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ZHAOJIN

# ZHAOJIN MINING INDUSTRY COMPANY LIMITED\*

# 招金礦業股份有限公司

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1818)

# INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- During the Period, the revenue amounted to approximately RMB1,675,854,000, representing an increase of approximately 57.64% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.
- During the Period, the net profit was approximately RMB572,108,000, representing an increase of approximately 81.03% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.
- During the Period, the profit attributable to shareholders amounted to approximately RMB561,192,000, representing an increase of approximately 75.53% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.
- During the Period, earnings per share was approximately RMB0.39, representing an increase of approximately 77.27% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.
- The Board does not recommend payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2010.

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2010 (the "Period") prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("Hong Kong") of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), which have been reviewed and confirmed by the Board's audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and the Company's auditors, Ernst & Young. Condensed interim consolidated financial statements together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2009 are set out as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2010

		For the six-month period ended 30 June		
		2010 <i>RMB'000</i>	2009 <i>RMB</i> '000	
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
REVENUE	4	1,675,854	1,063,102	
Cost of sales		(650,805)	(484,836)	
Gross profit		1,025,049	578,266	
Other revenue and gains		54,468	47,044	
Selling and distribution costs		(11,594)	(12,560)	
Administrative expenses		(224,528)	(162,350)	
Other operating expenses		(52,769)	(20,323)	
Operating profit		790,626	430,077	
Finance costs		(45,139)	(11,815)	
Share of profit of an associate		2,958	1,991	
PROFIT BEFORE TAX FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		748,445	420,253	
Income tax expense	5	(176,337)	(104,223)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		572,108	316,030	
DISCONTINUING OPERATION		-	_	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		572,108	316,030	
Other comprehensive income:				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operation		408	36	
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		408	36	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR				
THE PERIOD		572,516	316,066	

		For the six-month period ended 30 June		
		2010 <i>RMB'000</i>	2009 <i>RMB</i> '000	
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company		561,192	319,708	
Minority interests		10,916	(3,678)	
		572,108	316,030	
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company		561,600	319,744	
Minority interests		10,916	(3,678)	
		572,516	316,066	
Dividends	6			
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	7	0.39	0.22	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2010

	Notes	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	2,988,406	2,763,461
Intangible assets	8	2,778,501	2,364,514
Interest in an associate		40,938	37,980
Long term deposits		7,374	6,882
Land lease prepayments	0	130,814	131,483
Other long term assets	9	392,928	164,646
Deferred tax assets		125,528	94,924
		6,464,489	5,563,890
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		1,128,744	2,209,396
Trade and notes receivables	10	49,198	10,797
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		369,108	197,556
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		60,621	-
Pledged deposits		-	59,396
Inventories		682,668	475,111
		2,290,339	2,952,256
Classified as held-for-sale investments	11	33,283	65,486
Current assets subtotal		2,323,622	3,017,742
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	12	275,460	611,056
Trade payables	13	594,981	373,295
Other payables and accruals		439,479	460,224
Provisions		17,743	12,966
Tax payable		75,377	66,505
		1,403,040	1,524,046
Liabilities classified as held-for-sale investments	11	6,783	26,986
Current liabilities subtotal		1,409,823	1,551,032
NET CURRENT ASSETS		913,799	1,466,710
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,378,288	7,030,600

	Notes	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	12	37,790	57,790
Provisions		80,497	62,361
Deferred income		38,620	39,969
Corporate Bond		1,488,770	1,488,036
Other long term liability		34,720	40,000
Deferred tax liabilities		434,886	375,027
		2,115,283	2,063,183
NET ASSETS		5,263,005	4,967,417
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Issued share capital		1,457,430	1,457,430
Reserves		3,350,991	2,789,391
Proposed final dividend			320,635
		4,808,421	4,567,456
Minority interests		454,584	399,961
TOTAL EQUITY		5,263,005	4,967,417

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2010

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Issued			Exchange		Proposed			
	share	Capital	Statutory	fluctuation	Retained	final		Minority	Total
	capital	reserve	reserves	reserve	profits	dividend	Total	interests	equity
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2009	1,457,430	1,566,884	148,778	(5,396)	645,752	241,933	4,055,381	353,288	4,408,669
Total comprehensive income/(loss)									
for the period	-	-	-	36	319,708	-	319,744	(3,678)	316,066
Acquisition of subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	50,768	50,768
Transfer to reserves	_	-	33,487	-	(33,487)	_	-	-	-
Dividends - 2008 final paid						(241,933)	(241,933)		(241,933)
At 30 June 2009 (Unaudited)	1,457,430	1,566,884	182,265	(5,360)	931,973	_	4,133,192	400,378	4,533,570
At 1 January 2010	1,457,430	1,566,884	226,513	(5,408)	1,001,402	320,635	4,567,456	399,961	4,967,417
Total comprehensive income									
for the period	-	-	-	408	561,192	-	561,600	10,916	572,516
Acquisition of subsidiaries	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	59,678	59,678
Disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	(15,971)	(15,971)
Transfer to reserves	-	-	60,137	-	(60,137)	-	-	_	-
Dividends – 2009 final paid						(320,635)	(320,635)		(320,635)
At 30 June 2010 (Unaudited)	1,457,430	1,566,884*	286,650*	(5,000)*	1,502,457*		4,808,421	454,584	5,263,005

\* These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of RMB3,350,991,000 (2009: RMB2,789,391,000) in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2010

	For the six-month period ended 30 June		
	2010 <i>RMB'000</i>	2009 <i>RMB'000</i>	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Net cash inflow from operating activities	451,562	244,745	
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(829,301)	(297,625)	
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(702,675)	(20,265)	
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,080,414)	(73,145)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,214,111	688,764	
Effects of foreign exchange rate changes, net	(400)	2	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,133,297	615,621	
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:			
Cash and bank balances	759,797	344,621	
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired	368,947	271,000	
Cash and short-term deposits attributable to a discontinued operation	4,553		
	1,133,297	615,621	

# **NOTES TO INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *At 30 June 2010*

## 1. CORPORATE REORGANISATION AND INFORMATION

The Company was established as a joint stock limited liability company under the Company Law of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 16 April 2004 to take over and operate certain businesses of mining, processing, smelting and sale of gold and silver products, previously operated by Shandong Zhaojin Group Company Limited ("Zhaojin Group"), a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC.

In December 2006, the Company issued 198.7 million new H shares to the public and the H shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "IPO"). In addition, 19.8 million H Shares converted from certain domestic shares were transferred to the National Council for the Social Security Fund.

During the Period, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group") were principally engaged in the exploration, mining, processing, smelting of gold, the sale of gold products and mining, processing and sale of copper products in the PRC. In addition, the Company processed and sold silver and copper in the PRC. The registered office of the Company is located at 299 Jinhui Road, Zhaoyuan, Shandong, China.

Prior to the IPO, the parent and ultimate controlling party of the Company Zhaojin Group. Subsequent to the IPO, the Company does not have a parent or ultimate controlling party. However, Zhaojin Group is in a position to exercise significant influence over the Company.

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Basis of presentation**

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

## Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies and basis of preparation adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009, except for the adoption of new standards and interpretations noted below.

HKFRS 1 (Revised) First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

HKFRS 1 (Revised) was issued with an aim to improve the structure of the standard. The revised version of the standard does not make any changes to the substance of accounting by first-time adopters. As the Group is not a first-time adopter of HKFRSs, the amendments will not have any financial impact on the Group.

 
 HKFRS 1 Amendments
 Amendments to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards – Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters

HKFRS 1 Amendments provide relief from the full retrospective application of HKFRSs for the measurement of oil and gas assets and leases. As a result of extending the options for determining deemed cost to oil and gas assets, the existing exemption relating to decommissioning liabilities has also been revised. As the Group is not a first-time adopter of HKFRSs, the amendments will not have any financial impact on the Group.

 HKFRS 2 Amendments
 Amendments to HKFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Group Cash-settled

 Share-based Payment Transactions
 Share-based Payment Transactions

The HKFRS 2 Amendments provide guidance on how to account for cash-settled share-based payment transactions in the separate financial statements of the entity receiving the goods and services when the entity has no obligation to settle the share-based payment transactions. The Group adopted the HKFRS 2 Amendments from 1 January 2010. The amendments are unlikely to have any significant financial impact on the Group.

HKFRS 3 (Revised) Business Combinations

HKFRS 3 (Revised) introduces a number of changes in the accounting for business combinations that will impact the amount of goodwill recognised, the reported results in the period that an acquisition occurs, and future reported results.

