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潤東汽車

China Rundong Auto Group Limited

中國潤東汽車集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1365)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of China Rundong Auto Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”, “**our Group**”, “**we**” or “**us**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2019 as follows:

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 June 2019

	Notes	2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2018 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	4(a)	4,955,749	7,506,535
Cost of sales	5(b)	<u>(4,939,179)</u>	<u>(7,007,576)</u>
Gross profit		16,570	498,959
Other income and gains	4(b)	114,756	403,866
Selling and distribution costs		(194,531)	(223,794)
Administrative expenses		(219,944)	(252,229)
Other expenses	5(c)	(747,575)	(29,697)
Finance costs	6	<u>(184,502)</u>	<u>(282,056)</u>
(Loss)/Profit before tax	5	(1,215,226)	115,049
Income tax expense	7	<u>(2,754)</u>	<u>(83,725)</u>
(Loss)/Profit for the period		<u>(1,217,980)</u>	<u>31,324</u>
(Loss)/Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		(1,216,871)	32,960
Non-controlling interests		<u>(1,109)</u>	<u>(1,636)</u>
		<u>(1,217,980)</u>	<u>31,324</u>
(Loss)/Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent:	8		
Basic			
– For (loss)/profit for the period (RMB)		<u>(1.29)</u>	<u>0.03</u>
Diluted			
– For (loss)/profit for the period (RMB)		<u>(1.29)</u>	<u>0.02</u>

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2019

	2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2018 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
(Loss)/Profit for the period	<u>(1,217,980)</u>	<u>31,324</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<u>457</u>	<u>(1,555)</u>
Other comprehensive loss that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Changes in fair value	<u>(201)</u>	<u>—</u>
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period, net of tax	<u>256</u>	<u>(1,555)</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax	<u>(1,217,724)</u>	<u>29,769</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	(1,216,615)	31,405
Non-controlling interests	<u>(1,109)</u>	<u>(1,636)</u>
	<u>(1,217,724)</u>	<u>29,769</u>

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2019

		As at 30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
	Notes		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	3,293,275	3,342,558
Land use rights	10	699,508	710,009
Right-of-use assets	11	264,268	–
Intangible assets		377,669	490,162
Deferred tax assets		1,510	1,510
Goodwill	12	628,458	869,107
Equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	13	55,653	55,719
Finance lease receivables		–	13
Total non-current assets		5,320,341	5,469,078
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	14	960,143	1,480,761
Trade receivables	15	270,640	311,029
Finance lease receivables		2,544	2,587
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets	16	2,906,118	3,907,031
Cash in transit		26,112	9,821
Pledged bank deposits		953,080	1,386,631
Cash and cash equivalents		654,236	865,950
Total current assets		5,772,873	7,963,810
TOTAL ASSETS		11,093,214	13,432,888
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables and accruals	17	1,716,000	–
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	18	567,556	679,976
Deferred tax liabilities		184,677	190,800
Lease liabilities	19	263,242	–
Total non-current liabilities		2,731,475	870,776

		As at 30 June 2019 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and bills payables	20	1,238,470	2,150,700
Other payables and accruals	21	1,942,631	1,998,749
Amounts due to a related party	26	165,836	361,416
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	18	3,885,694	5,702,266
Income tax payable		223,966	246,262
Lease Liabilities	19	20,147	—
Total current liabilities		<u>7,476,744</u>	<u>10,459,393</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(1,703,871)</u>	<u>(2,495,583)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,616,470</u>	<u>2,973,495</u>
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Share capital	23	5	5
Reserves		<u>880,535</u>	<u>2,097,150</u>
		880,540	2,097,155
Non-controlling interests		<u>4,455</u>	<u>5,564</u>
Total equity		<u>884,995</u>	<u>2,102,719</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u><u>11,093,214</u></u>	<u><u>13,432,888</u></u>

NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

China Rundong Auto Group Limited (the “**Company**”) was incorporated on 15 January 2014 as an exempted company in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. The registered office address of the Company is P.O. Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands. The Company was listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 12 August 2014.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) were principally engaged in the sale and service of motor vehicles in Mainland China.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 30 August 2019.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, which comprise the interim condensed consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2019 and the related interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, have been prepared in accordance with HKAS 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

The unaudited 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 2018.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had net current liabilities of approximately RMB1,703,871,000. The directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) believe that the Group has sufficient cash flows from the operations and current available banking facilities to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. Therefore, the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

2.2 Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial information are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, except for the adoption of the new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”) effective as of 1 January 2019.

The Group has adopted the following revised HKFRSs for the first time in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 9
HKFRS 16
Amendments to HKAS 19
Amendments to HKAS 28
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23
Annual Improvements
2015-2017 Cycle

*Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Leases
Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 3, HKFRS 11, HKAS 12 and
HKAS 23*

Other than as explained below regarding the impact of HKFRS 16 Leases, the new and revised standards are not relevant to the preparation of the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial information. The nature and impact of the new and revised HKFRSs are described below:

(a) Adoption of HKFRS 16

HKFRS 16 replaces HKAS 17 Leases, HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease, HK(SIC)-Int 15 Operating Leases – Incentives and HK(SIC)-Int 27 Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease. The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model. Lessor accounting under HKFRS 16 is substantially unchanged from HKAS 17. Lessors will continue to classify leases as either operating or finance leases using similar principles as in HKAS 17. Therefore, HKFRS 16 did not have any financial impact on leases where the Group is the lessor.

