the Group will accelerate the drilling program. Apart from the intended investment in upstream CBM exploration and extraction, the Group does not have any other plan for acquisition or investment, disposal or scale-down of any current business.

Employees

As at 30 June 2013, the Group has an aggregate of 564 employees, of which 88 are research and development staff, 249 are engineering and customer service staff, 192 administrative staff and 35 marketing staff. During the Interim Period, the staff cost (including Directors' remuneration) was approximately RMB10,152,000 (for the six months ended 30 June 2012: approximately RMB11,039,000). The salary and bonus policy of the Group is principally determined by the performance of the individual employee. The Group will, on an ongoing basis, provides opportunity for professional development and training to its employees.

Risk in Foreign Exchange

The group entities collect most of the revenue and incur most of expenditures in their respective functional currencies. The directors of the Company consider that the Group's exposure to foreign currency exchange is insignificant as the majority of the Group's transactions are denominated in the functional currency of each individual group entity.

OUTLOOK

The Board believes that the Company will sustain long term development and maintain its leading position in China's natural gas market given its vertical integration business structure that reduces, or eliminates risks in gas supply, gas price fluctuation and earning visibility. According to the 12th Five-Year Plan for the period from 2011 to 2015 promulgated by the PRC government, natural gas users in China will increase by 100 million to a total of 250 million. On the nationwide gas market basis, the Group has observed inadequate gas supply in general that has rendered midstream gas processing companies in the market in an adverse operating environment causing low utilisation and loss. Unlike most of the above midstream gas processing companies whose business models only focus on certain areas of the gas production or supply chain, the Group has its own gas production in upstream operation which enhance the Group's selfsufficiency in gas supply to the mid-stream LNG plants and downstream gas sales and distribution, and therefore reducing the gas supply risk in the long run. The current situation of gas supply inadequacy and the consequential loss arising from operations are just temporary and it is likely that the business will turn profitable and show phenomenal growth in the near future as the Group accelerates its gas production and the rising trend of the price of LNG in the PRC continues.

Furthermore, the Group, with its own gas supply, is less affected by gas price fluctuation in the international natural gas market. Moreover, gas price increases in the international market would in fact make our gas products and supply more competitive and increase our profit margin given our lower operation cost resulting from our full participation in the natural gas value chain. The Group believes that its revenue and profit will increase in the long run. More importantly, the vertical integration strategy would enable the Group to sustain long term development and become a strong market leader. After a series of corporate restructuring, the Group believes that the build-out of the Group's vertical integration structure is almost complete and now it is high time for the Group to move to the second stage - the growing phase. The Group expects to turn the business into profitable in the near future. On the upstream exploration and production front, the number of wells ready for gas output would increase and the daily production per well would rise as the wells become more mature. On the other hand, the construction of the pipelines that transport gas to the LNG plants in Qinshui County from the Group's own gas fields has been essentially completed, and the Group can since then increase its own LNG plants utilization by feeding more self-produced gas to the LNG plants. More importantly, the utilisation of the downstream LNG transportation trunks and the storage facilities would also increase. As the gas price increases, demand for gas in China remains strong and the Group's supply constraints unleash, the Group expects the gas sales in 2013 to grow significantly and the profitability to improve substantially. In the near future, the Group will mainly focus on upstream CBM exploration and production on the existing CBM assets. Meanwhile, the Group will be opportunistic in value-accretive upstream gas asset acquisition, if any.

MAJOR TRANSACTION AND EVENT

The Placing

The Company and the Placing Agent, Vision Finance International Company Limited (the "Placing Agent") entered into the placing agreement on 14 March 2013, whereby the Company conditionally agreed to place, through the Placing Agent, on a best efforts basis, a maximum of 400,000,000 shares of the Company to independent investors at a price of HK$0.25 per placing share (the "Placing").

The 400,000,000 placing shares represent (i) approximately 9.99% of the then issued share capital of the Company of 4,002,505,023 shares; and (ii) approximately 9.09% of the then Company's issued share capital of 4,402,505,023 shares as enlarged by completion of the Placing.

The Placing was completed on 9 April 2013. The net proceeds from the Placing of approximately HK$96.4 million has been and will be used for the drilling of wells and natural gas pipeline construction work. For details of the Placing, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 15 March 2013 and 9 April 2013 respectively.

Memorandum of Co-operation in respect of the possible subscription

On 20 June 2013, the Company, Beijing Enterprises Holdings Limited (the "Subscriber") and the Placing Agent entered into the memorandum of Co-operation pursuant to which the Company conditionally agreed to place, through the Placing Agent, 9,300,000,000 shares of the Company (the "Placing Shares") to the Subscriber (or its wholly-owned subsidiary(ies)) at a price of HK$0.26 per Placing Share (the "Placing and Subscription").

