



Regent Pacific Group Limited



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ANNOUNCEMENT

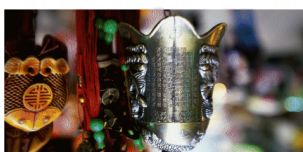
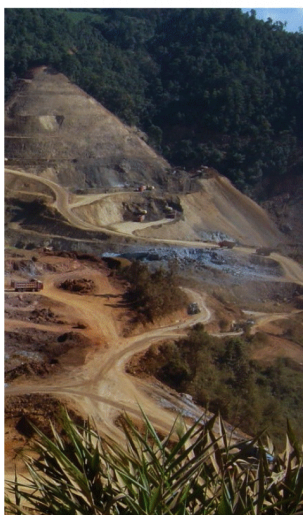
UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008



HIGHLIGHTS

- Record production and earnings from Dapingzhang. First half-year earnings exceeded 2007 annual earnings, even with separate copper concentrate coming on stream in May 2008.
- Industry leading low cost operations at Dapingzhang; cash costs of US\$0.14 per pound of copper equivalent; significantly below current commodity prices.
- Successfully commissioned differential flotation circuits at largest mill at Dapingzhang and now producing saleable copper and zinc concentrates from the largest mill. First copper shipment was made in May 2008.
- An increase of 2.25 million tonnes in ore reserves (net of depletions from the 2007 reserves) at Dapingzhang.
- Strong attributable profit from West China Coking and Gas Company Limited (“West China Coke”).
- Completed 100% acquisition of Yuke Coal Limited (Zhun Dong).
- Completed JORC resources of 92.2 million tonnes of thermal coal at Ji Ri Ga Lang.



**RESULTS**

The directors (the “**Directors**” or the “**Board**”) of Regent Pacific Group Limited (the “**Company**” or “**Regent**” and collectively with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) are pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2008, together with comparative figures for the six months ended 30 September 2007, as follows:

**Condensed Consolidated Income Statement
For the six months ended 30 June 2008**

		(Unaudited)	
		For the six months ended	
		30 June	30 September
		2008	2007
		US\$'000	US\$'000
	Notes		
Revenue/Turnover:	3		
Corporate investment income		2,132	523
Other income		1,490	912
Fair value loss		(821)	(44)
Total income		2,801	1,391
Expenses:			
Employee benefit expenses		(4,690)	(2,335)
Rental and office expenses		(327)	(202)
Information and technology expenses		(201)	(118)
Marketing costs and commissions		(9)	(20)
Professional fees		(2,869)	(731)
Finance costs	5	(279)	(1,192)
Other operating expenses		(1,126)	(399)
Operating loss	4	(6,700)	(3,606)
Share of profits of associates		2,331	315
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity		8,086	5,068
Profit before taxation		3,717	1,777
Taxation	6	-	-
Profit for the period		3,717	1,777
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		4,008	1,901
Minority interests		(291)	(124)
		3,717	1,777
Dividend		-	-
Earnings per share (US cent):	7		
- Basic		0.09	0.12
- Diluted		0.09	0.11



Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2008

	(Unaudited) As at 30 June 2008 US\$'000	(Audited) As at 31 December 2007 US\$'000
Non-current assets:		
Goodwill	194,897	190,724
Exploration and evaluation assets	29,277	5,729
Property, plant and equipment	1,362	467
Interests in associates	19,825	16,572
Interest in a jointly controlled entity	40,216	29,951
Available-for-sale financial assets	620	620
Deferred tax assets	294	-
	<u>286,491</u>	<u>244,063</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and bank balances	95,432	138,081
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	12,526	4,736
Trade receivables	43	43
Loan receivables	1,276	15,587
Amount due from a minority shareholder	1,212	-
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	11,580	9,131
Derivative financial instruments	39	-
	<u>122,108</u>	<u>167,578</u>
Current liabilities:		
Derivative financial instruments	-	(3)
Trade payables, accruals and other payables	(2,017)	(6,508)
Amounts due to minority shareholders	(1,242)	(6,295)
Borrowings	(24)	(24)
	<u>(3,283)</u>	<u>(12,830)</u>
Net current assets	<u>118,825</u>	<u>154,748</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>405,316</u>	<u>398,811</u>
Non-current liability:		
Borrowings	<u>(5,226)</u>	<u>(14,118)</u>
Net assets	<u>400,090</u>	<u>384,693</u>
Equity		
Equity attributable to the Company's equity holders		
Share capital	45,177	42,902
Reserves	352,044	341,520
	<u>397,221</u>	<u>384,422</u>
Minority interests	<u>2,869</u>	<u>271</u>
Total equity	<u>400,090</u>	<u>384,693</u>