The Group adopted HKFRS 16 using the modified retrospective method of adoption with the date of initial application of 1 January 2019. Under this method, the standard is applied retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initial adoption as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at 1 January 2019, and the comparative information for 2018 was not restated and continues to be reported under HKAS 17.

New definition of a lease

Under HKFRS 16, a contract is, or contains a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset and the right to direct the use of the identified asset. The Group elected to use the transition practical expedient allowing the standard to be applied only to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 at the date of initial application. Contracts that were not identified as leases under HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 were not reassessed. Therefore, the definition of a lease under HKFRS 16 has been applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 January 2019.

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their standard-alone prices. A practical expedient is available to a lessee, which the Group has adopted, not to separate non-lease components and to account for the lease and the associated non-lease components (e.g. property management services for leases of properties) as a single lease component.

As a lessee – Leases previously classified as operating leases

Nature of the effect of adoption of HKFRS 16

The Group has lease contracts for various items of property, machinery, vehicles and other equipment. As a lessee, the Group previously classified leases as either finance leases or operating leases based on the assessment of whether the lease transferred substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group. Under HKFRS 16, the Group applies a single approach to recognise and measure right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for all leases, except for two elective exemptions for leases of low value assets (elected on a lease by lease basis) and short-term leases (elected by class of underlying asset). The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for (i) leases of low-value assets (e.g., laptop computers and telephones); and (ii) leases, that at the commencement date, have a lease term of 12 months or less. Instead, the Group recognises the lease payments associated with those leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Impacts on transition

Lease liabilities at 1 January 2019 were recognised based on the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019 and included in non-current liabilities or current liabilities.

The right-of-use assets were measured at the amount of the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the lease recognised in the statement of financial position immediately before 1 January 2019. All these assets were assessed for any impairment based on HKAS 36 on that date. The Group elected to present the right-of-use assets separately in the statement of financial position.

The Group has used the following elective practical expedients when applying HKFRS 16 at 1 January 2019:

- Applied the short-term lease exemptions to leases with a lease term that ends within 12 months from the date of initial application
- Used hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend/terminate the lease

The impacts arising from the adoption of HKFRS 16 as at 1 January 2019 are as follows:

	Increase/ (decrease) <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
Assets	
Increase in right-of-use assets	<u>301,611</u>
Increase in total assets	<u><u>301,611</u></u>
Liabilities	
Increase in lease liabilities	<u>301,611</u>
Increase in total liabilities	<u><u>301,611</u></u>

The lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019 reconciled to the operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018 is as follows:

	<i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
Operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018	486,905
Weighted average incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019	<u>9.76%</u>
Discounted operating lease commitments as at 1 January 2019	<u>301,611</u>
Lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019	<u><u>301,611</u></u>

Summary of new accounting policies

The accounting policy for leases as disclosed in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 is replaced with the following new accounting policies upon adoption of HKFRS 16 from 1 January 2019:

Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are recognised at the commencement date of the lease. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognised right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful life and the lease term.

Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are recognised at the commencement date of the lease at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for termination of a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in future lease payments arising from change in an index or rate, a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

Amounts recognised in the interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position and profit or loss

The carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, and the movement during the period are as follow:

	Right-of-use assets			Lease liabilities
	Properties <i>RMB'000</i>	Land use right <i>RMB'000</i>	Sub- total <i>RMB'000</i>	
As at 1 January 2019	154,952	146,659	301,611	301,611
Depreciation charge	(24,966)	(12,377)	(37,343)	–
Interest expense	–	–	–	29,428
Payments	–	–	–	(47,650)
As at 30 June 2019	<u>129,986</u>	<u>134,282</u>	<u>264,268</u>	<u>283,389</u>

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's principal business is the sale and service of motor vehicles. For management purposes, the Group operates in one business unit based on its products, and has one reportable segment which is the sale of motor vehicles and the provision of related services.

No operating segments have been aggregated to form the above reportable operating segment.

Information about geographical area

Since all of the Group's revenue was generated from the sale and service of motor vehicles in Mainland China and all of the Group's identifiable assets and liabilities were located in Mainland China, no geographical information is presented.

Information about major customers

Since none of the Group's sales to a single customer amounted to 10% or more of the Group's revenue during the period, no segment information about major customers is presented.

4. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS, NET

(a) Revenue

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Disaggregated revenue information		
Type of goods or service		
Revenue from the sale of motor vehicles	4,280,829	6,478,768
Revenue from after-sales services	<u>674,920</u>	<u>1,027,767</u>
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u><u>4,955,749</u></u>	<u><u>7,506,535</u></u>
Timing of revenue recognition		
At a point in time	<u><u>4,955,749</u></u>	<u><u>7,506,535</u></u>

(b) Other income and gains

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Commission income	98,238	147,981
Bank interest income	6,326	14,273
Rental income	2,226	1,922
Government grants	667	2,938
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	–	227,881
Others	7,299	8,871
	<u>114,756</u>	<u>403,866</u>

5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(a) Employee benefit expense (excluding directors' and chief executive's remuneration):		
Wages and salaries	92,075	106,873
Equity-settled share option expense	–	28
Other welfare	70,363	72,161
	<u>162,438</u>	<u>179,062</u>
(b) Cost of sales and services:		
Cost of sales of motor vehicles	4,434,851	6,298,073
Cost of after-sales services	504,328	709,503
	<u>4,939,179</u>	<u>7,007,576</u>

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(c) Other expenses:		
Impairment of goodwill	240,649	–
Impairment of items of property, plant and equipment	–	22,000
Impairment allowance of prepayments, other receivables and other assets	392,722	–
Impairment of intangible assets	92,122	–
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	12,822	4,136
Exchange (gain)/loss	(5)	(36)
Others	9,265	3,597
	<u>747,575</u>	<u>29,697</u>
(d) Other items:		
Depreciation of items of property, plant and equipment	139,162	128,978
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	37,343	–
Amortisation of land use rights	10,501	10,776
Amortisation of intangible assets	20,566	20,960
Advertisement and business promotion expenses	16,646	23,838
(Reversal of write-down)/write-down of inventories to net realisable value	(3,241)	201
Lease expenses	1,460	29,409
Bank charges	3,170	5,459
	<u>3,170</u>	<u>5,459</u>

6. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest expense on bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	130,541	218,744
Interest expense on other borrowings	24,870	63,381
Interest portion of the lease liability	29,428	–
Less: interest capitalised	337	69
	<u>184,502</u>	<u>282,056</u>

7. TAX

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current Mainland China corporate income tax	9,012	90,211
Deferred tax	<u>(6,258)</u>	<u>(6,486)</u>
Total tax charge for the period	<u>2,754</u>	<u>83,725</u>

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, the Company has obtained an undertaking from the Governor-in-Council that no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profits or income or gain or appreciation shall apply to the Company or its operations.

The subsidiaries incorporated in the BVI are not subject to income tax as these subsidiaries do not have a place of business (other than a registered office only) or carry on any business in the BVI.

The subsidiaries incorporated in Hong Kong are subject to profits tax at the rate of 16.5% (six months ended 30 June 2018: 16.5%) during the period. No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period.

According to the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China, the income tax rate was 25% (six months ended 30 June 2018: 25%) during the period.

8. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of the basic (loss)/earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average 946,476,000 of ordinary shares in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2019 (946,476,000 ordinary shares during the six months ended 30 June 2018).

The calculation of the diluted (loss)/earnings per share amount is based on the (loss)/profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, as used in the basic (loss)/earnings per share calculation, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise or conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The calculations of the basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share are based on:

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(Loss)/Earnings		
(Loss)/Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, used in the earnings per share calculation	<u>(1,216,871)</u>	<u>32,960</u>
Number of shares		
	2019	2018
For the six months ended 30 June		
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period used in the basic (loss)/earnings per share calculation	<u>946,476,000</u>	<u>946,476,000</u>
Effect of dilution – weighted average number of ordinary shares:		
Convertible preference shares	–	664,268,747
Share options	–	690,219
	<u>946,476,000*</u>	<u>1,611,434,966</u>
* Because the Group is loss-making for the period ended 30 June 2019, the conversion preference shares and share options have no dilutive impact.		
	2019	2018
(Loss)/Earnings per share		
Basic (RMB)	<u>(1.29)</u>	<u>0.03</u>
Diluted (RMB)	<u>(1.29)</u>	<u>0.02</u>

9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Acquisitions and disposals

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group acquired assets at a consideration of RMB149,132,000 (unaudited) (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB89,773,000 (unaudited)).

Assets with a net book value of RMB76,587,000 (unaudited) were disposed of by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2019 (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB160,315,000 (unaudited)).

Certain of the Group's buildings with aggregate net book values of approximately RMB488,889,000 (unaudited) and RMB654,877,000, respectively, as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018 were pledged as security for the Group's interest-bearing bank and other borrowings.

Certain of the Group's buildings with aggregate net book values of RMB28,304,000 (unaudited) and RMB29,051,000, as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, respectively, do not have building ownership certificates because they were built on land where the Group did not have the land use right certificates. Notwithstanding this, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group owned the beneficial titles to these buildings as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, respectively.

10. LAND USE RIGHTS

No land use rights were acquired during both the six months ended 30 June 2018 and 2019.

No land use rights were disposed of by the Group during the six months ended 30 June 2019 (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB24,163,000 (unaudited)).

Certain of the Group's land use rights with aggregate net book values of approximately RMB126,698,000 (unaudited) and RMB235,916,000, respectively, as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018 were pledged as security for the Group's interest-bearing bank and other borrowings.