Under Rule 26.1 of the The Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeovers Code"), the Subscriber (or its wholly-owned subsidiary(ies)) would be obliged to make a mandatory general offer (the "General Offer") to the shareholders of the Company for all the issued shares and other securities of the Company not already owned or agreed to be acquired by it and parties acting in concert with it unless the whitewash waiver as may be granted by the Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the Securities and Futures Commission (the "Executive") pursuant to Note 1 on dispensations from Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code in respect of any obligation of the Subscriber (or its wholly-owned subsidiary(ies)) to make the General Offer (the "Whitewash waiver") is obtained from the Executive. In this regard, the Subscriber (or its wholly-owned subsidiary(ies)) will make an application to the Executive for the Whitewash Waiver in respect of the allotment and issue of the Placing Shares after the signing of the formal agreement in relation to the Placing and Subscription.

Completion of the Placing and Subscription is to be subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent described in the memorandum of co-operation and the terms of the formal agreement in relation to the Placing and Subscription. As at the date of this announcement, no formal agreement in relation to the Placing and Subscription has been entered into and the Placing and Subscription may or may not proceed. For details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 26 June 2013 and 25 July 2013.

Finance Lease Agreement

On 21 May 2012, Shanxi Qinshui Shuntai Energy Development Company Limited ("Qinshui Energy"), a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a conditional finance lease agreement in relation to the sale and lease of equipments ("Finance Lease Agreement") with CIMC Capital Limited ("CIMC"), pursuant to which, (i) Qinshui Energy conditionally agreed to sell, and CIMC conditionally agreed to purchase certain liquefied natural gas equipment for a total consideration of RMB95,000,000 (approximately HK$117,283,950.62); and (ii) Qinshui Energy conditionally agreed to lease from CIMC, and CIMC conditionally agreed to lease to Qinshui Energy, the said equipment for a total lease consideration of RMB114,570,000 (approximately HK$141,444,444.44) for a term of 36 months by monthly installments inclusive of interest with a lump sum handling fee in the sum of RMB950,000 (approximately HK$1,172,839.51). The lease consideration may be adjusted according to the floating lending interest rate to be promulgated by People's Bank of China from time to time.

As the applicable percentage ratios of the Finance Lease Agreement exceed 25% but less than 100%, the Finance Lease Agreement constitutes a major transaction on the part of the Company under Chapter 19 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Finance Lease Agreement was approved by the shareholders by way of ordinary resolution at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2013. For details of the Finance Lease Agreement, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 21 May 2012 and 27 May 2013 and the circular of the Company dated 22 April 2013 respectively.

Increase in Authorised Share Capital

The Company increased the authorised share capital from HK$100,000,000 divided into 10,000,000,000 Shares to HK$200,000,000 divided into 20,000,000,000 shares by the creation of an additional 10,000,000,000 new shares by passing an ordinary resolution by shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting held on 18 June 2013.

For details of the increase in authorised share capital of the Company, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 24 May 2013 and 18 June 2013 and the circular of the Company dated 30 May 2013.

Non-legally Binding Cooperation Agreement

On 28 February 2012, the Company entered into a framework agreement (the "Cooperation Agreement") to cooperate with Longmen Hui Cheng Investment Limited (龍門匯成投資有限公司) ("Longmen Hui Cheng"). Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement, the Company wished to closely co-operate with Longmen Hui Cheng in all areas and intends to form a strategic alliance with Longmen Hui Cheng in China's coalbed methane gas sector to form a vertically integrated alliance to cover all the upstream, midstream and downstream areas in the coalbed methane gas value chain (the "Cooperation Project"). Both parties have agreed that a joint working group will be formed immediately following the signing of the Cooperation Agreement to push forward the subsequent signing of a formal agreement. As at the date of this announcement, no binding agreement in relation to the Cooperation Project has been entered into and the Cooperation Project may or may not proceed. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 29 February 2012.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2013, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors of listed issuers as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

(a) Long positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company

Name	Capacity	Nature of Interest	Number of ordinary shares/ underlying shares	Approximate % of shareholdings
Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest	120,790,000 *(Note 1)*	2.60%
	Beneficial owner	Personal	1,802,512,887 *(Note 2)*	38.83%
Mr. Fu Shou Gang	Beneficial Owner	Personal	2,500,000 *(Note 3)*	0.05%

Notes:

1. Such shares are owned by Jumbo Lane Investments Limited.

   Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng owns 100% interest in the issued share capital of Jumbo Lane Investments Limited and he is taken to be interested in the shares owned by Jumbo Lane Investments Limited pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

2. Out of the 1,802,512,887 long positions, Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng is interested as (i) a grantee of options to subscribe for 2,500,000 shares under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 18 May 2011; (ii) a holder of convertible bonds convertible to 819,230,769 conversion shares; and (iii) a beneficial owner of 980,782,118 issued shares of the Company.

