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## CONVENTIONS

In this annual report, unless the context otherwise requires:

- “we,” “us,” “our company,” “our” or “CNinsure” refer to CNinsure Inc., its subsidiaries and any entity carrying on CNinsure’s current business prior to the restructuring transactions in July 2007, through which CNinsure became the listing vehicle in our initial public offering, and their respective subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities;
- “China United Financial Services” refers to China United Financial Services Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is a principal shareholder of our company;
- “CISG Holdings” refers to CISG Holdings Ltd., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of our company;
- “Meidiya Investment” refers to Guangdong Meidiya Investment Co., Ltd., our consolidated affiliated entity in China;
- “Yihe Investment” refers to Sichuan Yihe Investment Co., Ltd., our consolidated affiliated entity in China;
- “Yiqiman Management” refers to Yiqiman Enterprise Management Consulting (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., our directly-held subsidiary in China;
- “Haidileji Enterprise” refers to Haidileji Enterprise Image Planning (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., our directly-held subsidiary in China;
- “Ruisike Consulting” refers to Beijing Ruisike Management Consulting Company Limited, our indirectly-held subsidiary in China;
- “Zhongqi Consulting” refers to Guangzhou Zhongqi Enterprise Management Consulting Company Limited, our indirectly-held subsidiary in China;
- “China” or “PRC” refers to the People’s Republic of China, excluding, solely for the purpose of this annual report, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau;
- “provinces” of China refers to the 22 provinces, the four municipalities directly administered by the central government (Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing) and the five autonomous regions (Xinjiang, Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia and Guangxi);
- the “CIRC” refers to China Insurance Regulatory Commission;
- “shares” or “ordinary shares” refers to our ordinary shares, par value US\$0.001 per share;
- “ADSs” refers to our American depository shares, each of which represents 20 ordinary shares;
- “U.S. GAAP” refers to general accepted accounting principles in the United States;
- all references to “RMB” or “Renminbi” are to the legal currency of China and all references to “\$,” “dollars,” “US\$” and “U.S. dollars” are to the legal currency of the United States; and
- all discrepancies in any table between the amounts identified as total amounts and the sum of the amounts listed therein are due to rounding.



This annual report contains translations of certain RMB amounts into U.S. dollar amounts at specified rates solely for the convenience of the readers. The conversion of RMB into U.S. dollars in this annual report is based on the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of RMB as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Unless otherwise stated, all translations from RMB to U.S. dollars in this annual report were made at a rate of RMB7.2946 to US\$1.00, the noon buying rate in effect as of December 31, 2007. We make no representation that RMB or U.S. dollar amounts referred to in this annual report could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or RMB, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all.



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report contains statements of a forward-looking nature. These statements are made under the “safe harbor” provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify some of these forward-looking statements by words or phrases such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “aim,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “is/are likely to” or other similar expressions. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy and financial needs. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to:

- our anticipated growth strategies;
- the anticipated growth of our life insurance business;
- our future business development, results of operations and financial condition;
- factors that affect our future revenues and expenses;
- the future growth of the Chinese insurance industry as a whole and the professional insurance intermediary sector in particular;
- trends and competition in the Chinese insurance industry; and
- economic and demographic trends in the PRC.

You should read thoroughly this annual report and the documents that we refer to with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from and worse than what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. We would like to caution you not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and you should read these statements in conjunction with the risk factors disclosed in “Risk Factors” of this annual report. Those risks are not exhaustive. We operate in an emerging and evolving environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is impossible for our management to predict all risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.



## COMPANY PROFILE

We are a leading independent insurance intermediary company operating in China. With 20,008 sales professionals and 259 sales and service outlets operating in 13 provinces as of May 31, 2008, our distribution network reaches some of China's most economically developed regions and some of the most affluent cities in China, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

We began our insurance intermediary business in 1999 by distributing automobile insurance products and expanded our product offerings to other property and casualty insurance products in 2002. Our experience in the life insurance segment is more limited as we only began distributing individual life insurance products in January 2006. In January 2008, we acquired 60% of the equity interests in Guangdong Fangzhong Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co. Ltd. ("Fangzhong Adjusting"), and began offering insurance claims adjusting services through Fangzhong Adjusting.

As an insurance intermediary company, we do not assume underwriting risks. Instead, we distribute to customers in China insurance products underwritten by domestic and foreign insurance companies operating in China and provide insurance claims adjusting services, such as assessment, survey, authentication and loss estimation. We also provide certain value-added services, such as 24-hour emergency services in select cities, damage assessment and assistance with claim settlement, to our customers—individuals and institutions that purchase insurance products through us. In addition, we provide information about potential customers to insurance companies, which then sell insurance products to them, either directly or through our affiliated insurance intermediaries. We are compensated for our services primarily by commissions and fees paid by insurance companies, typically based on a percentage of the premium paid by the insured. Commission and fee rates generally depend on the type of insurance products, the particular insurance company and the region in which the products are sold. As of May 31, 2008, we had 35 affiliated insurance intermediary companies in the PRC, of which 28 are insurance agencies, five are insurance brokerages and two are insurance adjusting companies. According to the Insurance Intermediary Market Development Report 2007 periodically by the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (the "CIRC"), six of our affiliated insurance agencies ranked Nos. 1, 5, 8, 17, 18 and 19, respectively, among China's top 20 insurance agencies in terms of revenue, together accounting for approximately 8.2% of the total revenue of all insurance agencies in China in 2007, while one of our affiliated insurance brokerages ranked No. 19 among China's top 20 insurance brokerages in terms of revenue, with approximately 1.0% of the total revenue of all insurance brokerages in China for the same period.

For the year 2007, we had net revenues of RMB448.1 million (US\$61.4 million), representing an increase of 81.8% from net revenues of RMB246.5 million for 2006. Our net income for the year 2007 was RMB153.4 million (US\$21.0 million), representing an increase of 167.2% from net income of RMB57.4 million for 2006.