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

HKAS 27 (Revised) requires that a change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary without loss of control is accounted for as an equity transaction. Therefore, such a change will have no impact on goodwill, nor will it give rise to a gain or loss. Furthermore, the revised standard changes the accounting for losses incurred by the subsidiary as well as the loss of control of a subsidiary. Other consequential amendments were made to HKAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows, HKAS 12 Income Taxes, HKAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates, HKAS 28 Investments in Associates and HKAS 31 Interests in Joint Ventures.

The Group adopted HKFRS 3 (Revised) and HKAS 27 (Revised) from 1 January 2010. The changes introduced by these revised standards must be applied prospectively and will affect the accounting for future acquisitions, loss of control and transactions with minority interests.

 

 HKAS 39 Amendment
 Amendment to HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Eligible Hedged Items

The HKAS 39 Amendment addresses the designation of a one-sided risk in a hedged item, and the designation of inflation as a hedged risk or portion in particular situations. It clarifies that an entity is permitted to designate a portion of the fair value changes or cash flow variability of a financial instrument as a hedged item. The Group adopted the HKAS 39 Amendment from 1 January 2010. As the Group has not entered into any such hedges, the amendment is unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 17 Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners

HK(IFRIC)-Int 17 standardises practice in the accounting for non-reciprocal distributions of non-cash assets to owners. The Group applied the interpretation from 1 January 2010 prospectively. The interpretation clarifies that (i) a dividend payable should be recognised when the dividend is appropriately authorised and is no longer at the discretion of the entity; (ii) an entity should measure the dividend payable at the fair value of the net assets to be distributed; and (iii) an entity should recognise the difference between the dividend paid and the carrying amount of the net assets distributed in profit or loss. Other consequential amendments were made to HKAS 10 *Events after the Reporting Period* and HKFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*. As the Company does not distribute non-cash assets to owners, the interpretation is unlikely to have any material financial impact on the Group

Amendments to HKFRS 5<br/>included in Improvements<br/>to HKFRSs issued in<br/>October 2008Amendments to HKFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and<br/>Discontinued Operations – Plan to Sell the Controlling Interest in a Subsidiary

The amendments to HKFRS 5 clarify that all assets and liabilities of a subsidiary shall be classified as held for sale if an entity has a sale plan involving loss of control of the subsidiary, regardless of whether the entity will retain a non-controlling interest. The Group adopted the amendments from 1 January 2010. The changes must be applied prospectively and will affect future sale transactions or plans involving loss of control of a subsidiary.

HK Interpretation 4Leases – Determination of the Length of Lease Term in respect of Hong Kong(Revised in December 2009)Land Leases

HK-Int 4 was revised in December 2009 as a consequence of amendment to HKAS 17 made by Improvements to HKFRSs issued in May 2009. The amendment to HKAS 17 removes the specific guidance which stated that land held under a lease should be classified as an operating lease unless title to the land is expected to pass at the end of the lease term. The new guidance, paragraph 15A, indicates that entities should use judgment to decide whether the lease transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the land in accordance with the criteria set out in HKAS 17. A lease of land is therefore classified as a finance lease if the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership to the lessee. Following this amendment, the scope of this Interpretation has been expanded to cover all land leases, including those classified as finance leases. As a result, this Interpretation is applicable to all leases of properties accounted for in accordance with HKAS 16, HKAS 17 and HKAS 40.

The adoption of HK-Int 4 has resulted in a change in accounting policy, disclosure and presentation relating to leasehold land. A leasehold land has been re-classified from operating lease to finance lease, and the land lease continues to be amortised over its lease term on straight line basis with no significant financial impact on the Group.

Improvements to HKFRSs 2009 issued in May 2009 sets out amendments to a number of HKFRSs. Except for the amendment to HKAS 18, the Group adopted the amendments from 1 January 2010. There are separate transitional provisions for each standard. While the adoption of some of the amendments may result in changes in accounting policies, none of these amendments are expected to have a significant financial impact on the Group.

## 3. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group's operations are not subject to seasonality.

## 4. **OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION**

According to HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments* which became effective on 1 January 2009, the Group now reports information by the reportable segments set out below, reflecting how senior management monitors the operating results of the Group's operating segments for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment.

Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit which is a measure of adjusted profit before tax from continuing operation. Adjusted profit before tax is measured consistently with Group's profit before tax except interest income, finance costs, fair value gains/(losses) and foreign exchange loss that are excluded from such measurement.

As over 99% of the assets of the Group are located in the PRC and over 94% of the gold sales of the Group occurred in Shanghai Gold Exchange ("SGE"), no further geographical or customer service segment information has been presented.

Segment assets exclude deferred tax assets, pledged deposits, cash and cash equivalents, equity investments at fair value through profit or loss as these assets are managed on a group basis.

Segment liabilities exclude interest-bearing bank and other borrowings, the amount due to the ultimate holding company, convertible bonds, tax payable, deferred tax liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

Consequently, for management purposes, the Group is organised into three reportable operating segments as follows:

(a) Gold operations segment consists of the operation of Xia Dian, Da Yin Ge Zhuang, He Dong, Jin Ting Ling, Lu Feng, Tuoli Kuo Ge Sha Ye, Sa Re Kuo Bu, Da Xi Gou, Hainan Dong Fang, Liang Dang, Zao Zi Gou, Xin Yuan, Fu Kang, Can Zhuang, Qinghe, Xinfengyuan, Hezheng gold mines and Jin Chi Ling, Xing Ta smelter complex; The sources of gold produced are as follows:

	For the six- period ended		
	2010		
	kg		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Own mines	5,260	4,351	
Purchase and others	1,539	1,273	
Tolling	3,430	4,187	
Total	10,229	9,811	

(b) Copper operation segment consists of the operations at Tong Hui copper mine and Xinhui smelter complex;

(c) The "Others" segment consists of the operations at Gansu Zhaojin, Huabei Zhaojin, Beijing Zhongse, Heilongjiang Zhaojin, Guihe, HK Sparky, Xinjiang Zhaojin and ancillary activities.

The Group's operation by business segment is as follows:

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## For the six-month period ended 30 Jun 2010 (Unaudited)

	Gold operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Copper operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Others RMB'000	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Revenue	1 (20 205	47 540		1 (75 054
Revenues from external customers	1,628,305	47,549		1,675,854
Segment results	790,271	2,708	6,252	799,231
Reconciliation:				
Interest income				11,217
Fair value loss on equity investments at fair value through profit or loss				(16,532)
Finance costs				(10,532) (45,139)
Foreign exchange loss				(332)
Profit before tax from continuing operations				748,445
As at 30 June 2010				
Assets and liabilities				
Segment assets	6,807,620	385,264	275,782	7,468,666
Reconciliation:				
Unallocated assets				1,319,445
Total assets				8,788,111
Segment liabilities	1,138,286	55,883	18,655	1,212,824
Reconciliation:				
Unallocated liabilities				2,312,282
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Total liabilities				3,525,106

	Gold operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Copper operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Others <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
For the six-month period ended 30 June 2010				
Other segment information				
Capital expenditure	410,834	56,183	2,109	469,126
Deposit paid for acquisition of subsidiaries and				
property, plant and equipment	236,800	_	22,119	258,919
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	10,308	898	4	11,210
Share of profit of an associate	2,958	_	_	2,958
Depreciation and amortisation	161,309	26,640	8,220	196,169
Exploration assets written off	114	_		114

# Group

# For the six-month period ended 30 Jun 2009 (Unaudited)

	Gold operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Copper operations <i>RMB</i> '000	Others RMB'000	Total <i>RMB`000</i>
<b>Revenue</b> Revenues from external customers	1,025,889	37,213	_	1,063,102
	1,023,007			1,000,102
Segment results Reconciliation:	410,327	1,122	8,236	419,685
Interest income				5,415
Fair value loss on equity investments				6.06 <b>5</b>
at fair value through profit or gain Finance costs				6,965 (11,815)
Foreign exchange gain				3
Profit before tax from continuing operations				420,253
Tone before tax nom continuing operations				420,233
As at 31 December 2009				
Assets and liabilities				
Segment assets	5,540,481	626,300	51,135	6,217,916
Reconciliation: Unallocated assets				2,363,716
Total assets				8,581,632
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Segment liabilities Reconciliation:	783,310	94,325	28,052	905,687
Unallocated liabilities				2,708,528
Total liabilities				3,614,215

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2009	Gold operations RMB'000	Copper operations <i>RMB'000</i>	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Other segment information				
Capital expenditure	463,560	12,795	67	476,422
Deposit paid for acquisition of subsidiaries and				
property, plant and equipment	115,000	_	_	115,000
Impairment losses reversed in profit or loss	(8,931)	_	_	(8,931)
Share of profit of an associate	1,991	_	_	1,991
Depreciation and amortisation	73,794	14,916	2,131	90,841
Exploration assets written off	1,606		_	1,606

## 5. INCOME TAX

PRC corporate income tax ("CIT") has been provided at a rate of 25% (2009: 25%) on the taxable income as reported in the statutory accounts of the companies comprising the Group, which are prepared in accordance with PRC GAAP, as adjusted for income and expense items which are not assessable or deductible for income tax purposes. Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2009: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the six-month period ended 30 June 2010.