Notes to Condensed Interim Financial Statements

1. General information and basis of preparation

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability. Its registered office is at PO Box 309, Uglund House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. The Company's shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "HK Stock Exchange") and are also traded on the OTC market (Freiverkehr) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

The Company's principal activity is investment holding, and the principal activities of the Group consist of exploration and mining of natural resources; and corporate investments.

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "HK Listing Rules") on the HK Stock Exchange and Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements for the nine months ended 31 December 2007.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of this condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the nine months ended 31 December 2007.

2. Adoption of new or revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and HKASs ("HKFRSs")

All the new and revised HKFRSs which are effective during the six months ended 30 June 2008 are not relevant to the Group. They did not result in significant changes in the Group's accounting policies and had no significant impact on the current or the prior accounting periods.

The Group has not early adopted the following HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Directors anticipate that the adoption of such HKFRSs will not result in material financial impact on the financial statements of the Group:

HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements ¹
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs ¹
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements ³
HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation ¹
HKFRS 2 (Amendment)	Share-based Payment: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations ¹
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combination ³
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments ¹
HK(IFRIC) Interpretation 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes ²
HK(IFRIC) Interpretation 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate ¹
HK(IFRIC) Interpretation 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation ⁴



- 1 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- 2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008
- 3 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- 4 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008

3. Segmented information

Primary reporting format - business segments

The Group comprises four business segments as follows:

Coal Mining	:	Exploration and mining of coal resources
Coking Coal	:	Production of coking coal
Metals Mining	:	Exploration and mining of metals resources
Corporate Investment	:	Investment in corporate entities, both listed and unlisted

Inter-segment revenues arising from inter-segment transactions are conducted at competitive market prices charged to external customers. Those revenues are eliminated on consolidation.

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

	(Unaudited)					
	Coal mining US\$'000	Coking coal US\$'000	Metals mining US\$'000	Corporate investment US\$'000	Unallocated US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Revenue from external customers	-	-	-	2,132	1,490	3,622
Segment results	(2,570)	(7)	(1,934)	(3,400)	1,490	(6,421)
Finance costs						(279)
Operating loss						(6,700)
Share of profits of associates		2,041			290	2,331
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity			8,086			8,086
Taxation						-
Profit for the period						3,717



For the six months ended 30 September 2007

	(Unaudited) (restated)					
	Coal mining US\$'000	Coking coal US\$'000	Metals mining US\$'000	Corporate investment US\$'000	Unallocated US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Revenue from external customers	-	-	-	1,435	-	1,435
Segment results	-	-	(394)	(2,020)	-	(2,414)
Finance costs						(1,192)
Operating loss						(3,606)
Share of profit of an associate					315	315
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity			5,068			5,068
Taxation						-
Profit for the period						1,777

The segment assets and liabilities at 30 June 2008 and capital expenditure for the six months then ended were as follows:

	(Unaudited)					
	Coal mining US\$'000	Coking coal US\$'000	Metals mining US\$'000	Corporate investment US\$'000	Unallocated US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Segment assets	213,982	15,284	9,004	110,288	-	348,558
Interests in associates	-	17,254	-	-	2,571	19,825
Interest in a jointly controlled entity	-	-	40,216	-	-	40,216
Total assets	213,982	32,538	49,220	110,288	2,571	408,599
Segment liabilities	1,841	-	209	6,459	-	8,509
Depreciation and amortisation	64	-	4	48	-	116
Capital expenditure	3,232	-	9	21	-	3,262