Certain of the Group's land use rights are rights with aggregate net book values of RMB23,799,000 (unaudited) and RMB24,164,000, respectively, as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, of which the Group had not obtained the land use right certificates. Notwithstanding this, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group owned the beneficial titles to these land use rights as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, respectively.

Included in the Group's land use rights are rights to certain parcels of land, with aggregate net book values of RMB66,013,000 (unaudited) and RMB66,988,000, respectively, as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, which the Group did not use for their designated usage. Under applicable PRC laws and regulations, government approval is required for land use rights holders to change the designated usage for the land. Notwithstanding this, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group owned the beneficial titles to these land use rights as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018, respectively.

11. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

The carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets, and the movement during the period are as follow:

	Right-of-use assets		
	Properties	Land use right	Total
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
As at 1 January 2019	154,952	146,659	301,611
Depreciation charge	<u>(24,966)</u>	<u>(12,377)</u>	<u>(37,343)</u>
As at 30 June 2019	<u>129,986</u>	<u>134,282</u>	<u>264,268</u>

12. GOODWILL

	30 June 2019	31 December 2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Cost:		
At the beginning of the period	869,107	1,358,066
Impairment during the period	<u>(240,649)</u>	<u>(488,959)</u>
At 30 June 2019	<u>628,458</u>	<u>869,107</u>
Cost	1,358,066	1,358,066
Accumulated impairment	<u>(729,608)</u>	<u>(488,959)</u>
Net carrying amount	<u>628,458</u>	<u>869,107</u>

13. EQUITY INVESTMENTS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Unlisted equity investments, at fair value		
Xuzhou Huaihai Nongcun Commercial Bank Company Limited	34,560	34,600
Tongshanxian Nongcun Credit Cooperation Association	9,234	9,800
GaoJing Network Technology Shanghai Limited	1,419	1,419
Yangzhou Nongcun Commercial Bank Company Limited	10,440	9,900
	<u>55,653</u>	<u>55,719</u>

The above equity investments were irrevocably designated at fair value through other comprehensive income as the Group considers these investments to be strategic in nature.

14. INVENTORIES

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Motor vehicles	771,924	1,244,175
Spare parts and accessories	223,189	274,797
	<u>995,113</u>	<u>1,518,972</u>
Less: Provision for inventories	<u>34,970</u>	<u>38,211</u>
	<u>960,143</u>	<u>1,480,761</u>

15. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Trade receivables	270,640	311,029
Impairment	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>270,640</u>	<u>311,029</u>

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on cash, except for some transactions which are traded on credit. The credit period is generally three months. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of each reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Within three months	244,283	281,244
More than three months but less than one year	25,850	29,156
More than one year	<u>507</u>	<u>629</u>
	<u>270,640</u>	<u>311,029</u>

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are not individually or collectively considered to be impaired is as follows:

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Neither past due nor impaired	244,283	281,244
Less than three months past due	25,850	29,156
Three months to one year past due	<u>507</u>	<u>629</u>
	<u>270,640</u>	<u>311,029</u>

Receivables that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, the Directors are of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable.

16. PREPAYMENT, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Prepayments to suppliers	1,134,774	1,457,612
Rebate receivables	1,076,699	1,337,670
Other receivables (i)	986,703	996,672
Consideration receivable	54,419	54,419
VAT recoverable	27,935	38,562
Prepaid expense	22,578	22,872
Others	97,915	101,407
	3,401,023	4,009,214
Impairment allowance	(494,905)	(102,183)
	<u>2,906,118</u>	<u>3,907,031</u>

- (i) Included in other receivables is an amount of RMB956,000,000 arose from the acquisition of Yangzhou Huawei Automobile Investment Management Company Limited and its subsidiaries (collectively as “**Huawei entities**”) during the year ended 31 December 2017, of which it represents the amount due from the former shareholders of Huawei entities, and the receivable amount is interest free with no fixed terms of repayment and secured by guarantee and pledge of buildings and land use rights.

17. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

As detailed in the disclosure note of the subsequent event in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2018, the Company is in the discussion with an independent third party in relation to the Company’s proposed disposal (the “**Proposed Disposal**”) of its entire equity interests in certain subsidiaries (the “**Disposing Subsidiaries**”). The Disposing Subsidiaries mainly engaged in the operation of automobile dealerships stores located primarily in Shandong, Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Shanghai in the PRC. If the Proposed Disposal proceeds, it is currently expected that the Proposed Disposal may constitute a very substantial disposal for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and the Company shall comply with the relevant disclosure and/or shareholders’ approval requirements under the Listing Rules where appropriate. During the period ended 30 June 2019, the Company received a downpayment of RMB1,716,000,000 as deposit from a potential acquirer as required under the terms and conditions of the intention agreement.

18. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	30 June 2019 (Unaudited)		31 December 2018 (Audited)	
	Effective		Effective	
	interest rate		interest rate	
	(%)	<i>RMB'000</i>	(%)	<i>RMB'000</i>
Current				
Bank loans	3.05-8.50	3,468,150	3.05-8.70	4,368,895
Other borrowings	4.68-17.64	<u>417,544</u>	3.68-15.00	<u>1,333,371</u>
		<u>3,885,694</u>		<u>5,702,266</u>
Non-current				
Bank loans	4.28-7.00	212,880	4.28-7.00	215,280
Other borrowings	4.28-7.00	<u>354,676</u>	4.28-7.00	<u>464,696</u>
		<u>567,556</u>		<u>679,976</u>
		<u><u>4,453,250</u></u>		<u><u>6,382,242</u></u>

19. LEASE LIABILITIES

	30 June 2019 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Current	20,147	—
Non-current	<u>263,242</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u><u>283,389</u></u>	<u><u>—</u></u>

20. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Bills payable	743,395	1,632,521
Trade payables	495,075	518,179
	<u>1,238,470</u>	<u>2,150,700</u>

An aged analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the end of each reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Within 3 months	578,409	1,654,327
3 to 6 months	468,439	355,776
6 to 12 months	169,337	131,774
Over 12 months	22,285	8,823
	<u>1,238,470</u>	<u>2,150,700</u>

The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on terms from 3 to 6 months.

21. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Contract liabilities	735,258	801,812
Payables for purchase of items of property, plant and equipment and land use rights	374,152	379,313
Taxes payable (other than income tax)	274,534	253,888
Unsettled consideration for business combinations	73,154	73,154
Accrued expenses	209,525	196,953
Dividend payable	13,320	13,320
Advancements from former shareholders and employees arising from acquisitions	4,209	34,316
Others	258,479	245,993
	<u>1,942,631</u>	<u>1,998,749</u>

22. DIVIDEND

The Directors resolved not to declare any interim dividend to the shareholders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: nil).

23. SHARE CAPITAL

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Issued and fully paid:		
946,476,000 (2018:946,476,000) ordinary shares of US\$0.0000005 each	3	3
664,268,747 (2018: 664,268,747) convertible preference shares of US\$0.0000005 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the opinion of the directors of the Company, as at 30 June 2019, neither the Group nor the Company had any significant contingent liabilities.

25. COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments of the Group in respect of property, plant and equipment outstanding as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018 not provided for in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements were as follows:

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Contracted, but not provided for land use rights and buildings	<u>106,999</u>	<u>187,565</u>

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties:

Mr. Yang Peng is the chairman and a substantial shareholder of the Group and is also considered to be a related party of the Group.

- (a) The Group had the following transactions with a related party for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018:

	For the six months ended 30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2018 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Advance from a substantial shareholder Mr. Yang Peng	<u>—</u>	<u>70,888</u>
Repayment of a substantial shareholder Mr. Yang Peng	<u>(195,580)</u>	<u>—</u>

- (b) The Group had the following significant balances with its related party as at 30 June 2019 and 31 December 2018:

Due to a substantial shareholder

	30 June 2019 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2018 RMB'000 (Audited)
Mr. Yang Peng	<u>165,836</u>	<u>361,416</u>

The amount due to the related party was unsecured, interest free, with no fixed terms of repayment and non-trade in nature.

(c) **Compensation of key management personnel:**

	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Short term employee benefits	932	1,387
Pension scheme contributions	<u>36</u>	<u>62</u>
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	<u><u>968</u></u>	<u><u>1,449</u></u>

27. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent to period end, certain subsidiaries of the Group, as lessors, entered into lease agreements for certain properties with independent third parties for a period of ten years.

28. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of the Directors on 30 August 2019.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INDUSTRY REVIEW

Looking back at the first half of 2019, the passenger vehicle market in China continued to show negative growth trend. Especially with continuing economic slowdown in mainland China, Sino-US trade frictions intensified, and the rising household debt ratio, the consumer income expectations and automobile consumption confidence were reduced to some extent. In addition, in the first half of 2019, the National V emission standards were upgraded to the National VI emission standards in automobile industry. Therefore, major dealers have carried out substantial price cuts in order to remove the National V stocks as soon as possible. Under the above influence, according to the report of China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, the sales of passenger vehicles in China in the first half of 2019 were bleak. The production and sales volume of passenger vehicles in the first half of the year was 9.978 million units and 10.127 million units, overall declined by approximately 15.8% and 14% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Measures such as price promotions have not effectively boosted sales, consumers' wait-and-see attitudes have not improved, and the overall decline in industry production and sales means we are still facing greater pressure. China Association of Automobile Manufacturers expects that the overall production and sales of automobiles will show negative growth this year.

In the first half of 2019, faced with the huge challenge, the entry barriers for luxury vehicle brands were lowered by price-cut. Under the strategy of price-cut in the first half of the year, the sales growth rate of luxury vehicle brands in the first half of the year was only 2%. Particularly, in term of the growth rate, among the traditional top three brands (BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi), except for BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi have not reached the average growth rate of luxury car brands. Affected by the negative impact from automobile replacement and the overall market sentiment, the growth rate of Mercedes-Benz in the first half of the year was only 1.3%. Audi experienced a negative growth for the first five months, although it recorded a slight growth in the first half of the year after that the situation was improved in June. Meanwhile, the sales of other luxury brands have fallen sharply. For example, the sales of Jaguar and Land Rover fell 34.9% year-on-year to 51,600 units in the first half of this year.