## CEO LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

*In the past three decades, China has witnessed a remarkable economic growth. However, the evolving China still faces many challenges. Among others, the financial market lags far behind China's real economy. Today, China is standing at a critical moment of history. In order to build a sound and strong financial system that is capable to support the growth of our real economy, it is imperative for China to deepen its financial reform. Against this backdrop, CNinsure, as a leading insurance intermediary in China with ten years' operating history, has clearly identified what's to come in the financial services sector and set growth strategies in line with the market trends. Faced with the upcoming changes in the financial services sector, we believe that we are well poised to meet challenges and capture opportunities to achieve long-term growth.*

July 26, 2007

**Dear Shareholders,**

**2007** was an exceptional period for CNinsure. During this period, we continued our track record of strong top line and bottom line growth, further solidifying our position as a leading insurance intermediary in China and laying foundations for future growth. The success is a testament of the viability of our vision and our ability in executing our growth strategies.

2007 also marked a milestone year for CNinsure in its ten years' operating history. In August 2007, the CIRC explicitly stated their support for qualified professional intermediary companies to raise capital through initial public offerings and listings on the stock exchanges and to form group companies.<sup>1</sup> Amid this positive regulatory environment, in November 2007, CNinsure became the first Asia-based insurance intermediary company to complete the initial public offering and listing on the Nasdaq Global Market. The proceeds of the offering provided additional capital resources for our future growth. The IPO has also enhanced our profile in China, which we believe will help facilitate the ongoing implementation of our growth strategies.

### ● Market Opportunities

From 2001 to 2007, the Chinese insurance market has experienced an explosive growth with a CAGR of 22%, which is twice of China's GDP growth rate during the same period.<sup>2</sup> Given the continued economic growth, favorable demographic trends, high saving deposits and rising wealth accumulation, integration of insurance products with financial products, we believe the strong growth momentum will continue in the coming 5 years. Entering 2008, amid challenges posed by unprecedented natural disasters and capital market volatility, new opportunities emerge for China's insurance market. It is anticipated that growing insurance awareness as a result of the natural disasters will fuel growth of the insurance industry in the remainder of 2008 and beyond.

Though still at an early stage of development with very low penetration, the Chinese insurance intermediary sector has huge growth potential. With the termination of the five-year phase-in period after China's entry into the WTO, Chinese insurance market has further opened up to global players. Intensifying competition among underwriters drives demand for diversified distribution channels. Meanwhile, sophisticated customers also increasingly call for more independent advice and more choices. During 2005-2007, the intermediary sector grew at a CAGR of 41%, which is even faster than the growth of the overall insurance industry.<sup>3</sup>

### ● Strategic Objectives and Growth Strategies

Based on our assessment of market trends, CNinsure has positioned itself as the most valuable retail insurance distributor and after-sales service provider. Meanwhile, it is also CNinsure's long term objective to become a leading financial services company that provides a nationwide platform for the distribution of diversified financial services products. To achieve our strategic objectives, CNinsure will stay focused on the following growth strategies:

- Optimizing our business structure with more focus on life insurance business and expansion into the claims adjusting sector

<sup>1</sup> Chinese Insurance Intermediary Market Development Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2007

<sup>2</sup> China Insurance Yearbooks 2001-2007

<sup>3</sup> Chinese Insurance Intermediary Market Development Reports 2005-2007



- Expanding distribution network through selective acquisitions and recruitment of entrepreneurial agents
- Upgrading a scalable unified operating platform
- Continuously strengthening our relationships with leading insurance companies and expanding product offerings

- **Optimizing our business structure with more focus on life insurance business and expansion into the claims adjusting sector**

Because of the attractive long-tail feature of life insurance, which generates recurring commission income over a long period of time, and the expected sustained growth of life insurance sales in China, driven by the growing ageing population, we have identified life insurance as a key growth area. In 2007, we continued to put huge efforts on developing our life insurance distribution capabilities. By May 31, 2008, we had a total of 14 insurance agencies that specialize in distributing life insurance products. Life insurance revenue as a percentage of our total commissions and fees revenue grew from 8.4% in 2006 to 10.3% in 2007 and climbed substantially to 17.2% in the first quarter of 2008. We expect that sales of life insurance products will become a more important source of our revenue in the coming years as we stay focused on this area.

While strengthening its P&C and life insurance business lines, CNinsure is also exploring the claims adjusting business as a new area for potential growth. We believe as the insurance market opens up to further competition, further division of labor in the insurance industry becomes inevitable. Insurance companies will be more accustomed to outsourcing distribution and customer services to professional providers while they focus on the core aspects of their business. In view of that, we acquired Fangzhong Adjusting in January 2008, marking our official entry into this fast growing sector. The acquisitions of Khubon Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co., Ltd. and Teamhead Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co., Ltd. in April and June of 2008 further demonstrated our commitment to growing the claims adjusting segment as one of our major business pillars. It is our goal to build a nationwide claims adjusting operation by combining the strengths of the three adjusters. With the commencement of our own insurance claims adjusting services, we believe we are well-positioned to capture the outsourcing opportunities. In addition, this new initiative will also enable us to bring more value to our insurer partners and better meet customers' needs. Although this is still a work-in-process, we are confident that it will become an important part of our businesses in the near future.