The segment assets and liabilities at 31 December 2007 and capital expenditure for the nine months then ended were as follows:

	(Audited) (restated)					
	Coal mining US\$'000	Coking coal US\$'000	Metals mining US\$'000	Corporate investment US\$'000	Unallocated US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Segment assets	199,739	15,271	9,146	140,962	-	365,118
Interest in an associate	-	14,301	-	-	2,271	16,572
Interest in a jointly controlled entity	-	-	29,951	-	-	29,951
Total assets	199,739	29,572	39,097	140,962	2,271	411,641
Segment liabilities	9,972	-	14,268	2,708	-	26,948
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	24	40	-	64
Capital expenditure	228,023	-	5	111	-	228,139

Secondary reporting format - geographical segments

The Group's business is managed on a world-wide basis. Asia Pacific is a major market for its mining and exploration of natural resources, and North America is a major market for its corporate investments.

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers, investing funds or corporate investments.

There are no sales between the geographical segments.

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

	North America US\$'000	Asia Pacific US\$'000	Western Europe US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Revenue from external customers	1,073	2,430	119	3,622
Capital expenditure incurred during the period	-	3,262	-	3,262

For the six months ended 30 September 2007

	North America US\$'000	Asia Pacific US\$'000	Western Europe US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Revenue from external customers	11	1,209	215	1,435
Capital expenditure incurred during the period	-	221	-	221

**4. Operating loss**

	(Unaudited)	
	For the six months ended	
	30 June	30 September
	2008	2007
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Operating loss is arrived at after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration	59	40
Depreciation on owned property, plant and equipment	114	36
Operating lease rental on property and equipment	247	116
Amortisation on exploration and evaluation assets	2	-
Share-based payment	1,160	381
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	6	-
and crediting:		
Interest income on bank deposits	1,593	70
Dividend income from available-for-sale financial assets	108	-
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	121	25

5. Finance costs

	(Unaudited)	
	For the six months ended	
	30 June	30 September
	2008	2007
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest on convertible bonds	-	917
Interest on redeemable convertible preference shares	279	275
	279	1,192

6. Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong or overseas profits tax has been made in these financial statements as all the Group companies which are subject to such tax have sustained losses for taxation purposes for the period.

Share of associates' and a jointly controlled entity's taxation for the six months ended 30 June 2008 of US\$108,000 (six months ended 30 September 2007: US\$6,000) and US\$826,000 (six months ended 30 September 2007: nil) are included in the consolidated income statement as share of profits of associates and share of profit of a jointly controlled entity respectively.



7. Earnings per share

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	(Unaudited)	
	For the six months ended	
	30 June 2008 US\$'000	30 September 2007 US\$'000
<u>Earnings</u>		
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company, used to determine basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share	4,008	1,901
<u>Number of shares</u>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares, used to determine basic earnings per share	4,438,157,714	1,628,185,514
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Share options	21,907,425	82,582,810
Convertible bonds	107,201,821	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares, used to determine diluted earnings per share	4,567,266,960	1,710,768,324

Note: The redeemable convertible preference shares outstanding during the six months ended 30 June 2008 had an anti-dilutive effect on the earnings per share and is ignored in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.



CO-CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Regent's Co-Chairman James Mellon said "Net profit after tax attributable to members of the Company was US\$4.01 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008 which easily surpassed the same period in 2007. Regent's operational performance has been very sound with record production and earnings from Dapingzhang and an initial strong contribution from West China Coke. With the successful commissioning of the differential flotation circuits at the largest mill at Dapingzhang we expect annual record earnings and production for copper and zinc for 2008."