	For the six-month period ended 30 June		
	2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Current income tax Deferred income tax	210,079	108,496	
- Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(33,742)	(4,273)	
Income tax expense	176,337	104,223	

### 6. DIVIDEND PAID AND PROPOSED

The proposed 2009 final dividend of RMB0.22 per share (2008: RMB0.166 per share), RMB320,635,000 (2008: RMB241,933,000) in aggregate, was approved by the shareholders on 3 June 2010 and paid on 21 June 2010. There was no dividend proposed during the six-month period ended 30 June 2010 (2009: nil).

## 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six-month period ended 30 June 2010 of RMB561,192,000 (for the six-month period ended 30 June 2009: RMB319,708,000) by ordinary shares in issue during the period of 1,457,430,000 (for the six-month period ended 30 June 2009: 1,457,430,000).

Diluted earnings per share for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2010 and 2009 have not been disclosed as no diluting events existed during these periods.

## 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2010, the Group purchased property, plant and equipment with a cost of RMB312,695,000 (2009: RMB245,162,000) and intangible assets with a cost of RMB154,785,000 (2009: RMB83,497,000). In addition, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment through business combination as amount of RMB56,245,000 (2009: RMB17,761,000) and intangible assets of RMB283,570,000 (2009: nil) during the period. Also the Group acquired intangible assets of RMB37,600,000 (2009: 103,769,000) through the acquisition of a subsidiary accounted for by way of acquisition of an asset during the period.

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2010, depreciation for property, plant and equipment was RMB133,280,000 (2009: RMB88,008,000) and amortisation for intangible assets was RMB59,924,000 (2009: RMB27,217,000).

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2010, property, plant and equipment with a net book value of RMB12,465,000 (2009: RMB15,992,000) were disposed of by the Group resulting in a net loss on disposal of RMB1,446,000 (2009: net loss of RMB9,161,000).

## 9. OTHER LONG TERM ASSETS

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Deposit paid for the acquisition of subsidiaries	249,480	114,680
Prepayment for the purchases of property, plant and equipment	143,448	49,966
Total prepayment for long term assets	392,928	164,646

The Company has entered into an equity transfer agreement (the "Agreement") with third parties to acquire a 55% equity interest of Baiyun Gold Mine ("Baiyun") located in the PRC for a total consideration of approximately RMB200 million. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company paid RMB100 million as deposit during the period ended 30 June 2010.

The Company paid RMB100 million as deposit of the acquisition of minority interest in Jiashi Tanghui Mining Company Limited, a subsidiary of the Company. The final terms of sales and purchases agreements are expected to be finalised by the end of 2010.

The Company paid a deposit of RMB23 million to a third party to acquire 80% equity of Longkou Cuijia Gold Mining Company Limited. The total consideration of the acquisition is RMB32.8 million.

The outstanding commitments in relation to the above acquisition are disclosed in Note 14.

## 10. TRADE AND NOTES RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables Notes receivable	49,173 25	3,351 7,446
	49,198	10,797

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

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Outstanding balances due within 90 days	49,198	10,797

Trade and notes receivables are non-interest-bearing. There were no receivables that were overdue or impaired. Based on past experience, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of the receivables as they have no history of default. In addition, substantially all gold sales are made through the Shanghai Gold Exchange, or through physical delivery of gold and silver in settlement of liabilities to suppliers of gold and silver concentrates, or for cash. The credit term given to other customers is 30 days.

## 11. OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

Since December 2009 the Company has been undergoing a negotiation with a third party for the disposal of its 100% equity interest in Fukang Mining Industry Company Limited ("Fukang"), as the gold mining activities in Fukang is limited. The proposed consideration is around RMB26,500,000. The disposal of Fukang has not been completed as at 30 June 2010.

The major classes of assets and liabilities of Fukang classified as held for sale as at 30 June 2010 are as follows:

	30 June 2010	31 December 2009
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	6,423	7,659
Intangible assets	22,190	52,134
Cash and cash equivalents	4,553	4,715
Inventories	117	157
Prepayments and other receivables	-	6
Deferred tax assets		815
Assets classified as held for sale	33,283	65,486
Liabilities		
Other payables and accruals	(204)	(8,265)
Deferred income	(1,500)	(1,500)
Deferred tax liabilities	(5,079)	(17,221)
Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale	(6,783)	(26,986)
Net assets directly associated with the disposal group	26,500	38,500

## 12. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Unsecured: Bank loans	300,000	596,200
Other borrowings	13,250	13,250
	313,250	609,450
Secured: Bank loans		59,396
Total	313,250	668,846
Portion classified as: Current	275,460	611,056
Non-current	37,790	57,790

All bank and other borrowing are demonstrated in Renminbi. The bank loans bear an effective interest rate of 4.83% (2009: 4.06%) per annum. The other borrowings bear an effective interest rate of 4.23% (2009: 4.23%) per annum. During the period, the Group borrowed bank loans and settled bank loans of RMB475,000,000 (2009: RMB707,396,470) and RMB830,596,470 (2009: RMB496,180,000) respectively.

## **13. TRADE PAYABLES**

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB</i> '000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade payables Payable under tolling arrangements	396,510 198,471	102,809 270,486
	594,981	373,295

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

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within one year	587,449	357,431
Over one year but within two years	4,435	14,160
Over two years but within three years	1,806	634
Over three years	1,291	1,070
	594,981	373,295

## 14. COMMITMENTS

## **Capital commitments**

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Contracted, but not provided for: Land and buildings Plant and machinery Unlisted equity investments in subsidiaries	41,249 34,242 160,120	1,549 6,656 _
	235,611	8,205
Authorised, but not contracted for: Land and buildings Plant and machinery Exploration and evaluation assets	655,520 448,180 543,440	328,450 418,950 766,400
	1,647,140	1,513,800

## **Operating lease commitments**

The Group leases certain of its land under operating lease arrangements. Leases for properties are negotiated for terms ranging between one and three years.

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	30 June 2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Within one year In the second to fifth years, inclusive	4,511 4,053	4,526 4,364
	8,564	8,890

## **15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There have been no changes to contingent liabilities since 31 December 2009.

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

		For the six-month period ended 30 June	
		2010 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2009 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
Natı	are of relationships/transactions		
(i)	Zhaojin Group, a party which can exercise significant influence over the Group		
	Recurring transactions		
	Expenses: – Payment of ground rent – Gold exchange commission fee – Commission fee for purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,964 458 –	1,985 32 140
	Sales: – Sale of silver	-	26,817
	Non-recurring transactions Capital transactions: – Purchase of property, plant and equipment – Purchase of land use rights	2,203	453
(ii)	Subsidiaries of Zhaojin Group		
	Recurring transactions		
	Expenses: – Fees for refining services	1,498	2,259
	Non-recurring transactions		
	Capital transactions: – Purchase of property, plant and equipment – Purchase of software	250 588	442 284

The above transactions were with Zhaojin Group and entities under the control of Zhaojin Group and they were conducted at terms mutually agreed between Zhaojin Group and the Group.

In addition, certain guarantees were provided by Zhaojin Group for securing the Group's bank loans and an indemnity in relation to certain government levies and funding arrangements predating the Company's IPO were provided free of charge by Zhaojin Group.