- **Expanding distribution network through selective acquisitions and recruitment of entrepreneurial agents**

CNinsure's success does not come easy. In the insurance intermediary sector, bigger is better, which means bigger companies will be able to achieve economies of scale by operating with wider geographical footprint. CNinsure, over ten years' development, has built an extensive distribution network and achieved a leading position in the sector. But we will not stop there. We are quite aware that our competitors are devoted to catching up. The speed we build a nationwide distribution network is instrumental to secure CNinsure's market dominance. Supported by the strong capital resources from our IPO proceeds, and with an established leading status, CNinsure is well poised to realize this aspiration ahead of our competitors. Meanwhile, the fragmented nature of the sector provides great opportunities for CNinsure to pursue market consolidation. Since the completion of our IPO, CNinsure has stepped up efforts to expand its distribution network through selective acquisitions. As of May 31, 2008, we had acquired 9 insurance agencies, 1 insurance brokerage and 2 insurance claims adjusting companies. Our distribution network has expanded to 13 provinces, which includes 20,008 sales agents and 259 sales and service outlets.

Our IPO has substantially enhanced our profile among sales agents and accelerated the recruitment of entrepreneurial agents. We always value people as our best asset. We understand that our rapid growth can be sustained only when our people are given chances to grow together with the company. Therefore, targeting the 2.1 million independent sales agents, particularly entrepreneurial management staff and senior sales agents of major insurance companies, we have designed and implemented a comprehensive entrepreneurial agent program. Under this program, CNinsure provides both capital and back-office support to entrepreneurial agents to start their own business, by setting up joint ventures with them. Since the launch of our entrepreneurial program in 2006, we have successfully recruited 110 entrepreneurial agents, who lead 50 sales teams consisting of approximately 10,900 individual sales agents. As CNinsure gains prestige and influence over time, we believe our entrepreneurial agent program will attract more productive entrepreneurial agents to our network, further solidifying our leading position in the insurance intermediary sector.



- **Upgrading a scalable unified operating platform**

CNinsure strives to become a leading financial services company that provides a nationwide platform for the distribution of diversified financial services products, supporting both our upstream partners and downstream sales professionals to achieve their business goals. In the long term, it is also our intention to diversify our revenue streams, which will be expanded from commission income to include platform-related service fees and profit sharing arrangements with insurance companies. The platform, built upon a strong IT infrastructure, consists of a unified organizational structure, a standardized operating procedure, a centralized database, standardized product offerings and commission rates, a standardized branding and marketing strategy, a comprehensive training system and a customer service system. In line with CNinsure's positioning, we are committed to further upgrading this company-wide operating platform to support future business expansion. As part of the commitment, we appointed Mr. Fred Jin, a former insurance and IT veteran, as our Chief Information Officer in November 2007 to oversee the whole process. We expect that the upgraded operating platform will be put into place from the first quarter of 2009.

- **Continuously strengthening our relationships with leading insurance companies and expanding product offerings**

We have always regarded it critical for CNinsure to maintain and deepen relationship with our insurance company partners in order to achieve our strategic objective. In the past 18 months, CNinsure continued to emphasize this strategy. As of May 31, 2008, we had established business relationships with 58 insurance companies and one reinsurance company. In February 2008, we entered into an agreement with Ping An Life Insurance Company of China for a strategic partnership. One key aspect of this partnership is joint efforts to launch custom designed insurance products, which will be exclusively distributed through CNinsure's network. In April 2008, we established similar strategic partnerships with Aviva Cofco Life Insurance Co., Ltd, Minsheng Life Insurance Co., Ltd. and Sino Life Insurance Co., Ltd.. Although these custom-designed products are still a small contributor to our revenue at this stage, these partnerships are a significant move for both CNinsure and the insurance companies involved as this new form of cooperation will help us avoid head-on competition with the direct sales force of these insurance companies.

Looking ahead, we remain optimistic about our growth prospects. Favorable market trends such as further reform and liberalization in the financial sector, further division of labor in the insurance industry, growing ageing population, and high saving deposits point to exciting business opportunities for CNinsure. Building on the momentum from CNinsure's successes in the past years, we believe we are well positioned to fully capitalize on the opportunities lying ahead through executing our growth strategies. We are confident that our management team, who has shown strategic vision and strong execution abilities, will continue to lead CNinsure to a long term success in securing our leading status in the insurance intermediary sector and realizing our aspiration to become a leading financial services company in China.

Of course, our sales agents and employees across the country are at the heart of our success in 2007 and the promise of what's to come in 2008. I would like to extend my gratitude to them for their dedication and their passion for CNinsure. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for their wisdom and recognition, and our shareholders for your confidence and support!

Sincerely,

Yinan Hu

Chairman of the Board,  
Chief Executive Officer



## HIGHLIGHTS IN 2007

### Highlight 1

CNinsure successfully completed its initial public offering and listing on the Nasdaq Global Market of 13,526,773 American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") after the underwriters fully exercised their over-allotment options. The total offering size was approximately US\$216 million. Each ADS represents twenty ordinary shares.

### Highlight 2

We appointed Mr. Feng Jin as Chief Information Officer to help the company upgrade the IT infrastructure.

### Highlight 3

We signed a set of agreements to acquire a 60% equity interest in Fangzhong Adjusting, an insurance adjusting company based in Guangzhou, China.

### Highlight 4

According to the Insurance Intermediary Market Development Report 2007 published by the CIRC, six of our affiliated insurance agencies ranked Nos.1, 5, 8, 17, 18 and 19, respectively, among China's top 20 insurance agencies in terms of revenue in 2007.