"We continue to develop our pipeline of growth projects, which remains a significant competitive strength. We will expand the copper production at Dapingzhang by over 65% in 2009. We will seek to bring on our coal projects as and when approvals are obtained. We have the capacity to grow strongly from our existing base, and create value for shareholders over the years ahead."

"We have seen extreme volatility in the commodity markets. However, we remain convinced that the long-term demand strength in minerals and metals remain intact and Regent is exceptionally well positioned to benefit. The prices for copper and coal remain high by historic highs. The price of copper and zinc were 16.82% and 37.29% lower in the first half of the year on average compared to the six-month period ended 30 September 2007. The drop in the zinc price has been the primary reason that the financial performance we are reporting today is not better."

"Our strategy remains intact in that we will continue to pursue growth and we have a number of tangible opportunities, including both the development of projects in our pipeline and potential acquisitions. In China, we are making progress with negotiations with our counterparties albeit at a slower rate than expected for forming joint ventures for significant coal properties."

"We agree that Regent's current share price does not reflect its inherent value. We will use our strong balance sheet to invest shareholders' funds in growing our business in this very prospective environment."



REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Main Activities

The Group's principal activities during the period were:

- Production of copper and zinc concentrates at its 40% owned mine at Dapingzhang in Yunnan Province, China.
- Exploration activities at Dapingzhang and its 97.54% owned Yinzishan project in Yunnan Province, China.
- Production of coke and related by products at its 25% owned chemical plant (West China Coke) in Yunnan Province, China.
- Development of the Ji Ri Ga Lang thermal coal project that is 51% owned by the Group, including JORC resources of 92.2 million tonnes.
- Evaluation of other exploration and business development opportunities in China and Indonesia.

On 27 June 2008, the Group announced that it had entered into an investment and cooperation agreement with Blue Pacific Advisors Ltd involving the formation of a coal mining joint venture in relation to coal mining interests in Indonesia. This transaction involves the Group acquiring a controlling (75 percent) interest in a Singapore incorporated joint venture company, itself having contractual rights to economic benefits flowing from certain Indonesian coal mining concessions for US\$55.59 million (subject to adjustment). The Group has a call option of purchasing a further 5 percent equity interest in the Singapore joint venture company exercisable during the period from and including 1 April 2010 to and including 30 April 2010.

Financial Results

The consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2008 was US\$4.01 million (six months ended 30 September 2007: US\$1.90 million). The main reason for the increase in profit was the equity contribution from Yunnan Simao Shanshui Copper Company Limited ("YSSCCL"). YSSCCL recorded an overall profit of RMB142.72 million (equivalent to US\$20.21 million) for the six months to 30 June 2008 (2007: YSSCCL full year profit was RMB132.72 million or US\$17.45 million).



The shareholders' equity increased by 3.33% to US\$397.22 million as at 30 June 2008 from US\$384.42 million as at 31 December 2007. The increase was mainly due to (i) the conversion of the US\$9 million convertible bonds resulting in a total increase of share capital and share premium of US\$8.62 million, and (ii) the profit of US\$4.01 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

Review of Results and Operations

Yunnan Simao Shanshui Copper Company Limited

Safety

There were no lost time injuries since YSSCCL's incorporation to 30 June 2008.

Environment

There were no reportable environmental incidents in the period.

Mining, Production and Costs

Set out below are the mining, production and costs for the six months to 30 June 2008.

Table 1

Copper Production			Zinc Production			Copper - Zinc Production		
Six months ended June 08			Six months ended June 08			Six months ended June 08		
Units			Units			Units		
Ore mined	t	168,580	Ore mined	t	101,020	Ore mined	t	267,389
Grade Cu	%	0.69	Grade Zn	%	5.02	Grade Zn	%	3.39
						Grade Cu	%	1.86
Ore milled	t	-	Ore milled	t	214,031	Ore milled	t	213,637
Cu grade	%	-	Zn grade	%	5.70	Zn grade	%	3.78
						Cu grade	%	1.94
Cu recoveries	%	-	Zn recoveries	%	87.20	Zn recoveries	%	80.39
						Cu recoveries	%	81.04