### 17. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

Acquisitions of subsidiaries during the period are as follows:

(a) On 5 March 2010, the Company has reached an agreement with an independent party to acquire respectively 80% equity interest in Qinghe County Jindu Mining Development Company Limited ("Qinghe Mining"). The total consideration of RMB185 million was fully settled by cash. Qinghe Mining is engaged in the exploration and mining of gold and the sale of related products.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of Qinghe Mining as at the date of acquisition and the corresponding carrying amounts immediately before the acquisition were as follows:

	Fair value recognised on acquisition <i>RMB</i> '000	Previous carrying amount RMB'000
Inventories	273	-
Property, plant and equipment	38,625	18,370
Intangible assets	181,365	-
Deferred tax liabilities	(50,473)	-
Minority interest	(33,958)	
	135,832	18,370
Goodwill	49,168	
Satisfied by:	107 000	
Cash	185,000	

(b) On 5 March 2010, the Company has reached an agreement with an independent party to acquire 80% equity interests in Hezheng Xinyuan Mining Company Limited ("Hezheng Mining"). The total consideration of RMB48 million was fully settled in cash. Hezheng Mining is engaged in the exploration and mining of gold and the sale of related products.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of Hezheng Mining as at the date of acquisition and the corresponding carrying amounts immediately before the acquisition were as follows:

	Fair value recognised on acquisition <i>RMB</i> '000	Previous carrying amount RMB'000
Inventories	204	_
Property, plant and equipment	17,620	7,584
Intangible assets	43,119	_
Deferred tax liabilities	(13,340)	_
Minority interest	(9,521)	
	38,082	7,584
Goodwill	9,918	
Satisfied by: Cash	48,000	
Cush	48,000	

Since the respective dates of acquisitions, the above subsidiaries have had no significant contribution to the Group's revenue and to the Group's profit for the six-month period ended 30 June 2010.

## **18. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARY**

On 28 May 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with third party to acquire 100% equity interest in Fengcheng City Xinfengyuan Mining Company Limited ("Xinfengyuan Mining") at consideration of RMB47.6 million. The acquisition has been completed on 17 June 2010, fully settled in cash.

The carrying amounts of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the above acquisition as at the date of acquisition was as follows:

	Carrying amounts <i>RMB</i> '000
Intangible assets Cash and cash equivalents	37,600 10,000
	47,600
Satisfied by: Cash	47,600

From the date of acquisition, the results of the new acquired subsidiary has no significant impact on the Group's consolidated revenue or net profit for the period ended 30 June 2010.

## **19. DISCONTINUED OPERATION**

On 6 January 2010, the Company entered into an agreement to dispose its entire interest in Starry Company Limited ("Starry"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company at a consideration of RMB12,000,000 which has been satisfied by cash. The assets and liabilities of Starry were presented as net assets directly associated with the disposal group as at 31 December 2009. Further details are contained in note 9 in the annual financial statements of 2009.

#### 20. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE SHEET DATE

- (a) On 28 April 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with two vendors (being independent third parties) to acquire 100% equity interest of Guangxi Guigang City Longxin Mining Development Co., Ltd. ("Longxin Mining") at a consideration of RMB47,000,000. The transaction has not been completed as at 30 June 2010.
- (b) On 18 May 2010, the Company entered into certain agreements with Liaoning Fengcheng Gold Group ("Fengcheng Gold Group"), an independent third party. Pursuant to these agreements, Fengcheng Gold Group agreed to transfer 55% interests in Baiyun Gold Mine to the Company at a consideration of RMB200,000,000. The transaction has not been completed as at 30 June 2010.
- (c) On 26 July 2010, Sparky International Trade Company Limited ("Sparky International"), a whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, has subscribed for 20,000,000 ordinary shares of Citigold Corporation Limited ("Citigold"), an Australian corporation, engaging in gold exploration and mining, at a total consideration of AUD2,000,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB11,500,000). Currently, Sparky International owns approximately 2.15% of the issued share capital of Citigold.

#### 21. APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 13 August 2010.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# I. Interim Results

# Revenue

During the Period, the Group generated revenue of approximately RMB1,675,854,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB1,063,102,000), representing an increase of approximately 57.64% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Net profit

During the Period, the net profit of the Group was approximately RMB572,108,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB316,030,000), representing an increase of approximately 81.03% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Gold production

During the Period, the Group had attained an aggregate gold production of approximately 10,229 kg (approximately 328,874 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 4.26% as compared to 9,811 kg (approximately 315,431 ozs) in the corresponding period of last year. Of which, gold output from the Group's mines accounted for 6,799 kg (approximately 218,593 ozs), representing an increase of approximately 20.89% as compared to 5,624 kg (approximately 180,816 ozs) in the corresponding period of last year and gold output from smelting and tolling arrangement accounted for approximately 3,430 kg (approximately 110,277 ozs), representing a decrease of approximately 18.08% as compared to 4,187 kg (approximately 134,615 ozs) in the corresponding period of last year.

# Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company

During the Period, the consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of the Company was approximately RMB561,192,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB319,708,000), representing an increase of approximately 75.53% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Earnings per share

During the Period, earnings per share of the Group amounted to approximately RMB0.39 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB0.22), representing an increase of approximately 77.27% as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Net assets per share

As at 30 June 2010, the consolidated net assets per share of the Company was approximately RMB3.61 (30 June 2009: approximately RMB3.11), and the yield to net assets was approximately 10.87% (corresponding period of 2009: approximately 6.97%) during the Period.

# II. Interim Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2010 (corresponding period of 2009: nil).

# III. Acquisitions

(1) On 5 March 2010, the Company entered into an equity transfer agreement with two vendors (being independent third parties) to acquire 80% equity interest of Qinghe County Jindu Mining Development Co., Ltd. (青河縣金都礦業開發有限公司) ("Qinghe Mining") at a consideration of RMB185,000,000.

Qinghe Mining is located in Qinghe County, Xinjiang and is engaged in the mining and sale of gold. Qinghe Mining owns the mining rights to one gold mine, Yemaquan – Kubusu gold mine, with a mining area of approximately 2.2118 km<sup>2</sup>. Currently, the owned gold resources reserves were approximately 22,978 kg (approximately 738,760 ozs) with an average grade of 5.55 g/ton. Of which, the acquired gold resources reserves were 14,205 kg (approximately 456,701 ozs) and the additional reserves were approximately 8,773 kg (approximately 282,058 ozs).

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), nor does it constitute a notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

(2) On 5 March 2010, the Company entered into an equity transfer agreement with a vendor (being independent third party) to acquire 80% equity interest of Hezheng Xinyuan Mining Co., Ltd. (和政鑫源礦業有限公司) ("Hezheng Mining") at a consideration of RMB48,000,000.

Hezheng Mining is located in Hezheng County, Gansu Province and is engaged in the exploration, development, operation and sale of mining resources. Hezheng Mining owns the mine exploration right of the project in Hezheng County, Gansu Province with an exploration area of 5.89 km<sup>2</sup>. The gold resources reserves were approximately 4,425 kg (approximately 142,267 ozs).

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute a notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

(3) On 28 May 2010, the Company entered into an equity transfer agreement with seven vendors (being independent third parties) for the transfer to the Company 100% equity interest of Fengcheng City Xinfengyuan Mining Co., Ltd. (鳳城市鑫豐源礦業有限公司) ("Xinfengyuan Mining") legally held by them at a consideration of RMB47,600,000.

Xinfengyuan Mining currently owns the exploration rights to one gold mine with an area of approximately 104.15 km<sup>2</sup> situated at Hongqi Town, 40 km south of Fengcheng City, Liaoning Province. The mine has a superior geographical location surrounded by

mature gold mines, providing a direction for the long-term prospecting of the mines in the area. Meanwhile, there are placer mines ( $\psi \pm \tilde{m}$ ) in the area, indicating the approximate location of the gold ore belt. This further highlights the target region for exploration.

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute a notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

# **IV.** Business Review

# Active implementation of merger and acquisition and accelerated integration of regional resources

During the Period, capitalizing on the opportunities arising from the integration of mining resources in the PRC, the Group further strengthened the development of key gold mines and achieved the integration and enhancement of regional resources.

In Xinjiang region, the Group entered into the "Framework Agreement on Integration of Gold Resources" and "Agreement on Integration and Development of Gold Resources" with Aletai Municipal Government and Qinghe County Government respectively. Such agreements further stepped up the efforts of full-scale integration of the gold resources in the local area, laying a foundation for the Group to expand its gold reserve in Xinjiang. Moreover, the Group invested RMB185,000,000 in the acquisition of 80% equity interest of Qinghe Mining, generating additional gold resources reserves of approximately 14,205 kg (approximately 456,701 ozs).