## BIOGRAPHY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers as of the date of this annual report.

Directors and Executive Officers	Age	Position/Title
Yinan Hu .....	42	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Qiuping Lai .....	54	President and Director
Peng Ge .....	37	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and Director
Feng Jin .....	42	Chief Information Officer and Vice President
Chunlin Wang .....	38	Vice President and Head of the Property and Casualt Insurance Unit
Chengbin Li .....	42	Vice President and Head of the Life Insurance Unit
En Ming Tseng .....	51	Vice President and Head of the Overseas Unit
Shangzhi Wu .....	57	Director
Yongwei Ma .....	65	Independent Director
Stephen Markscheid .....	54	Independent Director
Allen Warren Lueth .....	39	Independent Director

*Mr. Yinan Hu* is our co-founder and has been chairman of our board of directors and our chief executive officer since our inception in 1998. Since March 2002, he also has served as a director of China United Financial Services, a major shareholder of our company. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Hu served as chairman of the board of directors of Guangdong Nanfeng Enterprises Co., Ltd., a company he co-founded that engaged in import and export, manufacturing of wooden doors and construction. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Hu was an instructor of money and banking at Guangdong Institute for Managers in Finance and Trade. Mr. Hu received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in economics from Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in China.

*Mr. Qiuping Lai* is our co-founder and has been our president and director since 2004. Since March 2002, he also has served as a director of China United Financial Services, a major shareholder of our company. Mr. Lai has served as chairman of the board of directors of Guangdong Nanfeng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd., one of our first affiliated insurance intermediaries in the PRC, since 2002. From 1998 to 2002, he served as the general manager of Guangdong Nanfeng Automobile Association Co., Ltd., one of our predecessor companies that he co-founded in 1998. From 1994 to 1998, he served as the general manager of Guangdong Nanfeng Enterprises Co., Ltd., a company he co-founded that engaged in import and export, manufacturing of wooden doors and construction. From 1990 to 1994, Mr. Lai was an instructor of philosophy and later an associate dean of the department of law at Guangdong Institute for Managers in Finance and Trade. Mr. Lai received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Jiangxi University in China.

*Mr. Peng Ge* has been our chief financial officer since April 1, 2008, our director since August 2007, and vice president since 2005. From 2005 to March, 2008, he served as our general manager of the finance and accounting department. From 1999 to 2005, Mr. Ge headed our Beijing operations. From 1994 to 1999, Mr. Ge was a financial manager at a subsidiary of China National Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import & Export Corporation. Mr. Ge received his bachelor's degree in international accounting and his MBA degree from the University of International Business and Economics in China.

*Mr. Feng Jin* has been our chief information officer since November 2007 and vice president in charge of Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance and investor relations since February 2008. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Jin served as assistant president and chief information officer at New China Life Insurance Co., Ltd., the fourth largest life insurer in China, primarily responsible for IT system construction and management. From May 2000 to October 2003, Mr. Jin served as sales manager and financial planner at U.S.-based Prudential Insurance Company of America. Mr. Jin holds an MBA degree from University of Warwick and a Bachelor of Law degree from China Foreign Affairs University. He has received the credentials of Chartered Financial Consultant and Chartered Life Underwriter from American College, USA.



*Mr. Chunlin Wang* has been our vice president since January 2007 and head of our property and casualty insurance unit since February 2008. From January 2007 to February 2008, Mr. Wang was chair of our property and casualty insurance committee. From 2003 to January 2007, he served as assistant to our chairman. From 2002 to 2005, he served as the general manager of Guangdong Nanfeng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd., one of our first affiliated insurance intermediaries in the PRC. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Wang served as a branch manager at Guangzhou Nanyun Car Rental Services Co., Ltd. and later Guangdong Nanfeng Automobile Association Co., Ltd., our predecessors. Mr. Wang received his bachelor's degree in law from Central-Southern University of Politics and Law in China.

*Mr. Chengbin Li* has been our vice president and head of our life insurance unit since February 2008. From August 2006 to February 2008, Mr. Li served as assistant vice president and the general manager of the strategic development department of our company. From 2000 to August 2006, Mr. Li served as the general manager or vice general manager of various insurance agencies or financial services firms controlled by our company or China United Financial Services. Mr. Li received a bachelor's degree in business from Jilin University of Agriculture in China.

*Dr. En Ming Tseng* has been our vice president since December 2006 and head of our overseas business unit since February 2008. He served as our chief operating officer and chair of the life insurance committee of our company from 2006 to 2008. Prior to joining us, he was the chief training officer and executive management committee member of Taikang Life Insurance Company Limited, a top five life insurance company in China, from 2003 to 2006. From 1990 to 2002, Dr. Tseng was employed by Insurance Marketing Group, where he served as the publisher of Advisers and Insurance Marketing magazines in Taiwan, two Chinese-language magazines focusing on life insurance and financial services consultancy. Dr. Tseng received an MBA from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. degree in vocational training from University of Northern Iowa.

*Dr. Shangzhi Wu* has been our director since December 2005. He has served as chairman and managing partner of CDH China Management Company Limited, or CDH, since 2005. Prior to that, he served as director and managing director of CDH China Holdings Management Company Limited from 2002 to 2005. Dr. Wu is the founding partner of CDH of which he has served as president since its inception in 2002. CDH is an international private equity fund manager with more than US\$2 billion of committed capital under management and with a focus on investments in China's leading companies. From 1995 to 2002, Dr. Wu worked for China International Capital Corporation Ltd., or CICC, serving as the Head of the Direct Investment Department beginning in 1996. Dr. Wu became a managing director in 1999 and served as a member of CICC's Management Committee between 2000 and 2002. From 1993 to 1995, he was a managing director at Beijing Copia Consulting Company, a business consulting firm. From 1991 to 1993, he was a Senior Investment Officer at the International Finance Corporation. From 1984 to 1991, he worked for the World Bank as an Operations Officer and Senior Operations Officer. Dr. Wu received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in management of technology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

*Mr. Yongwei Ma* has been our independent director since May 2008. Mr. Ma has been an independent director of China Life Insurance Company Limited since 2006 and a member of the Standing Committee of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference since 2003. From 1998 to 2002, he was the chairman of China Insurance Regulatory Commission. From 1996 to 1998, he served as the chairman and president of the former China Insurance Group Company. From 1994 to 1996, he served as the chairman and president of the former People's Insurance Company of China. Mr. Ma is a researcher and graduated from Finance Department of Liaoning Finance and Economic University.