Table 2

Concentrate Production and Sales		
Six months ended June 08		
	Units	
Production		
Copper concentrate	t	8,413
Zinc concentrate	t	30,070
Copper – Zinc concentrate	t	18,113
Concentrate Sales		
Copper concentrate	t	4,648
Zinc concentrate	t	39,945
Copper – Zinc concentrate	t	18,344
Contained Metal		
Cu	t	2,671
Zn	t	22,993
Au	oz	148
Ag	oz	133,633

Table 3

Operating Costs for six months to June 08	
(Copper equivalent)	
All in US\$'000 (HKFRS adjusted)	Half year to June 2008
Operating*	18,704
Transportation costs	2,957
By-product credit^	(1,604)
Total Cash Cost	20,057
Depreciation and amortization#	1,465
Total Production Cost	21,522

~ where there are payable terms

* Exploration and resource drilling expenditures are not included in mine site cash costs

^ Revenue from gold and silver

Includes amortisation of mine assets and exploration and resource drilling



For the six months to 30 June 2008, a total of 536,989 tonnes of ore was mined. In early May 2008, YSSCCL successfully commissioned SGS's differential flow sheet in mill 4 where it is now producing a separate saleable copper concentrate and zinc concentrate. YSSCCL started selling copper and zinc concentrates from mill 4 in late May 2008 as scheduled.

During the half-year period, YSSCCL's operations have produced 30,070 tonnes of zinc concentrate (six months ended 30 September 2007: 25,139 tonnes), 8,413 tonnes of copper concentrate (six months ended 30 September 2007: 7,800 tonnes) and 18,113 tonnes of copper – zinc concentrate (six months ended 30 September 2007: nil). Contained metal for the half-year period was 2,671 tonnes copper (six months ended 30 September 2007: 2,276 tonnes) and 22,993 tonnes zinc (six months ended 30 September 2007: 16,166 tonnes). This produced revenue of RMB334.56 million or US\$47.39 million (six months ended 30 September 2007: RMB198.63 million or US\$26.30 million).

Total cash costs for the six months ended 30 June 2008 were US\$0.14 per lb copper equivalent (six months ended 30 September 2007: US\$0.1372 per lb copper equivalent). In August 2008, we have successfully installed the new high voltage power line at mine site and, as a result, demobilized the Aggreko operated 9 mega watt diesel power station. Consequently, YSSCCL's electrical costs will be substantially reduced from September 2008 onwards as YSSCCL moves to national grid power from diesel generated power.

The average copper price and zinc price received in the six months ended 30 June 2008 were RMB44,828 / tonne (approximately US\$6,349 / tonne) and RMB10,452 / tonne (approximately US\$1,480 / tonne), respectively, which were 16.82% and 37.29% below 2007 results for the six months ended 30 September 2007.

The board of YSSCCL has approved the expansion of copper production at Dapingzhang by increasing mill throughput by over 65% in 2009. Long-lead-time equipment has been purchased or committed to.

Exploration

YSSCCL has continued the near-mine exploration activity with the aim of discovering new resources. The Group has also continued its exploration activity at Yinzishan with the purpose of expanding its resource inventory.

West China Coking and Gas Company Limited

During the half-year period, West China Coke's operations have produced a total of 514,711 tonnes of coke, 44,152 tonnes of refined methanol, 15,003 tonnes of tar, 4,872 tonnes of ammonium sulphate and 4,103 tonnes of crude benzol. This produced revenue of RMB849 million or US\$120 million (six months ended 30 September 2007: RMB575 million or US\$81 million). The average coke



price and methanol price received in the six months ended 30 June 2008 was RMB1,593 / tonne (approximately US\$225 / tonne) and RMB3,416 / tonne (approximately US\$484 / tonne), respectively.