In Gansu region, the Group acquired Hezheng Mining at RMB48,000,000, generating an additional exploration area of approximately 5.89 km<sup>2</sup> and additional gold resources of approximately 4,425 kg (approximately 142,267 ozs).

In Guangxi region, the Group invested RMB47,000,000 in the acquisition of 100% equity interest of Longxin Mining. Upon completion of the acquisition, it will generate an additional mining area of approximately 0.65 km<sup>2</sup> and additional gold resources of approximately 2,400 kg (approximately 77,162 ozs) to the Group.

In Liaoning region, the Group entered into an agreement with Fengcheng Gold (Group) Co., Ltd. ("Fengcheng Gold Group") to acquire 55% equity interest of Baiyun Gold Mine held by Fengcheng Gold Group at RMB200,000,000 and jointly established Liaoning Zhaojin Baiyun Gold Mining Co., Ltd. (遼寧招金白雲黃金礦業有限公司) ("Zhaojin Baiyun") (55% equity interest is held by the Group). Upon completion of the acquisition and establishment of the company, it will generate an additional mining area of approximately 5.99 km<sup>2</sup>, additional gold resources of approximately 22,800 kg (approximately 733,037 ozs) and an annual additional gold output of approximately 10,000 ozs to the Group. Subsequently, the Group acquired 100% equity interest of Xinfengyuan Mining (鑫豐源礦業) at a consideration of RMB47,600,000, generating an additional exploration area of approximately 104.15 km<sup>2</sup>. The acquisition in Liaoning Province made up the deficiency of the Company's acquisition of mines in the northeastern region, representing a platform for the Group to commence external development and acquisition in the northeastern region and to expand its mining resources.

# Remarkable performance in geological exploration and significant increase in gold resources

During the Period, in adherence to its guiding principle of "focusing on technology, choosing the best of the best and achieving breakthroughs", the Group stepped up its efforts in the implementation of geological research and development and geological exploration projects. Such projects highlighted and strengthened the fundamental research on the pattern for the formation of deep geological deposits in the Zhaoping fracture zone and the research on the deposits in the Gansu Min County and Li County fracture zones and the deposits in the deep and large-scale Xinjiang East Junggar fracture zone in order to expand its geological resources and provide resource protection for the expansion of the Company.

During the Period, the Company planned and implemented a total of five geological research and development projects and invested approximately RMB56,510,000 in geological exploration with an accumulated tunneling of 24,450 meters and completed drilling of 93,195 meters. The additional gold resources amounted to approximately 46,748 kg (approximately 1,502,982 ozs).

Within the Zhaoyuan region, the Group commenced the geological exploration project focusing on Xiadian Gold Mine in the deep deposits in the Zhaoping fracture zone and achieved significant breakthrough in the ultra-deep geological prospecting of the Zhaoping fracture zone. Of which, gold resources explored in Xiadian Gold Mine amounted to approximately 15,155 kg (approximately 487,244 ozs) for the first half of the year.

Outside the Zhaoyuan region, the Group commenced the geological exploration project focusing on Gansu Hezuo Zaozigou Gold Mine Co., Ltd ("Zaozigou Gold Mine") and Qinghe Mining in the Gansu Min County and Li County fracture zones and the deep and large-scale Xinjiang East Junggar fracture zone and made significant achievements. During the Period, the gold resources explored in Zaozigou Gold Mine amounted to approximately 7,775 kg (approximately 249,972 ozs); whereas the gold resources explored in Qinghe Mining amounted to approximately 8,773 kg (approximately 282,058 ozs).

Leveraging on the geological exploration achievements and experience accumulated during the Period, three mining enterprises, namely Xiadian Gold Mine, Zaozigou Gold Mine and Qinghe Mining are expected to possess large gold deposits with an annual additional resources reserve of over 20 tons for the year.

# Strengthened production, operation and sales management and achieved steady growth in efficiency and effectiveness

During the Period, the Group made a detailed analysis on the production and operating objectives and implemented such in its units, individuals and workplaces. It also established a three-tier control system across the headquarters, mines and workshops which conducts daily analysis on the production progress of each unit and makes timely adjustments, thereby ensuring the smooth operation of the production units. In particular, in view of the low level of corporate management and high costs outside Zhaoyuan, the Group focused on rolling out assistance (包幫結對) activities in the management of mines outside Zhaoyuan to provide all-round assistance from the Company's senior management, key functions under the headquarters and mines within Zhaoyuan to the mines outside Zhaoyuan in respect of management, technology and staff with a one-on-one basis. This resulted in substantial enhancement in the management and technology level, as well as economies of scale of the mines outside Zhaoyuan.

Meanwhile, during the Period, capitalizing on its extensive experience in the sale of gold, the Group has strengthened the management of gold sales and, through implementing a unified sales policy inside and outside Zhaoyuan, fully utilized the advantages of the gold sales platform under the headquarters to accurately capture the market trends of gold price and better assess the sales of gold. During the first half of the year, the selling price of gold was RMB263.89/gram, surpassing the average price quoted on the Shanghai Gold Exchange of RMB253.80/gram, thus maximizing the Group's sales benefits.

# Swift project development with fruitful achievements in technological innovation

During the Period, in view of output expansion and acceleration of project development, the Group commenced a series of "Project Enhancement Year" (項目優化年) activities, implemented 30 technology upgrade and infrastructure projects and invested RMB387,440,000 for project development. In order to ensure that each project will be completed and will commence production as scheduled, the Group outlined the estimated project schedules and timelines and formulated different project development proposals to shorten the project preparation time and enhance work efficiency. At the same time, all project development units adhered to the project of Liangdang Zhaojin Mining Industry Co., Ltd. ("Liangdang Zhaojin") with a daily capacity of 1,000 tons was completed for trial production. The multi-element refinery project of Xinjiang Xinhui Copper Limited produced the first batch of raw copper ingots on 25 June 2010. The selection and cyanidation expansion project of Jinchiling Gold Mine, vertical shaft construction project of Xiadian Gold Mine and the selection expansion project of Zaozigou Gold Mine with a daily capacity of 2,000 tons were also under construction as scheduled.

During the Period, the Group's expenditure on project development amounted to approximately RMB16,530,000. The Group has implemented 43 new scientific research and technological innovation projects and has been granted 22 patents. Of which, the "Analysis on the structure, magma and mineralization network as well as deposit forecast in Hedong Gold Mine" was granted the Second Prize of Shandong Province Science and Technology Progress Award; and the "Fractal structure of tailing dam of Xiadian Gold Mine and its dynamic imbalance mechanism as well as monitoring and pre-warning system" was granted the First Prize of Scientific Technology from the China Gold Association. The "sulfuric acid residual heat and residual pressure utilization" project has been included as an investment project within the central government's budget for energy saving and environmental protection by National Development and Reform Commission.

During the Period, scientific research and technological innovation activities have contributed to an increase of approximately RMB25,000,000 to the Group's revenue.

# Strengthening of on-site safety management and development of digital mines

During the Period, the Group followed the work direction of "safety first; precautionoriented and integrated management", and through performing the safety and environmental responsibilities, strengthening the safety management of key systems and weak areas, the Group regulated the "three simultaneous constructions" (三同時) project in respect of safety and environment and persisted to drive the development of "Safety Production Fundamentals Year" (安全生產基層基礎年) and "Safety Production Cornerstones Year" (安全生產基石工程 年). It also pushed ahead the development of digital mines and was the only mining enterprise being recommended for the application of "the State's Model Enterprise of Protection Safety Culture" in Shandong Province and passed the relevant preliminary testing. Meanwhile, the Group also reinforced the on-site safety monitoring and safety management in the following areas: mine manager's mine inspection system; external mine shafts and mechanical & electrical equipment; mine hoist, ventilation and drainage system; mechanical & electrical equipment and power usage; crushing, residual mining and tailing dam, emergency rescue and mines outside Zhaoyuan, etc.

During the Period, the safety production conditions were stable. No material production safety accidents and environmental pollution incidents occurred within the Group, achieving the target of zero fire accident, explosion accident, material insurance claim and environmental accident.

# Conscientious performance of social responsibilities and acting as outstanding corporate and social citizen

Apart from production and operation, the Group also attaches great importance to social responsibilities. During the Period, the Group made donation in the total amount of approximately RMB3,533,000 for the snow disaster in the Xinjiang region, the drought in the southwestern region, education services in the slum region in Gansu province, earthquake in Yushu, Zhaoyuan loving charity and facilitating a green Zhaoyuan City. In addition, the Biguo Town Elderly Home in Zhaoyuan donated by the Group also commenced operation during the Period to serve the community.