*Mr. Stephen Markscheid* has been our independent director since August 2007. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Synergiz BioScience, Ltd., a genomics company based in Hong Kong. Prior to that, Mr. Markscheid was the chief executive officer of HuaMei Capital Company, Inc., a Sino-U.S. investment advisory firm from 2006 to 2007. From 1998 to 2006, Mr. Markscheid served as Senior Vice President of GE Capital. During his time with GE Capital, Mr. Markscheid led its business development activities in China and Asia Pacific. Prior to joining GE, Mr. Markscheid worked as case leader for the Boston Consulting Group throughout Asia from 1994 to 1997. Prior to that, Mr. Markscheid had been a commercial banker for ten years in London, Chicago, New York, Hong Kong and Beijing with Chase Manhattan Bank and First National Bank of Chicago.



Mr. Markscheid received his bachelor's degree in East Asian studies from Princeton University, a master's degree in international affairs from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, and an MBA degree from Columbia University.

*Mr. Allen Lueth* has been our independent director since August 2007. Since 2005, Mr. Lueth has served as the chief financial officer of Zuellig Pharma China, a private company focused on pharmaceutical distribution, in Shanghai. From August 1998 to September 2004, Mr. Lueth worked at GE Consumer Finance, first in Taiwan as Manager, then Chief Financial Officer, and then General Manager, and later in Shanghai as the Representative for China. Mr. Lueth obtained his certificate as a certified public accountant in 1991 and a certified management accountant in 1994. Mr. Lueth received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from the University of Minnesota and an MBA degree from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management.



## RISK FACTORS

*You should carefully consider the risks described below in conjunction with the other information and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our ADSs could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This annual report also contains forward-looking statements relating to events subject to risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements due to the material risks that we face described below.*

### Risks Related to Our Business and Our Industry

***Our limited operating history, especially our limited experience in distributing life insurance products, may not provide an adequate basis to judge our future prospects and results of operations.***

We have a limited operating history. We commenced our insurance intermediary business in 1999 by distributing automobile insurance products and expanded our offerings to other types of property and casualty insurance products in 2002. We started distributing individual life insurance products in January 2006. By May 31, 2008, we had acquired, through our consolidated affiliated entities, equity interests ranging from 55% to 100% in five insurance agencies that specialize in distributing life insurance products. Life insurance products accounted for 8.4% and 10.3% of our total commissions and fees earned in 2006 and 2007, respectively. We have made the distribution of life insurance products one of the focuses of our future growth strategy. We cannot assure you that this strategic move will be successfully implemented. If our life insurance business fails to grow successfully, our future growth will be significantly affected. In addition, our limited operating history, especially our limited experience in selling life insurance products, may not provide a meaningful basis for you to evaluate our business, financial performance and prospects.

***If we fail to attract and retain productive agents, especially entrepreneurial agents, our business could suffer.***

A substantial portion of our sales of property and casualty insurance products and our entire sales of life insurance products are conducted through our individual sales agents, who are not our employees. In 2007, individual sales agents contributed approximately 84.8% of our commissions and fees earned from property and casualty insurance products. Some sales agents are more productive than others. Further, in recent years, some entrepreneurial management staff or senior sales agents of major insurance companies in China have chosen to leave their employers or principals and become independent agents. We refer to these individuals as entrepreneurial agents. An entrepreneurial agent is usually able to assemble and lead a team of sales agents. We have been actively recruiting and will continue to recruit entrepreneurial agents to join our distribution network as our sales agents. Entrepreneurial agents have been instrumental to the development of our life insurance business. If we are unable to attract, retain and build on the core group of highly productive agents and entrepreneurial agents, our business could be materially and adversely affected. Competition for agents from insurance companies and other insurance intermediaries may also force us to increase the compensation of our agents and in-house sales representatives, which would increase operating costs and reduce our profitability.

***We may be unsuccessful in identifying and acquiring suitable acquisition candidates, which could adversely affect our growth.***

We expect a significant portion of our future growth to come from acquisitions of high-quality independent insurance agencies, brokerages and claims adjusting companies. There is no assurance that we can successfully identify suitable acquisition candidates, especially in those provinces where we do not yet have a presence. Even if we identify suitable candidates, we may not be able to complete an acquisition on terms that are commercially acceptable to us. In addition, we compete with other entities to acquire high-quality independent insurance



agencies, brokerages and claims adjusting companies. Many of our competitors may have substantially greater financial resources than we do and may be able to outbid us for these acquisition targets. If we are unable to complete acquisitions, our growth strategy will be impeded and our earnings or revenue growth will be negatively affected.

***If we fail to integrate acquired companies efficiently, or if the acquired companies do not perform to our expectations, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.***

Even if we succeed in acquiring other insurance agencies, brokerages and claims adjusting companies, our ability to integrate an acquired entity and its operations is subject to a number of factors. These factors include difficulties in the integration of acquired operations and retention of personnel, especially the sales agents who are not employees of the acquired company, entry into unfamiliar markets, unanticipated problems or legal liabilities, and tax and accounting issues. The need to address these factors may divert management's attention from other aspects of our business and materially and adversely affect our business prospects. In addition, costs associated with integrating newly acquired companies could negatively affect our operating margins.