3. Mr. Fu Shou Gang is interested as a grantee of options to subscribe for 2,500,000 shares under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 18 May 2011.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any other interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which were otherwise required, pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors of listed issuers as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange. The Group had not issued any debentures during the period.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND PERSONS WITH DISCLOSEABLE INTEREST AND SHORT POSITION IN SHARES AND OPTIONS UNDER SFO

As at 30 June 2013, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company as disclosed above) had an interest or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions in shares

Name	Number of Shares	Nature of Interest	Percentage of shareholding
Ms. Zhao Xin *(Note)*	1,923,302,887	Interest of spouse	41.43%

Notes:

Ms. Zhao Xin (the spouse of Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng) is deemed to be interested in her spouse's interest in the Company pursuant to the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013 no other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had an interest or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Apart from as disclosed under the heading "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests or Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures" above and in the section "Share Option Scheme" below, at no time during the Interim Period were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or minor children or chief executive or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed on 18 May 2011, the Company's share option scheme adopted on 28 July 2003 (the "Old Share Option Scheme") was terminated and a new share option scheme (the "New Share Option Scheme") was adopted which will remain in force for a period of 10 years from adoption of the New Share Option Scheme and will expire on 17 May 2021. On 30 May 2011, the Board approved to grant options in respect of 258,300,000 ordinary shares to the Company's directors, employees and consultants under the New Share Option Scheme scheme.

There were no share options that had been granted remained outstanding under the Old Share Option Scheme prior to its termination.

For details of the New Share Option Scheme, please refer to the circular of the company dated 20 April 2011.

Information in relation to share options disclosed in accordance with the GEM Listing Rules was as follows:

Name and category of participants	As at 1 January 2013	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Cancelled/ lapsed during the period	As at 30 June 2013	Date of grant of share options	Exercise period of share options	Exercise price per share option	Share price of the Company as at the date of grant of share options
Executive Directors									
Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng	2,500,000	—	—	—	2,500,000	30/5/2011	30/5/2011-29/5/2021	0.495	0.495
Mr. Zhang Qing Lin *(Note (iii))*	2,500,000	—	—	—	— *(Note (iii))*	30/5/2011	30/5/2011-29/5/2021	0.495	0.495
Mr. Fu Shou Gang	2,500,000	—	—	—	2,500,000	30/5/2011	30/5/2011-29/5/2021	0.495	0.495
	7,500,000	—	—	—	5,000,000				
Employees	39,740,000	—	—	—	42,240,000 *(Note (iii))*	30/5/2011	30/5/2011-29/5/2021	0.495	0.495
Consultants	200,020,000	—	—	—	200,020,000	30/5/2011	30/5/2011-29/5/2021	0.495	0.495
	247,260,000	—	—	—	247,260,000				

Notes:

(i) The terms and conditions of the grants that existed during the interim period are as follows:

	Number of options	Vesting conditions	Contractual life of options
Options granted:			
30 May 2011	215,220,000	Vest immediately	10 years
30 May 2011	43,080,000	Half on each of the first and second anniversaries of grant date	10 years

(ii) The number and weighted average exercise prices of options are as follows:

	Weighted average exercise price *HK$*	Number of options
Outstanding as at 1 January 2013	0.495	247,260,000
Granted during the period	—	—
Outstanding as at 30 June 2013	0.495	247,260,000
Exercisable as at 30 June 2013	0.495	229,990,000

The options outstanding as at 30 June 2013 had an exercise price of HK$0.495 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 7.8 years.

(iii) Mr. Zhang Qing Lin retired as an executive Director on 27 May 2013.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(i) During the year ended 31 December 2011, the Company filed a claim with 北京仲裁委員會 ("Beijing Arbitration Commission") against one of its coalbed methane suppliers (the "CBM Supplier"), claiming for financial losses of approximately RMB407,193,000 arising from insufficient supply of coalbed methane under contract. In February 2012, the CBM Supplier filed a counterclaim with the Beijing Arbitration Commission against the Company, claiming for (i) financial losses of approximately RMB155,336,000; (ii) late payment interest of approximately RMB3,771,000; and (iii) financial loss arising from early termination of contract of approximately RMB102,775,000. The Directors consider, based on the legal advice obtained from the Company's legal counsel, that the Company has a valid defence against the above counterclaim and, accordingly, no provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2013 and ended 30 June 2012, respectively in relation to these proceedings.