# V. Financial and Results Analysis

# Revenue

During the Period, the Group's revenue amounted to approximately RMB1,675,854,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB1,063,102,000), representing an increase of approximately 57.64% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. During the Period, the increase in revenue was primarily due to: (1) the marked increase in gold production as compared to the corresponding period of last year, resulting in an increase in the Group's sales volume of gold; (2) the increase in gold price during the first half of 2010; (3) the higher sale price of gold of the Group.

# Net profit

During the Period, net profit of the Group amounted to approximately RMB572,108,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB316,030,000), representing an increase of approximately 81.03% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase in net profit was due to the substantial growth of gold output and sale price of gold as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

# Integrated cost

During the Period, the Group's integrated cost was approximately RMB102.73 per gram (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB88.90 per gram), representing an increase of approximately 15.56% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase in integrated cost was due to the increase in staff costs, increase in depreciation and amortization, higher costs of newly acquired enterprises and increase in finance costs.

# Sale price of gold

During the Period, the average sale price of gold of the Group traded at Shanghai Gold Exchange was RMB263.89 per gram (corresponding period of 2009: RMB206.99 per gram), representing an increase of RMB56.90 per gram and approximately 27.49% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The average sale price was RMB10.09 per gram higher than the average sale price of RMB253.80 per gram traded at Shanghai Gold Exchange.

# Cost of sales

During the period, the Group's cost of sales amounted to approximately RMB650,805,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB484,836,000), representing an increase of approximately 34.23% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase was primarily attributable to the rise of the gold sales quantity and integrated cost of the Group.

# Gross profit and gross profit margin

During the Period, the Group's gross profit was approximately RMB1,025,049,000, representing an increase of approximately 77.26% as compared to RMB578,266,000 of the corresponding period of last year. The Group's gross profit margin increased from approximately 54.39% in the corresponding period of last year to approximately 61.17% for the Period. The increase in gross profit margin was primarily due to the increase in gold price during the first half of 2010.

## Other revenue and gains

During the Period, the Group's other revenue and gains were approximately RMB54,468,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB47,044,000), representing an increase of approximately 15.78% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The increase was mainly due to the increase in revenue from the sale of scrap materials.

# Selling and distribution costs

During the Period, the Group's selling and distribution costs were approximately RMB11,594,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB12,560,000), representing a decrease of approximately 7.69% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in transportation expenses of the Group's products.

## Administrative and other operating expenses

During the Period, the Group's administrative and other operating expenses were approximately RMB224,528,000 (corresponding period of 2009: approximately RMB162,350,000), representing an increase of approximately 38.30% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Such increase was due to the consolidation of the mines acquired in 2009 and 2010 into the Group.

# Liquidity and capital resources

The working capital and funding required by the Group were mainly generated from its cash flows from operations and borrowings, while the Group's capital was primarily used to fund its capital expenditures, operations and repayment of borrowings.

As at 30 June 2010, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB1,128,744,000, representing a decrease of approximately 48.91% as compared to approximately RMB2,209,396,000 as at the end of last year. The decrease was mainly due to the acquisition of mines and the repayment of borrowings in the first half of 2010.

As at 30 June 2010, the balance of cash and cash equivalents of the Group denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") amounted to RMB149,660 (31 December 2009: RMB20,712,672) and those denominated in United States dollars ("USD") amounted to RMB774,691 (31 December 2009: RMB24,586,269). All other cash and cash equivalents held by the Group are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB").

The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies, however, pursuant to the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulation, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

# Borrowings

As at 30 June 2010, the Group had outstanding bank loans and other borrowings of RMB313,250,000 (31 December 2009: RMB668,846,000), of which RMB275,460,000 (31 December 2009: RMB611,056,000) was repayable within 1 year, RMB30,000,000 (31 December 2009: RMB50,000,000) was repayable within 2 to 5 years and RMB7,790,000 (31 December 2009: RMB7,790,000) was repayable after 5 years.

# Corporate Bonds

On 28 December 2009, the Group agreed to raise a net amount of approximately RMB1,488,000,000 through issuing corporate bonds. During the Period, the net proceeds amounted to RMB1,142,600,000 have been used. The main usage of the net proceeds was: (1) the deposits paid for the acquisition of projects amounted to approximately RMB400,600,000; (2) the repayment of bank loans amounted to approximately RMB355,000,000; and (3) the infrastructure rehabilitation expenditures paid amounted to approximately RMB357,000,000. As of 30 June 2010, the remaining balance of the net proceeds was approximately RMB345,400,000.

# Income tax

The effective income tax rate (i.e. the total income tax divided by profit before tax) of the Group during the Period was approximately 25% (corresponding period of 2009: approximately 25%).

# Total assets

As at 30 June 2010, the total assets of the Group were approximately RMB8,788,111,000, representing an increase of approximately 2.41% as compared to approximately RMB8,581,632,000 as at the end of last year, among which total non-current assets amounted to approximately RMB6,464,489,000, accounting for approximately 73.56% of the total assets, representing an increase of approximately 16.19% as compared to approximately RMB5,563,890,000 as at the end of last year. As at 30 June 2010, total current assets were approximately RMB2,323,622,000, accounting for approximately 26.44% of the total assets, representing a decrease of approximately 23.00% as compared to approximately RMB3,017,742,000 as at the end of last year.

# Net assets

As at 30 June 2010, the net assets of the Group were approximately RMB5,263,005,000, representing an increase of approximately 5.95% as compared to approximately RMB4,967,417,000 as at the end of last year.

# Total liabilities

As at 30 June 2010, the total liabilities of the Group were approximately RMB3,525,106,000, representing a decrease of approximately 2.47% as compared to approximately RMB3,614,215,000 as at the end of last year. As at 30 June 2010, the gearing ratio (i.e. the total liabilities divided by the total assets) was approximately 40.11%, which had decreased by approximately 2.01% as compared to approximately 42.12% as at the end of last year.

# Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2010, the contingent liabilities of the Group did not have any change as compared to those as at 31 December 2009.

# Market risks

The Group is exposed to various types of market risks, including effects from fluctuation in gold prices, changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, and influences from inflation.

## Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk relates primarily to the Group's cash holdings and interest bearing bank loans. The Group manages its exposure to interest rate risk on its cash holdings and bank loans through holding a combination of short term deposits with fixed and variable rates, and interest-bearing bank borrowings with fixed rates.

During the Period, the Group had not used any interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk.

# Foreign exchange risk

All of the Group's transactions are carried out in RMB. The fluctuation of the RMB/USD exchange rate may affect the international and local gold price, which in turn affects the Group's operating results.

In order to partially finance its dividend payments, the Group had borrowed RMB59,396,000 (denominated in Hong Kong dollars), which was repaid in May 2010.

During the Period, the Group had not entered into any hedging activities.

# Gold price and other commodities price risks

The Group's exposure to price risk relates principally to fluctuation on the market price of gold, silver and copper, which may affect the Group's results of operations. In addition, the Group enters into contracts for the processing of gold and silver concentrates with the liabilities settled through physical delivery of predetermined quantities of gold and silver. Price fluctuations affect such liabilities which are denominated in RMB. The Group's policy aims to manage its exposure to price risks in relation to the tolling liabilities resulted from the above-mentioned processing by holding physical inventories of gold and silver for relevant settlement.

# Pledge

As at 30 June 2010, the Group had not pledged its assets. As at 31 December 2009, except for the pledged deposit of RMB59,396,000, the Group had not pledged other assets.

# Substantial acquisitions

The details of substantial acquisitions are set out under the paragraphs headed "Acquisitions" and "Post Balance Sheet Events" in this announcement.

# VI. Business Outlook

During the Period, through closed cooperation and stringent organization of various departments and subsidiaries of the Group, the stated production plans and targets were all achieved in the first half of the year. Looking into the second half of the year, we will continue to maintain the growth momentum in the first half of the year in adherence to the scientific development and regulated management in an effort to push ahead the steady and yet fast growth of various business segments of the Company.

# Propel external development and realize sizable expansion

As a resource-related enterprise, resources are essential to the enterprise. In the second half of the year, the Group will capture favorable opportunities and actively propel the proposed acquisition projects with matured conditions based on the active and sound strategies for external development. At present, the Company has entered into resource integration agreements in Tuoli County of Xinjiang, Chongli County of Hebei, Fengcheng City of Liaoning, Aletai City and Qinghe County of Xinjiang. The Company will fully utilize such platform to speed up the regional resource integration in the regions in which agreements have been entered into (including Xinjiang) in an effort to establish industry clusters and highlight the growth advantages in the region.