The Group received a dividend of RMB9 million (approximately US\$1.34 million) for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

Ji Ri Ga Lang

During the half-year period, confidence in the Ji Ri Ga Lang coal resource has been advanced by the results of a detailed drilling programme, which confirms a coal resource of 92.2 million tonnes in accordance with the JORC Code. The 92.2 million tonnes resource is allocated in the measured and indicated categories; 87% of which is a measured resource. This is the first classification of JORC Resources for the Ji Ri Ga Lang coal deposit, a major step forward for this strategic asset.

The process is underway to convert the exploration licence to a fully operational mining licence. Phase one of the three phase process has been completed where the application to alter the size of the exploration licence was approved. The exploration licence was reissued in August. The issuance of the exploration licence was an important cornerstone to the conversion of the exploration licence to a mining licence as the new exploration licence becomes the definitive mine boundary and the defined mineral reserve. Thus far significant progress has been achieved with the appointment of all key governmental agencies to undertake the contributory reports for facilitating the conversion of the exploration licence to a mining licence. We await the receipt of final regulatory approvals from the Inner Mongolian government authorities.

Project X and Ji Lin South

The negotiation of acceptable joint venture agreements for the development of Project X and Ji Lin South coal fields remain a continuing priority for the Group. The CCEC team has made progress for securing joint venture agreements albeit at a slower rate than we expected. Currently the joint venture documentation is under negotiation with the Chinese parties.

Zhun Dong

The Group is evaluating the possibility of divesting this asset and any proceeds from sale of this asset will strengthen our balance sheet. In the meantime, drilling works will commence for the next phase of the geological programme that is aimed at renewing the exploration licences in January 2009.



Regent Markets Group

Regent Markets Holdings Limited (“**Regent Markets**”) has enjoyed a successful 2008, with projected turnover for the year expected to reach US\$130 million, a 40% increase over 2007. The company continues to lead the UK’s fixed-odds financial betting sector and is consolidating this lead by laying emphasis on its website technology and client service. The company will shortly be launching a redesign of its flagship betonmarkets.com website, containing substantial technological improvements. The company is looking forward to continued growth in the latter part of 2008 and 2009.

Outlook

Over the 12 months the developed economies have experienced considerable weakness from the onset of the credit crisis. The asset deflation that is being spread across the developed economies is reducing wealth across these economies; the unprecedented lending of “easy consumer finance” has ended, particularly in the United States.

However, we have not seen the emerging economies that we operate in suffering a direct spill over of the bursting of the credit bubble. China and the other strong emerging economies such as India and Russia are still experiencing strong growth from domestic demand and trading among these emerging economies.

While we expect global economic growth will continue to slow as a result of the developed economies experiencing weakening in the next 12 months or so, we continue to believe that the continued massive industrialisation in China will provide support for the global economy and particularly our products that are sold within China.

In respect of the commodities outlook, in the short term, we expect the price of copper and coal to remain high compared to historical levels. Copper supplies continue to struggle to keep up with demand and production continues to be affected by extraordinary disruptions. We anticipate a “modest deficit” in copper-supply demand for 2008. There are further factors underpinning copper prices, not least electricity power shortages in China, and constraints common to the global resources sector, including rising input costs, and the phalanx of risks associated with progressing a project to a commissioned mine. There are delays on major committed copper projects that are averaging 6 to 12 months and as recent additions were unable to offset depletion and 2007-08 demand growth, we do not expect new projects to materially alter the severely constrained copper supply picture. The zinc price has dropped significantly by over 30%, which has reduced earnings for the first-half year at YSSCCL. The drop in the zinc price should be somewhat offset by the start up of production of copper from the largest mill at YSSCCL.