(ii) During the year ended 31 December 2011, a customer claim against a subsidiary of the Group for compensation of approximately RMB6,954,000 arising from alleged failure on the part of the subsidiary to supply gas under contract. On 3 June 2013, Shanxi Province Higher People's Court ruled that the subsidiary of the Group did not violate the contract and no compensation is required to be made.

AMOUNT OF CAPITALISED INTEREST

Save as disclosed in this announcement, no interest has been capitalised by the Group during the Interim Period.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES, WARRANTS OR SIMILAR RIGHTS

As at 30 June 2013, the Company had outstanding convertible bonds convertible to 819,230,769 conversion shares and outstanding options to subscribe for 247,260,000 Shares under the share option scheme adopted on 18 May 2011.

During the Interim Period, 240,000,000 shares were allotted and issued by the Company pursuant to the exercise of conversion rights attached to the said convertible bonds.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

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

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

During the Interim Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company nor any or its subsidiaries.

SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On 4 July 2013, (i) 340,000,000 shares of the Company were issued to Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng, an executive Director, the chairman and substantial shareholder of the Company and (ii) 479,230,769 shares were issued to two independent third parties on exercise of their respective conversion rights under the convertible bonds issued by the Company due on 12 July 2013 (the "Convertible Bonds").

As at the date of this announcement and immediately after the issue and allotment of an aggregate of 819,230,769 Shares pursuant to the exercise of the conversion rights under the Convertible Bonds, (i) there were a total of 5,461,735,792 shares of the Company in issue; and (ii) outstanding options of the Company to scubscribe for a total of 247,260,000 Shares under the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 18 May 2011.

For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 4 July 2013.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules on 28 July 2003. The primary duties of the audit committee are, among others, to review and oversee the financial reporting principles and practices adopted as well as internal control procedures and issues of the Group. It also reviews quarterly, interim and the final results of the Group prior to recommending the same to the Board for consideration.

The audit committee comprises of the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Wang Zhi He, Mr. Luo Wei Kun and Ms. Pang Yuk Fong (Chairman).

During the Interim Period, the audit committee has held one meetings. The Group's unaudited consolidated results for the Interim Period have been reviewed and commented by the audit committee members.

In order to maintain a high quality of Corporate Governance, the Group employed a qualified accountant in current quarter and will still employ a qualified accountant in the coming years. The audit committee also concluded that the Group has employed sufficient staff for the purpose of accounting, financial and internal control.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

During the Interim Period, save as disclosed below, the Group has complied with the code provisions in the Code of Corporate Governance Practices set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules ("HKSE Code").

Under code provision A.4.1 of the HKSE Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for specific terms, subject to re-election, Currently, the non-executive Directors and the independent non-executive Directors have no set term of office but are subject to retirement by rotation at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Company's articles of association. The Board considers the current arrangement will allow flexibility to the Board in terms of appointment of Directors.

Under code provision A.2.1 of the HKSE Code, the roles of chairman and the chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company does not have any officer with the title of "chief executive". This deviates from the code provision A.2.1 of the HKSE Code.

Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng, who acts as the chairman of the Company, is also responsible for overseeing the general operations of the Group. The Board will meet regularly to consider major matters affecting the operations of the Group. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Company. The roles of the respective executive Directors and senior management who are in charge of different functions complement the role of the chairman and chief executive officer. The Board believes that this structure is conducive to strong and consistent leadership which enables the Group to operate efficiently.

The Company understands the importance to comply with the code provision A.2.1 of the HKSE Code and will continue to consider the feasibility of appointing a separate chief executive. The Company will make timely announcement if the chief executive has been appointed.

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities dealings by Directors as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specified enquiry of all Directors, the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with such code of conduct during the Interim Period.

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors a confirmation of their independence pursuant to Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company considers all of its independent non-executive Directors are independent.

By order of the Board
Wang Zhong Sheng
Chairman

China, 14 August 2013

As at the date hereof, the executive Directors are Mr. Wang Zhong Sheng, Mr. Shi Liang, Mr. Fu Shou Gang and Mr. Kwok Shum Tim and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Luo Wei Kun and Ms. Pang Yuk Fong and Mr. Wang Zhi He.