# Further improve geological exploration and expand reserve

In strict compliance with the "five unified ( $\pm$ 統一) requirements", namely unified planning, unified management, unified scientific research, unified exploration and unified development, the Group will conscientiously strengthen the exploration and reserve expansion strategies, meanwhile commence the development of the Fengnan exploration area of the newly acquired Xinfengyuan Mining in the northeastern region to strive for greater breakthrough.

The Company will continue to develop Xiadian Gold Mine (within Zhaoyuan), Zaozigou Gold Mine and Qinghe Mining (outside Zhaoyuan) into three mining enterprises with an additional resources reserve of over 20 tons and endeavor to achieve significant exploration breakthroughs in the ultra-deep exploration within Zhaoyuan and in the exploration in the blank areas outside Zhaoyuan.

# Stringent controlled production and ensure smooth completion of project development

The Company expects that, in the second half of the year, the Group will fully utilize the favorable opportunities in gold production and focus on two major areas: firstly, the Group will effectively organize on-site production and kick off the "high output season" activities based on the objectives stated at the beginning of the year. The Group will invite positive participation of all employees and focus on time, progress and active participation in order to complete the annual production target. The Group will endeavour so as to enhance the production efficiency of underground tasks as well as mining and output quality and efficiency with a view to completing the stated objectives.

Secondly, the Group will effectively organize its project development. By focusing on the expansion of production capacity, the Company will continue to conduct the "Project Enhancement Year" (項目優化年) activities and adopt effective measures such as providing assistance, on-site office and tracking services on key projects that affect output so as to resolve the problems arising in the course of project construction. The Company will also speed up the mining, processing and cyanidation expansion project of Jinchiling Gold Mine, vertical shaft construction project of Xiadian Gold Mine, the mining and processing expansion project of Tonghui Copper Mining Co., Ltd. of Jiashi County and the construction during the year. The Company will also accelerate the project development of Qinghe Mining, Zaozigou Gold Mine and newly acquired mines with a view to generating production capacity as soon as possible.

# Enhance safety and environmental protection work and develop green and safe mines

In strong adherence to the Company's safety concept of "gold is precious but life is priceless" and the environmental protection concept of "building a harmonious relationship between gold/silver mining and the environment", the Company will commit its efforts in safety and environmental protection and strengthen various safety and environmental protection standards in an effort to build green and safe mines.

In the second half of the year, the Company will focus on improving the development of safety standards and further regulate the corporate safety management in accordance with the safety standards. The Company will effectively operate the occupational health and safety and environmental management systems and continue to improve the safety performance

in compliance with the relevant systems and procedures. The Company will vertically push ahead the development of digitalized mine safety and gradually develop itself as an intrinsic safety enterprise alongside with the development of digital safety. The Company will establish a safety culture and drive the safety management across the Company to new levels in the capacity of a model enterprise of safety culture. The Company will endeavor to pass the test for the "the State's Model Enterprise of Safety Culture" in one-time by the end of the year. The Company will also strengthen environmental protection management and strive to develop green mines, creating harmony between human and nature.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

# I. Changes in Shareholdings of Shareholders and Share Capital Structure

# 1. Changes in total share capital

For the six months ended 30 June 2010, the Company did not arrange any issue of bonus shares, placing of shares or increase in share capital, nor did it offer any new shares of the Company.

During the Period, there were no changes in the total share capital of the Company.

# 2. Number of shareholders

The details of number of shareholders of the Company recorded in the register of members as at 30 June 2010 are as follows:

Classification	Number of shareholders
Domestic share Overseas listed foreign share – H share	5 5
Total number of shareholders	2,275

# II. Directors', Supervisors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares or Debentures of the Company and its Associated Corporations

As at 30 June 2010, none of the Directors, supervisors and chief executives of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in the Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong, Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong ("SFO")) which were required to be entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or which they were required to notify the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code (the "Model Code") for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (for such purposes, the relevant provisions in the SFO were also construed as applicable to the supervisors).

# III. Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

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

# IV. Convertible Securities, Share Options, Warrants or Similar Rights

During the Period, the Company did not issue any convertible securities, share options, warrants or similar rights.

During the Period and up to the date of this announcement, the Group has no share option scheme.

# V. Important Events

# 1. Change of Session of the Board and Supervisory Committee

At the 2010 first extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 26 February 2010, Mr. Lu Dongshang, Mr. Wang Peifu, Mr. Liang Xinjun, Mr. Cong Jianmao, Mr. Weng Zhanbin, Mr. Wu Zhongqing, Mr. Chen Guoping, Mr. Yan Hongbo, Mr. Ye Tianzhu, Ms. Chen Jinrong and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo were elected as members of the 3rd session of the Board of the Company; Mr. Wang Xiaojie and Ms. Jin Ting were elected as members of the 3rd session of the Supervisory Committee of the Company; and Mr. Chu Yushan was elected as staff supervisor at the staff representatives' meeting of the Company to form the 3rd session of the Supervisory Committee of the Company.

Both Directors and supervisors of the Company have a term of three years with effect from 26 February 2010.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 26 February 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

# 2. Composition of Senior Management

The first meeting of the 3rd session of the Board of the Company was held on 26 February 2010 at which Mr. Lu Dongshang was elected as chairman of the 3rd session of the Board of the Company and legal representative of the Company; Mr. Liang Xinjun as vice chairman; Mr. Wang Peifu was appointed as chief executive officer and president of the Company; Mr. Zhang Banglong as chief financial officer; Mr. Li Xiuchen as senior vice president; Mr. Shi Wenge as vice president; Mr. Zhang Shantang as vice president; Mr. Sun Xiduan as vice president; Mr. Li Shanren as vice president; Mr. Wang Ligang was appointed as secretary to the Board; Mr. Ngai Wai Fung as company secretary; Mr. Lu Dongshang (chairman) and Mr. Wang Peifu (director) as authorised representatives of the Company.

# 3. Adjustments to the Special Committees of the Board

The following adjustments to the special committees of the Board were made by the Board:

(1) Strategic Committee of the Board

It comprises the executive Director of Mr. Lu Dongshang and the non-executive Directors of Mr. Liang Xinjun and Mr. Weng Zhanbin. Mr. Lu Dongshang acts as chairman of Strategic Committee.

(2) Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board

It comprises the executive Director of Mr. Lu Dongshang, the non-executive Director Mr. Liang Xinjun and the independent non-executive Directors of Mr. Yan Hongbo, Mr. Ye Tianzhu and Ms. Chen Jinrong. Mr. Liang Xinjun acts as chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

(3) Audit Committee of the Board

It comprises the non-executive Director of Mr. Chen Guoping and the independent non-executive Directors of Ms. Chen Jinrong and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo. Ms. Chen Jinrong acts as chairman of the Audit Committee.

(4) Geological and Resources Management Committee of the Board

It comprises the non-executive Director of Mr. Weng Zhanbin and the independent non-executive Directors of Mr. Yan Hongbo and Mr. Ye Tianzhu. Mr. Ye Tianzhu acts as chairman of the Geological and Resources Management Committee.

(5) Safety and Environmental Protection Committee of the Board

It comprises the executive Director of Mr. Wang Peifu, the non-executive Director of Mr. Cong Jianmao and the independent non-executive Director of Mr. Yan Hongbo. Mr. Yan Hongbo acts as chairman of the Safety and Environmental Protection Committee.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 26 February 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

# 4. Amendments to the Articles of Association

At the 2010 first extraordinary general meeting, resolutions were also proposed to amend Article 3.5, Article 10.1, Article 10.2, Article 13.2 and Article 14.1. Such amendments involve the amendments to the shareholding structure, composition of the Board, term of office and election of Directors, term of office and election of Supervisors, and the limiting conditions for Directors, Supervisor and senior management.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 26 February 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

- 5. On 19 May 2010, the Company established a wholly-owned subsidiary, Xinjiang Zhaojin Mining Development Co., Ltd. (新疆招金礦業開發有限公司) ("Xinjiang Zhaojin") in Urumqi, Xinjiang with a registered capital of RMB30,000,000 and which is engaged in mining investment, mining technology advisory services and sale of mining products. The purpose of the establishment of Xinjiang Zhaojin is to ensure an in-depth and long-term mining development of the Group in Xinjiang and to capitalise on advantageous resources and potential mining resources for the Group's smooth exploration and prospecting of mines in Xinjiang.
- 6. On 3 June 2010, the 2009 annual general meeting reviewed and passed, among other things, the following resolutions:
  - The Company's profit distribution proposal for the year ended 31 December 2009 of a cash dividend of RMB0.22 (before taxation) per share to all shareholders. On 21 June 2010, the Company distributed the 2009 cash dividend of RMB0.22 (before taxation) per share to all shareholders;
  - (2) Authorizing the Board to allot, issue and deal with shares of up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution; and
  - (3) Authorizing the Board to repurchase up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 3 June 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

- 7. On 3 June 2010, the domestic shares class meeting and H shares class meeting respectively reviewed the following proposals:
  - (1) Authorizing the Board to allot, issue and deal with shares of up to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company at the date of passing such resolution; and
  - (2) Authorizing the Board to repurchase up to a maximum of 10% of the aggregate nominal value of the issued H shares of the Company as at the date of passing such resolution.