Looking forward at the Chinese auto market for the second half of 2019, with the increasing vehicle models of National VI emission standards, the promotion of enterprises returning to rationality, consumers' wait-and-see attitudes are expected to improve. We have reasons to be cautiously optimistic about the automobile market in China, and potential demand may pick up.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the first half of 2019, the applicable National V emission standards of the automotive industry have been upgraded and converted into the new National VI emission standards, which indirectly led to an increase in the inventory pressure of major dealer groups. The Group is experiencing the process of transition, and in particular, the destocking of major dealer groups meant that terminal discounts increased, and the decrease in retail price cuts far exceeded management expectations, resulting in the overall revenue and result performance of the Group for the six months period being affected. In view of the prevailing market conditions, the Group made reassessment over its business strategies and implemented certain internal restructuring in the areas of business operation structure, post-acquisition integration over acquired stores, working capital management and others. Although the Group continued to suffer losses in the first half of 2019, the Group's losses have been significantly narrowed compared to the second half of 2018.

New Car Sales

In the first half of 2019, the overall sales of the automobile consumption market fell by 12.4%. The Group made reassessment and integration on business, slowed down the pace of bulk purchase and committed to maintaining the profit of new car sales. In the first half of 2019, the overall gross profit margin of the Group's new vehicles was -3.6%, representing a decrease of 6.4% compared with the first half of 2018, mainly due to the clearance of the National V stocks of the Group and the price cuts of new vehicles.

In the first half of 2019, the Group recorded a revenue of RMB4,280.8 million from new car sales, representing a year-on-year decrease of 33.9%, among which, luxury and ultra-luxury car sales revenue reached RMB3,300.2 million, representing a year-on-year decrease of 33.3%, and accounting for 77.09% of the new car sales revenue.

After-sales Services

In the first half of 2019, our after-sales services performance was directly affected by the decrease in the number of in-store automobile maintenance and sales of automobile decoration caused by the decrease in new car sales. For the six months ended 30 June 2019, revenue from our after-sales services amounted to RMB674.9 million, representing a year-on-year decrease of 34.3%, accounting for 13.6% of the Group's total revenue, the gross profit margin of after-sales service was 25.3%.

Value-added Business

Car value-added business, especially automobile finance and new auto insurance agency business, also were affected by the decline in sales volume of new vehicles. In the first half of 2019, the revenue derived from our finance agency services amounted to RMB43.3 million, representing a decrease of 27.2% compared with the same period of 2018. The revenue derived from the insurance agency business of the Group amounted to RMB50.7 million in the first half of 2019, representing a decrease of 38.7% as compared with the same period of 2018.

Brand and Network Layout

As at 30 June 2019, the Group's automobile brand portfolio includes 9 luxury brands, namely BMW, MINI, Jaguar, Land Rover, Audi, Alfa Romeo, Lexus, Cadillac and Chrysler; 2 ultra-luxury brands, namely Maserati and Ferrari and 14 mid-to high-end brands, namely Buick, Hyundai, Ford, Chevrolet, Shanghai-Volkswagen, Kia, Dongfeng Honda, GAC-Honda, FAW-Toyota, GAC-Toyota, Toyota, Dongfeng Nissan, Zhengzhou Nissan, and FAW-Volkswagen.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group operated 85 stores, of which 62 were located in Jiangsu Province, 14 in Shandong Province, 6 in Shanghai, 1 in Zhejiang Province, 1 in Anhui Province and 1 in Liaoning Province.

As at 30 June 2019, the distribution of the Group's network of dealership stores was as follows:

	Brand	Number of stores
Luxury and ultra-luxury brands	Maserati and Ferrari	1
	Maserati and Alfa Romeo	4
	BMW and MINI	23
	Land Rover and Jaguar	7
	Audi	10
	Cadillac	1
	Lexus	1
	Chrysler	1
Mid-to high-end brands	Buick, Hyundai, Ford, Chevrolet, Shanghai-Volkswagen, Kia, Dongfeng Honda, GAC-Honda, FAW-Toyota, GAC-Toyota, Toyota, Dongfeng Nissan, Zhengzhou Nissan and FAW-Volkswagen	37
Total		85

Outlook and Strategy

In the second quarter of 2019, the GDP maintained at the growth rate of 6.3%. Under the economic environment of GDP's maintaining steady growth and mitigation of Sino-US trade tension, as well as the recovery of the consumers' confidence, it is expected that the automobile sales will slightly pick up during the second half of 2019 driven by favorable factors such as the recovery of macro economy to a certain extent since the end of the third quarter and the peak season of sales volume is the traditional "golden September and silver October" and the sales at the end of the year.