Furthermore, the acquired companies may not perform to our expectations for various reasons, including legislative or regulatory changes that affect the insurance products in which a company specializes, the loss of key clients after the acquisition closes, general economic factors that impact a company in a direct way and the cultural incompatibility of an acquired company's management team with us. If an acquired company could not be operated at the same profitability level as our existing operations, the acquisition would have a negative impact on our operating margin. Our inability to successfully integrate an acquired entity or its failure to perform to our expectations may materially and adversely affect our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

***Our business and prospects could be materially and adversely affected if we are not able to manage our growth successfully.***

We commenced our insurance intermediary business in 1999 and have expanded our operations substantially in recent years. Our distribution network expanded from one company in one province to 33 insurance agencies and brokerages in 13 provinces as of May 31, 2008. In addition, we have expanded our service offerings to cover insurance claims adjusting services. We anticipate significant continued growth in the future through multiple means, including franchising. Our expansion has placed, and will continue to place, substantial demands on our managerial, operational, technological and other resources. To manage and support our continued growth, we must continue to improve our operational, administrative, financial and technological systems, procedures and controls, and expand, train and manage our growing employee and agent base. Furthermore, our management will be required to maintain and expand our relationships with insurance companies, other insurance intermediaries, regulators and other third parties. We cannot assure you that our current and planned personnel, systems, procedures and controls will be adequate to support our future operations. Any failure to effectively and efficiently manage our expansion could materially and adversely affect our ability to capitalize on new business opportunities, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

***Because the commission and fee revenue we earn on the sale of insurance products is based on premiums and commission and fee rates set by insurance companies, any decrease in these premiums or commission and fee rates may have an adverse effect on our results of operation.***

We are engaged in the insurance agency and brokerage business and derive revenues primarily from commissions and fees paid by the insurance companies whose policies our customers purchase. The commission and fee rates are set by insurance companies and are based on the premiums that the insurance companies charge. Commission and fee rates and premiums can change based on the prevailing economic, regulatory, taxation and competitive factors that affect insurance companies. These factors, which are not within our control, include the capacity of insurance companies to place new business, underwriting and non-underwriting profits of insurance companies, consumer demand for insurance products, the availability of comparable products from other insurance companies at a lower cost, the availability of alternative insurance products, such as government benefits and self-insurance plans, to consumers and the tax deductibility of commissions and fees. In addition, premium rates



for certain insurance products, such as the mandatory automobile liability insurance that each automobile owner in the PRC is legally required to purchase, are tightly regulated by China Insurance Regulatory Commission, or the CIRC.

Because we do not determine, and cannot predict, the timing or extent of premium or commission and fee rate changes, we cannot predict the effect any of these changes may have on our operations. Since China's entry into the WTO in December 2001, intense competition among insurance companies has led to a gradual decline in premium rate levels of some property and casualty insurance products. Although such decline may stimulate demand for insurance products and increase our total sales volume, it also reduces the commissions and fees we earned on each policy sold. Any decrease in premiums or commission and fee rates may significantly affect our profitability. In addition, our budget for future acquisitions, capital expenditures and other expenditures may be disrupted by unexpected decreases in revenues caused by decreases in premiums or commission and fee rates, thereby adversely affecting our operations.

***Competition in our industry is intense and, if we are unable to compete effectively, we may lose customers and our financial results may be negatively affected.***

The insurance intermediary industry in China is highly competitive, and we expect competition to persist and intensify. We face competition from insurance companies that use their in-house sales force and exclusive sales agents to distribute their products, from business entities that distribute insurance products on an ancillary basis, such as commercial banks, postal offices and automobile dealerships, and from other professional insurance intermediaries. We compete for customers on the basis of product offerings, customer services and reputation. Many of our competitors have greater financial and marketing resources than we do and may be able to offer products and services that we do not currently offer and may not offer in the future. If we are unable to compete effectively against those competitors, we may lose customers and our financial results may be negatively affected.

***Quarterly and annual variations in our commission and fee revenue may have unexpected impacts on our results of operations.***

Our commission and fee revenue is subject to both quarterly and annual fluctuations as a result of the seasonality of our business, the timing of policy renewals and the net effect of new and lost business. Historically, our commission and fee revenue for the fourth quarter of any given year has been the highest among all four quarters, while our commission and fee revenue for the first quarter of any given year has been the lowest among all four quarters. The factors that cause the quarterly and annual variations are not within our control. Specifically, consumer demand for insurance products can influence the timing of renewals, new business and lost business, which generally includes policies that are not renewed, and cancellations. As a result, you may not be able to rely on quarterly or annual comparisons of our operating results as an indication of our future performance.

***If our contracts with insurance companies are terminated or changed, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.***

We primarily act as agents for insurance companies in distributing their products to retail customers. Our relationships with the insurance companies are governed by agreements between us and the insurance companies. Most of our contracts with insurance companies are entered into at a local level between their respective provincial, city and district branches and our affiliated insurance agencies and brokerages. Generally, each branch of these insurance companies has independent authority to enter into contracts with our affiliated insurance agencies and brokerages, and the termination of a contract with one branch has no effect on our contracts with the other branches. These contracts establish, among other things, the scope of our authority, the pricing of the insurance products we distribute and our fee rates. These contracts typically have a term of a year and some of them can be terminated by the insurance companies with little advance notice. Moreover, before or upon expiration of a contract, the insurance company that is a party to that contract may agree to renew it only with changes in its terms, including the amount of commissions and fees we receive, which could reduce our revenues from that contract.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, our top five insurance company partners, after aggregating the business conducted between their local branches and our insurance agencies and brokerages, were PICC Property



and Casualty Company Limited, or PICC, China Pacific Property Insurance Co., Ltd, or China Pacific Property, Ping An Property & Casualty Insurance Company of China, Ltd., or Ping An Property, AVIVA-COFCO Life Insurance Co., Ltd., or AVIVA-COFCO, and Sunshine Property and Casualty Insurance Co., Ltd., or Sunshine Property. Among them, PICC, China Pacific Property and Ping An Property each accounted for more than 10% of our total net revenues in 2007, with PICC accounting for 33%, China Pacific accounting for 15% and Ping An accounting for 11%. The termination of our contracts with insurance companies that in the aggregate account for a significant portion of our business, or changes in the material terms of these contracts, could adversely affect our business and operating results.