And for the long term, the demand for our commodities, especially copper and coal, is expected to remain strong. The copper market looks set to remain historically very tight over the next five years. We expect that the effects of the slow down being experienced in the developed economies should have minimal effect on the strong demand for our commodities.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE GROUP'S PERFORMANCE

Revenue and Profits

The Group recorded a profit after tax and minority interests of US\$4.01 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The jointly controlled entity and the associates of the Group, Yunnan Simao Shanshui Copper Company Limited, Regent Markets Holdings Limited and West China Coking and Gas Company Limited, contributed a share of profit of US\$8.09 million, US\$0.29 million and US\$2.04 million respectively to the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2008. YSSCCL recorded a profit of RMB142.72 million (equivalent to US\$20.21 million) for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The fair value loss from investments for the six months ended 30 June 2008 was US\$0.82 million due mainly to the marked-to-market decrease in the shares of the Group's securities portfolio. Of this US\$0.82 million fair value loss, US\$0.69 million represented realised profit and US\$1.51 million was unrealised loss.

The Group continued to invest further in the future development of the business. The main increase in costs was due to increased personnel and professional fees mainly as a result of the purchase and integration of CCEC Ltd.

The finance cost represented the interest expenses of the redeemable convertible preference shares amounting to US\$0.28 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The main elements of the profit are analysed as follows:

	US\$ million
Share of profit from YSSCCL	8.09
Share of profit from Regent Markets	0.29
Share of profit from West China Coke	2.04
Coal mining	(2.57)
Metals mining	(1.93)
Corporate investment	(1.63)
Finance costs	(0.28)
Total profit attributable to shareholders	4.01



Balance Sheet

The shareholders' equity increased by 3.33% to US\$397.22 million as at 30 June 2008 from US\$384.42 million as at 31 December 2007. The increase was mainly due to (i) the conversion of the US\$9 million convertible bonds resulting in a total increase of share capital and share premium of US\$8.62 million, and (ii) the profit of US\$4.01 million for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The investments in YSSCCL of US\$40.22 million, Regent Markets of US\$2.57 million and West China Coke of US\$17.25 million accounted for 10.13%, 0.65% and 4.34% of the shareholders' equity respectively. The Group's other assets comprised: (i) goodwill of US\$194.90 million, (ii) exploration and evaluation assets of US\$29.28 million, (iii) cash of US\$95.43 million, (iv) listed and unlisted investments of US\$13.15 million, and (v) other assets and receivables of US\$15.81 million.

The Group's liabilities comprised: (i) redeemable convertible preference shares (liability portion) of US\$5.18 million, (ii) finance lease obligation of US\$0.07 million and (iii) trade payables and others of US\$3.26 million.

Future Funding

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had US\$95.43 million cash or 24.02% of its total shareholders' equity, which did not take into account the Group's holding of listed securities that amounted to US\$12.53 million.

The Company's subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entity may require funding as their businesses develop. It is expected that the bulk of such funding will be obtained from the Group's own balance sheet and pending increase in cash flow.

Management of Risk

The most significant risk affecting the profitability and viability of the Company is its 40% interest in YSSCCL, a Sino-foreign equity joint venture enterprise that produces copper and zinc concentrates with gold and silver credits. There are also risks affecting the Group's profitability and viability in 2008 in respect of the Group's interest in Abagaqi Changjiang Mining Company Limited and West China Coke.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2008.



INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have resolved not to declare an interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2008 (six months ended 30 September 2007: nil).

We purchased shares under the US\$10 million share buy-back program since it was announced in January 2008. We repurchased and cancelled 130,355,000 shares, via on-market buy backs, at an approximate average price of HK\$0.528 (US\$0.068) for a total consideration of HK\$69 million (US\$8.8 million). These shares were purchased via an independent third party broker. Details of the repurchases are set out in the section headed “Purchase, Sale and Redemption of Listed Securities” below.

Under our existing share repurchase mandate granted at the Company’s annual general meeting held on 12 June 2008, we can repurchase and cancel up to 452,647,341 shares before the Company’s next annual general meeting. We will continue to monitor the buy back of shares.

THE CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the “**Code on CG Practices**”) was introduced to Appendix 14 to the HK Listing Rules in November 2004 to take effect on 1 January 2005 (and applicable to accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2005), with an exception in respect of the provisions on internal controls, which took effect on 1 July 2005 (and applicable to accounting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2005). Appropriate actions were duly taken by the Directors for ensuring that the Company is in compliance of all code provisions in the Code on CG Practices.