According to the analysis and judgment on the industry's overall trends and development potential, and based on our existing resources and operating conditions, the Group will strive to continuously adjust brand structure, optimize management system, conduct internal restructure with an aim to recover profitability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

For the six months ended 30 June 2019, we recorded a revenue of RMB4,955.7 million, representing a decrease of 34.0% compared to the same period in 2018, mainly due to the decrease in our revenue from new automobile sales.

The table below sets out the Group's revenue in the first half of 2019 and the first half of 2018.

Revenue Source	Unaudited For the six months ended 30 June 2019		Unaudited For six months ended 30 June 2018		1H2019 VS. 1H2018 Change
	Revenue (RMB'000)	Contribution (%)	Revenue (RMB'000)	Contribution (%)	
New automobile sales	4,280,829	86.4	6,478,768	86.3	-33.9
After-sales service	674,920	13.6	1,027,767	13.7	-34.3
Total	<u>4,955,749</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>7,506,535</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-34.0</u>

Revenue from the sales of automobiles decreased by RMB2,197.9 million, or 33.9% for the six months ended 30 June 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. Revenue generated from automobile sales accounted for 86.4% of our revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2019. Revenue generated from the sales of luxury and ultra-luxury brand and mid-to high-end brand vehicles accounted for 77.1% and 22.9% of our revenue from automobile sales respectively. Revenue from our after-sales services decreased by 34.3% from RMB1,027.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB674.9 million for the same period in 2019.

Cost of sales and services

Our cost of sales and services decreased by RMB2,068.4 million from RMB7,007.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB4,939.2 million for the same period in 2019.

The cost of our automobile sales business amounted to RMB4,434.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of RMB1,863.2 million, or 29.6%, from the corresponding period in 2018. The cost of our after-sales services amounted to RMB504.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of RMB205.2 million, or 28.9%, from the corresponding period in 2018.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Gross profit of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was RMB16.6 million, representing a decrease of RMB482.4 million, or 96.7%, from the same period in 2018. Gross profit from automobile sales decreased by 185.2% from RMB180.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB-154.0 million for the same period in 2019. Gross profit from after-sales service decreased by 46.4% from RMB318.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB170.6 million for the same period in 2019.

Gross profit margin of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was 0.33%, and the gross profit margin for the same period in 2018 was 6.65%.

Other income and gains, net

Other income and gains, net decreased by 71.6% from RMB403.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB114.8 million for the corresponding period in 2019. The significant decrease was mainly attributable to the substantial asset disposal income from transfer of 3 stores by the Group during the same period last year; among which, commission income decreased by 33.6% from RMB148.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB98.2 million for the corresponding period in 2019.

Selling and distribution expenses

Selling and distribution expenses of the Group amounted to RMB194.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of 13.1% compared with the same period of 2018.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses of the Group amounted to RMB219.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of 12.8% from RMB252.2 million for the same period of 2018, mainly due to the optimization of daily operation expenditures by the Group.

Finance costs

Financing cost amounted to RMB184.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of 34.6% from RMB282.1 million of finance costs for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Operating profit/loss

Operating loss of the Group amounted to RMB1,215.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, representing a decrease of 1,156.3% from the profit of RMB115.0 million for the same period of 2018.

Income tax expenses

Income tax expenses of the Group amounted to RMB2.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Loss for the period

The Group's loss for the six months ended 30 June 2019 amounted to RMB1,218.0 million.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash flow

As at 30 June 2019, our cash and cash equivalents amounted to RMB654.2 million, representing a decrease of 24.4% from RMB866.0 million as at 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributable to the repayment of other payables during the first half of 2019.

Our primary uses of cash were to purchase new automobiles, spare parts and automobile accessories, to establish new dealership stores and to fund our working capital and normal operating costs. We financed our liquidity requirements through a combination of short-term bank loans, other borrowings and cash flows generated from our operating activities.

Going forward, we believe that our liquidity requirements will be satisfied by using a combination of bank loans, other borrowings, cash flow generated from operating activities and other funds raised from the capital markets from time to time.

For the six months ended 30 June 2019, we had a net cash inflow from operating activities of RMB295.7 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: the net cash outflow was RMB124.8 million). We had a net cash inflow from investing activities of RMB1,615.5 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: net cash inflow of RMB134.5 million). We had a net cash outflow from financing activities of RMB2,123.3 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: net cash outflow of RMB582.4 million).

Net current liabilities

As at 30 June 2019, we had net current liabilities of RMB1,703.9 million, representing a decrease of RMB791.7 million from RMB2,495.6 million as at 31 December 2018. The decrease in the current liabilities was mainly due to the decrease in bill payables resulting from slowdown the pace of bulk purchase.

Capital expenditure

Our capital expenditures are primarily comprised expenditures on property, plant, equipment and intangible assets. For the six months ended 30 June 2019, our total capital expenditure was RMB154.3 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB104.4 million).

Inventory

Our inventory primarily consisted of new automobiles and spare parts and automobile accessories. Each of our dealership stores has dedicated staff to manage their orders for new automobiles and after-sales products.