***Our operating structure may make it difficult to respond quickly to operational or financial problems, which could negatively affect our financial results.***

We operate through affiliated insurance agencies, brokerages and claims adjusting companies located in 13 provinces. These companies report their results to our corporate headquarters monthly. If these companies delay either reporting results or informing corporate headquarters of a negative business development such as the possible loss of a relationship with an insurance company or a regulatory inquiry or other action, we may not be able to take action to remedy the situation in a timely fashion. This in turn could have a negative effect on our financial results. In addition, if one of these companies were to report inaccurate financial information, we might not learn of the inaccuracies on a timely basis and be able to take corrective measures promptly, which could negatively affect our ability to report our financial results.

***Our dependence on the founders and key managers of the acquired firms may limit our ability to effectively manage our business.***

In the acquisitions we have completed to date, the founders and key managers of the acquired firms continue to manage the acquired business. They are responsible for ordinary course operational decisions, including personnel and office location, subject to our oversight. They also maintain the primary relationship with customers and the local branches of insurance companies. Although we maintain internal controls to oversee our nationwide operations, this operating structure exposes us to the risk of losses resulting from day-to-day decisions of the managers of the acquired firms. Unsatisfactory performance by these managers could hinder our ability to grow and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***Our future success depends on the continuing efforts of our senior management team and other key personnel, and our business may be harmed if we lose their services.***

Our future success depends heavily upon the continuing services of the members of our senior management team and other key personnel, in particular Mr. Yinan Hu, our chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Qiuping Lai, our president, and Mr. Peng Ge, our chief financial officer and vice president. In addition, because of the importance of training to our business, our team of dedicated training professionals plays a key role in our operations. If one or more of our senior executives or other key personnel, including key training personnel, are unable or unwilling to continue in their present positions, we may not be able to replace them easily or at all, and our business may be disrupted and our financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. Competition for senior management and key personnel is intense, the pool of qualified candidates is very limited, and we may not be able to retain the services of our senior executives or key personnel, or attract and retain high-quality senior executives or key personnel in the future. As is customary in the PRC, we do not have insurance coverage for the loss of our senior management team or other key personnel.

In addition, if any member of our senior management team or any of our other key personnel joins a competitor or forms a competing company, we may lose customers, sensitive trade information and key professionals and staff members. Each of our executive officers and key employees has entered into an employment agreement with us which contains confidentiality and non-competition provisions. These agreements generally have an initial term of three years, and are automatically extended for successive one-year terms unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of the agreement. If any disputes arise between any of our senior executives or key personnel and us, we cannot assure you of the extent to which any of these agreements may be enforced.



***Agent and employee misconduct is difficult to detect and deter and could harm our reputation or lead to regulatory sanctions or litigation costs.***

Agent or employee misconduct could result in violations of law by us, regulatory sanctions, litigation or serious reputational or financial harm. Misconduct could include:

- engaging in misrepresentation or fraudulent activities when marketing or selling insurance products to customers;
- hiding unauthorized or unsuccessful activities, resulting in unknown and unmanaged risks or losses; or
- otherwise not complying with laws and regulations or our control policies or procedures.

We cannot always deter agent or employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to prevent and detect these activities may not be effective in all cases. We cannot assure you, therefore, that agent or employee misconduct will not lead to a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

***All of our personnel engaging in insurance agency or brokering activities are required under relevant PRC regulations to have a qualification certificate issued by the CIRC. If these qualification requirements are strictly enforced, our business may be materially and adversely affected.***

All of our personnel who engage in insurance agency or brokering activities are required under relevant PRC regulations to obtain a qualification certificate from the CIRC in order to conduct insurance agency or brokering business. Under these regulations, insurance agencies and brokerages that retain unqualified personnel to engage in insurance sales activities may be fined up to RMB10,000. As of March 31, 2008, approximately 81.6% of our sales professionals had received a qualification certificate, compared with a national average qualification rate of approximately 76.5% for insurance intermediaries as reported by the CIRC.

In addition, we understand that the CIRC may require, in the near future, that every individual agent carry credentials showing specified information when conducting agency business. If more local CIRC agencies were to strictly enforce these regulations in the future, and if a substantial number of our sales forces remain unqualified, our business may be adversely affected. Moreover, we may be subject to fines and other administrative proceedings for the failure of our insurance professionals to obtain the necessary CIRC qualification certificate. Any such fines or administrative proceedings could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Our businesses are highly regulated, and the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the laws and regulations currently applicable to us involve uncertainties, which could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

We operate in a highly regulated industry. The CIRC has extensive authority to supervise and regulate the insurance industry in China. In exercising its authority, the CIRC is given wide discretion, and the administration, interpretation and enforcement of the laws and regulations applicable to us involve uncertainties that could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations. For example, it is not clear when the CIRC will start strictly enforcing the qualification requirements for sales professionals affiliated with professional insurance intermediaries like us. Although we have not had any material violations to date, we cannot assure you that our operations will always be consistent with the interpretation and enforcement of the laws and regulations by the CIRC from time to time.