Both proposals were approved at the domestic shares class meeting. The proposal set out in 7.(2) above was approved at the H shares class meeting, yet the proposal set out in 7.(1) above was not approved at the H shares class meeting.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 3 June 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

# VI. Extraordinary General Meeting

During the Period, the Company held one extraordinary general meeting in relation to the amendment to the articles of association, election of members of the 3rd session of the Board and members of the 3rd session of the Supervisory Committee.

Relevant details were set out in items numbered (1) and (4) under the section headed "Important Events" in this announcement and the announcement of the Company dated 26 February 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

# VII. Compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices

The Board is of the view that the Company has complied with all the code provisions in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules during the Period. No Director is aware of any information that reasonably reveals that there is any non-compliance with the code provisions on Corporate Governance Practices set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules by the Company during any time of the Period.

# VIII.Compliance with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' and supervisors' securities dealings.

After making specific enquiries with the Directors and supervisors, all Directors and supervisors of the Company have fully complied with the standards required according to the Model Code during the Period.

# IX. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the 3rd session of the Board of the Company comprises two independent non-executive directors, namely Ms. Chen Jinrong and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo, and one non-executive director, namely Mr. Chen Guoping. Ms. Chen Jinrong acts as the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has adopted a written terms of reference which is in compliance with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. It is mainly responsible for the matters concerning the internal control and financial reporting, reviewing with the management of the accounting principles, accounting standards and methods adopted by the Company. The Audit Committee has discussed internal control affairs and reviewed the Company's unaudited interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2010, and the committee is of the view that the unaudited interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2010 is prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, rules and regulations, and appropriate disclosures have been duly made.

# X. Post Balance Sheet Events

1. On 28 April 2010, the Company entered into an equity transfer agreement with two vendors (being independent third parties) to acquire 100% equity interest of Guangxi Guigang City Longxin Mining Development Co., Ltd. (廣西貴港市龍鑫礦業開發有限 公司) ("Longxin Mining") at a consideration of RMB47,000,000. As at 30 June 2010, such transaction had not yet completed.

Longxin Mining is based in the northern area of Guigang City, Guangxi and is engaged in the wholesaling and retailing of mining products. Longxin Mining owns the mining rights to Tianshanhua gold deposit of Guiguang Longshan gold mine with a mining area of 0.6474 km<sup>2</sup>. The gold resources reserves were 2.4 tons (approximately 77,162 ozs) with an average grade of 4 g/ton.

Guigang Longshan gold mine is situated at the mining belt in Mount Dayao in Guangxi and is one of the key gold mineralization centralized zones in Guangxi. The mine has a superior geological condition for mineralization, with more than 100 mining pits. Of which, there are 127 gold veins with very promising prospecting future and strong post-surveying and reserve potentials. Meanwhile, leveraging on Longxin Mining, the Group intends to acquire the exploration rights to the exterior area occupying 13 km<sup>2</sup> (such area has a proven gold reserve of approximately 2.3 tons).

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute a notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

2. On 18 May 2010, the Company entered into an asset transfer agreement and an agreement on forming a new company with Fengcheng Gold Group (being independent third party). Pursuant to these agreements, Fengcheng Gold Group transferred 55% assets of the original Baiyun Gold Mine to the Company by way of entering into an transfer agreement. The consideration was RMB200,000,000. After the completion of asset transfer and obtaining approvals from the relevant government authorities of Fengcheng City, the Company and Fengcheng Gold Group contributed 55% and 45% assets of Baiyun Gold Mine respectively and cash of RMB5,500,000 and RMB4,500,000 respectively to set up a new company, Zhaojin Baiyun. The Company and Fengcheng Gold Group will own 55% and 45% equity interest respectively in Zhaojin Baiyun. As at the date of this announcement, the relevant procedures for change of registration with the industry and commerce authority in relation to the asset transfer and formation of Zhaojin Baiyun are still in progress.

The acquisition does not constitute a connected transaction for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor does it constitute a notifiable transaction for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 24 May 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

3. On 26 July 2010, Sparky International Trade Company Limited ("Sparky International"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has subscribed for 20,000,000 ordinary shares of Citigold Corporation Limited ("Citigold") at a total consideration of AUD2,000,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB11,500,000). Currently, Sparky International is interested in approximately 2.15% of the outstanding share capital of Citigold and is the fourth largest shareholder of Citigold.

Citigold is a developing gold exploration and mining company listed on Australian Securities Exchange and Frankfurt Stock Exchange in Germany and primarily engaged in gold exploration and mining.

According to the announcement published by Citigold, Citigold is a gold producer who controls the richest and key gold mines in Chaters Towers, North Queensland, Australia and owns higher grade gold deposits with a gold resource of approximately 10,000,000 ozs (approximately 23,000,000 tons ores with an average grade of approximately 14 g/ton). The cost of production for gold was below AUD350/oz in cash. As for gold output, the gold output for 2008 was 17,497 ozs; gold output for the second half of 2009 was 8,100 ozs; gold output for the first quarter of 2010 was 5,600 ozs; and the gold output for the planned year was 50,000 ozs.

Active exploration and capture of new investment opportunities is a basic strategy for the Company to participate in the development of international mining industry. Through the participation in the financing subscription in Citigold, the Company will become one of the important strategic shareholders of Citigold which sets the foundation for the Company to develop international projects on a broader and deeper level in the future.

This subscription does not constitute a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, nor a notifiable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

Relevant details were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 25 July 2010 published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn.

4. On 26 July 2010, the Company entered into a comprehensive strategic cooperation agreement with CITIC Mining Technology Development Co., Ltd. (中信礦業科技發展有限公司) ("CITIC Mining"), pursuant to which both parties will enter into a cooperation agreement to fully utilize their respective strengths in areas such as social resources, funding, technology and human resources; push forward and establish major objectives, facilitate major integration and implement major development strategies; to conduct long-term cooperation in an all-round, multi-area and multi-aspect manner in terms of gold mining resources exploration, development and utilization, capital operation, human resources development, infrastructural facilities and scientific research and development so as to achieve a mutually beneficial, win-win and joint development situation; make contribution to the facilitation of industry development and regional economic development.

CITIC Mining is the primary subsidiary of CITIC Group and is principally engaged in the mining related technology marketing and transfer; geological resources control, geological exploration, technology research and development and enquiry in the nonferrous metal industry; project investment. The company has solid financial capabilities and strong capital operation abilities, and owns a number of gold mine projects under construction and in operation.

CITIC Group is a large-scale international and multi-national corporation which is engaged in a wide range of businesses including finance, energy and resources, real estate, manufacturing, information technology and infrastructural facilities.

# XI. Disclosure of Information on the Stock Exchange's Website and the Company's Website

This announcement will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk under "Latest Listed Company Information" of "HKExnews" and the website of the Company at www.zhaojin.com.cn. The 2010 interim report will be despatched to shareholders of the Company and published on the Stock Exchange's website and the Company's website.

By order of the Board Zhaojin Mining Industry Company Limited LU Dongshang Chairman

Zhaoyuan, the PRC, 13 August 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Lu Dongshang and Mr. Wang Peifu as executive Directors, Mr. Liang Xinjun, Mr. Cong Jianmao, Mr. Weng Zhanbin, Mr. Wu Zhongqing and Mr. Chen Guoping as non-executive Directors, and Mr. Ye Tianzhu, Mr. Yan Hongbo, Ms. Chen Jinrong and Mr. Choy Sze Chung Jojo as independent non-executive Directors.

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