Our inventory decreased by 35.2% from RMB1,480.8 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB960.1 million as at 30 June 2019, primarily due to the improvement of inventory management and acceleration of liquidation of inventories.

For the six months ended 30 June 2019, our average inventory turnover days decreased to 44.5 days from 60.6 days in the same period in 2018.

Trade and bills receivables

Trade and bills receivables decreased from RMB311.0 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB270.6 million as at 30 June 2019, primarily due to the Company's efforts in strengthening the control over receivables and speeding up payment collection.

Bank loans and other borrowings

As at 30 June 2019, the Group's available but unused banking facilities were RMB2,403.9 million (31 December 2018: RMB4,461.6 million).

Our bank loans and other borrowings as at 30 June 2019 were RMB4,453.2 million, representing a decrease of RMB1,929.0 million from RMB6,382.2 million as at 31 December 2018. The decrease was due to the increased utilization rate of funds.

Interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk resulting from fluctuations in the interest rate on our debts. Part of our borrowings were variable-rate borrowings that are linked to the benchmark rates of the People's Bank of China. Increase in interest rate could result in an increase in our cost of borrowing. In such case, not only our finance costs, but also our profit and financial position would be adversely affected. We did not currently use any derivative financial instruments to hedge our exposure to interest rate risk.

The Group's businesses are principally operated in Mainland China and most of its transactions are conducted in RMB. We believe our operations currently are not subject to any significant direct foreign exchange risk. We do not currently use any derivative financial instruments to hedge our exposure to foreign exchange risk.

Gearing ratio

Our gearing ratio (defined as the aggregate of interest-bearing bank loans and other borrowings divided by shareholders' equity as at the end of each reporting period and then multiplied by 100%) as at 30 June 2019 was 503.2% (31 December 2018: 303.5%).

Human resources

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had 4,284 employees (30 June 2018: 5,894). Total staff costs for the six months ended 30 June 2019, excluding Directors' remuneration, were RMB162.4 million (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB179.1 million).

The Group values the recruiting and training of excellent person. We implement remuneration policy, bonus and long term incentive schemes with reference to the performance of the Group and individual employees. The Group also provides benefits, such as insurance, medical and retirement funds to employees to sustain competitiveness of the Group.

Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2019, we had no material contingent liability or guarantee.

Pledge of the Group's assets

The Group pledged its assets as collaterals for bank loans, other borrowings and banking facilities which were used to finance daily business operation. As at 30 June 2019, the pledged assets of the Group amounted to RMB1,269.4 million.

Events after the Reporting Period

Subsequent to the end of the period, certain subsidiaries of the Group, as lessors, entered into lease agreements for certain properties with independent third parties for a period of ten years.

CHANGES SINCE 31 DECEMBER 2018

Save as disclosed in this announcement, there were no other significant changes in the Group's financial position or the information disclosed under "Management Discussion and Analysis" in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

Save as disclosed in "Management Discussion and Analysis" in this announcement, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2019 and on or before the date of this announcement.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company has adopted the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "**CG Code**") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**"). For the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Company has fully complied with the code provisions set out in the CG Code, except for the deviation from code provision A.2.1. The code provision provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company has appointed Mr. Yang Peng as both the Chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company. The Board believes that vesting the roles of the Chairman and the chief executive officer in the same individual would enable the Company to achieve higher responsiveness, efficiency and effectiveness when formulating business strategies and executing business plans. The Board believes that the balance of power and authority is sufficiently maintained by the operation of the Board, comprising the executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors. The Board shall review the structure and composition of the Board from time to time in light of prevailing circumstances to maintain a high standard of corporate governance practices of the Company.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "**Model Code**") set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions of the Directors. Specific enquiry has been made to all the Directors who have confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

The Board has also adopted the Model Code as guidelines for its relevant employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company in respect of their dealings in the securities of the Company. No incident of non-compliance of the Model Code by the relevant employees was noted by the Company.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board resolved not to declare any payment of interim dividend to the shareholders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (for the six months ended 30 June 2018: nil).

AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Pursuant to the requirement of the CG Code and the Listing Rules, the Company has established an audit committee (the “**Audit Committee**”), comprising three independent non-executive Directors, being Mr. Lee Conway Kong Wai (Chairman), Mr. Xiao Zhengsan and Mr. Li Xin.

The Audit Committee has considered and reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed matters in relation to internal control and financial reporting with the management, including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 which was of the opinion that the preparation of such interim financial statements complied with the applicable accounting standards and requirements and that adequate disclosures have been made.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

This announcement will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.rundong.com.cn). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2019 will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and made available on the same websites in due course.

By Order of the Board
China Rundong Auto Group Limited
Yang Peng
Chairman

Shanghai, the PRC, 30 August 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Director is Mr. Yang Peng; and the Independent Non-executive Directors are Mr. Mei Jianping, Mr. Lee Conway Kong Wai, Mr. Xiao Zhengsan and Mr. Li Xin.