The Company has applied the principles of the Code on CG Practices since their adoption on 1 January 2005 as mentioned above in a manner consistent with best practices of a listed issuer. The primary responsibility for ensuring that the Code on CG Practices is complied with rests with the Directors with the full support of the Company’s company secretary and its executive management.

As far as the Directors are aware, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on CG Practices during the six months ended 30 June 2008.



REVIEW BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The interim financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2008 have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”).

The Audit Committee was established on 11 March 1999, with written terms of reference amended on 18 March 2005, in compliance of the code provisions in C.3 of the Code on CG Practices, and further revised on 5 January 2007 to incorporate issues relating to internal controls. The committee’s purpose is to assist the Board in providing an independent review of the effectiveness of the financial reporting process and the internal control and risk management systems of the Company, overseeing the audit process and performing other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

In compliance of Rule 3.21 of the HK Listing Rules, the Audit Committee currently comprises the Non-Executive Co-Chairman of the Board (James Mellon) and two independent non-executive Directors, namely Julie Oates and Mark Searle. The committee is chaired by Julie Oates. The Audit Committee is in compliance of Rule 3.21 of the HK Listing Rules.

The Audit Committee discharged their duties in accordance with their terms of reference with no exceptions reported.

Terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available on request.

INTERNAL CONTROL

Pursuant to Code Provision C.2.1 of the Code on CG Practices, the Audit Committee has engaged an independent professional firm to undertake a review of the Group’s internal control systems, including its financial, operational and compliance functions. The process will also review the ongoing operational and investment risks within the Group. The recommendations provided by the professional firm will be considered by the Audit Committee and incorporated into the future review programme as appropriate.

**PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES**

During the six months ended 30 June 2008, an aggregate of 41,755,000 shares were repurchased by the Company on the HK Stock Exchange, details of which are set out below:

Date	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share (HK\$)	Lowest price paid per share (HK\$)	Total amount paid (HK\$)
30 January 2008	5,450,000	0.740	0.680	3,891,090
31 January 2008	2,000,000	0.700	0.690	1,397,000
11 February 2008	1,600,000	0.740	0.730	1,183,000
12 February 2008	120,000	0.740	0.740	88,800
15 February 2008	300,000	0.850	0.840	254,500
21 May 2008	11,210,000	0.720	0.660	7,786,890
22 May 2008	4,700,000	0.700	0.650	3,157,190
23 May 2008	5,600,000	0.700	0.660	3,821,940
28 May 2008	2,100,000	0.700	0.700	1,470,000
12 June 2008	5,475,000	0.750	0.630	3,766,260
13 June 2008	3,200,000	0.730	0.730	2,336,000
	<u>41,755,000</u>			<u>29,152,670</u>

Subsequent to the period end date, an aggregate of 88,600,000 shares were repurchased by the Company on the HK Stock Exchange, details of which are set out below:

Date	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share (HK\$)	Lowest price paid per share (HK\$)	Total amount paid (HK\$)
4 July 2008	23,000,000	0.530	0.395	10,462,190
7 July 2008	15,000,000	0.470	0.450	7,011,535
8 July 2008	10,600,000	0.440	0.415	4,582,660
9 July 2008	40,000,000	0.480	0.390	17,560,135
	<u>88,600,000</u>			<u>39,616,520</u>

The Company has not redeemed any of its securities during the period or subsequent to the period end date and prior to the date of this announcement.

PUBLICATION ON WEBSITES

This announcement is published on the websites of the Company (www.regentpac.com) and the HK Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk).



DESPATCH OF INTERIM REPORT

The interim report containing full details of the Company's unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2008 will be despatched to all its shareholders and be published on the aforesaid websites before 30 September 2008.

On behalf of the Board of
REGENT PACIFIC GROUP LIMITED

James Mellon
Co-Chairman

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Hong Kong, 4 September 2008