***Further development of regulations in China may impose additional costs and restrictions on our activities.***

China's insurance regulatory regime is undergoing significant changes. Some of these changes and the further development of regulations applicable to us may result in additional restrictions on our activities or more intensive competition in this industry. For example, under the consultation paper for administration of insurance agencies



and brokerages promulgated by the CIRC, insurance agency or brokerage companies will likely be required to increase their guaranty deposit, which generally cannot be withdrawn without the CIRC's approval, when they open any new branches. Such increase would reduce the amount of cash available for other business purposes. Under the same consultation paper, sole-proprietor insurance agencies will likely be allowed, which could lead to intensified competition among insurance agencies. Such development of regulations could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***We conduct some of our business through two of our subsidiaries, which do not possess insurance agency or brokerage licenses.***

Two of our subsidiaries run our operating platform and maintain our customer database. In addition, they provide information about potential customers to insurance companies, which pay fees to these subsidiaries if these customers purchase insurance policies. Our PRC counsel, Commerce & Finance Law Offices, has informed us that, in its opinion, the provision of customer information to and the collection of fees from insurance companies by our subsidiaries comply with existing PRC laws and regulations. We cannot assure you, however, that the relevant PRC regulatory authorities will not take a view contrary to ours or that of our PRC counsel. If the CIRC clarifies existing regulations on insurance agencies and brokerages or adopts new regulations that classify the provision of customer information to insurance companies as a form of insurance agency or brokerage services, our subsidiaries may be deemed to have engaged in insurance agency or brokerage services without proper license and, as a result, we may be subject to administrative penalties, which may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

***We have identified several significant deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud.***

We are subject to reporting obligations under U.S. securities laws. The Securities and Exchange Commission, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, adopted rules requiring every public company to include a management report on such company's internal controls over financial reporting in its annual report, which contains management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal controls over financial reporting. In addition, an independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of the company's internal controls over financial reporting. These requirements will first apply to our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2008.

Prior to our initial public offering in October 2007, we had been a private company with limited accounting personnel with U.S. GAAP experience and other resources with which to adequately address our internal control over our financial closing and reporting process and other procedures. During the course of preparing our consolidated financial statements as of and for the three years ended December 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 in connection with our initial public offering, we identified a number of control deficiencies, which include significant deficiencies, in our internal control over financial reporting. Many of the deficiencies noted below were communicated to us from our independent registered public accounting firm as observations which stemmed from their audit. However, as noted in their report, their audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The significant deficiencies identified include: (1) a lack of formal internal controls over financial closing and reporting processes; (2) a lack of a formal risk assessment process; (3) a lack of accounting personnel with knowledge of U.S. GAAP and SEC financial reporting requirements; (4) a lack of regular preparation of U.S. GAAP consolidated management accounts; and (5) the absence of an audit committee. Similarly, during the course of preparing our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, with the assistance of our independent registered public accounting firm, we identified a number of control deficiencies, including a significant deficiency, in our internal control over financial reporting. This significant deficiency refers to a lack of formal internal control over financial closing and reporting process. It is important to note that we did not undertake a comprehensive assessment of our internal controls for purposes of identifying and reporting control deficiencies as we will be required to do under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Had we undertaken such an assessment, additional significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may have been identified.



In order to tackle the control deficiencies identified, we have: (1) developed formal procedures to prepare U.S. GAAP consolidated financial information on a monthly basis; and (2) established an audit committee, which will fully comply with applicable SEC and Nasdaq Marketplace Rules requirements before the expiration of the one-year transition period for newly public companies. In addition, we are in the process of, among other things, (1) preparing, with the help of an outside financial consulting firm, a comprehensive accounting policies and procedures manual covering U.S. GAAP, which our accounting personnel are required to become familiar with and follow; (2) hiring additional accounting personnel with external reporting experience, including knowledge of the SEC reporting requirements and U.S. GAAP, and additional investor relations personnel; and (3) establishing, with the help of an outside financial consulting firm, a risk assessment process that will comply with the framework set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, a private sector organization dedicated to improving the quality of financial reporting.

We plan to remediate these significant deficiencies in time to meet the deadline for compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If, however, we fail to timely achieve and maintain effective internal controls, we may not be able to produce reliable financial reports and prevent fraud. Moreover, if we and our independent registered public accounting firm were not able to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, investors may lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which would negatively impact the trading price of our ADSs. Our reporting obligations as a public company, including our efforts to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, will place a significant strain on our management, operational and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future.

***We may face legal action by the former employers or principals of entrepreneurial agents who join our distribution network.***

Competition for productive sales agents is intense within the Chinese insurance industry. When an entrepreneurial agent leaves his or her employer or principal to join our distribution network as our sales agent, we may face legal action by the former employer or principal of the entrepreneurial agent on the ground of unfair competition or breach of contract. As of the date of this annual report, there has been no such action filed or threatened against us. We cannot assure you that this will not happen in the future. Any such legal actions, regardless of merit, could be expensive and time-consuming and could divert resources and management attention from the operation of our business. If we were found liable in such a legal action, we might be required to pay substantial damages to the former employer or principal of the entrepreneurial agent, and our business reputation might be harmed. Moreover, the filing of such a legal action may discourage potential entrepreneurial agents from leaving their employers or principals, thus reducing the number of entrepreneurial agents we can recruit and potentially harming our growth prospects.

***If we are required to write down goodwill and other intangible assets, our financial condition and results may be materially and adversely affected.***

When we acquire a business, a substantial portion of the purchase price of the acquisition is generally allocated to goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets. The amount of the purchase price that is allocated to goodwill and other intangible assets is determined by the excess of the purchase price over the net identifiable assets acquired. As of December 31, 2007, goodwill represented RMB9.2 million (US\$1.3 million), or 0.6% of our total shareholders' equity of RMB1.6 billion (US\$215.3 million). As of December 31, 2007, other intangible assets represented RMB4.3 million (US\$0.6 million), or 0.3% of our total shareholders' equity. Under current accounting standards, if we determine goodwill or intangible assets are impaired, we will be required to write down the value of such assets and recognize corresponding impairment charges. As we implement our growth strategy through acquisitions, goodwill and intangible assets may comprise an increasingly larger percentage of our shareholders' equity and any write-down related to such goodwill and intangible assets may adversely and materially affect our shareholders' equity and financial results.



***Any significant failure in our information technology systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and profitability.***

Our business is highly dependent on the ability of our information technology systems to timely process a large number of transactions across different markets and products at a time when transaction processes have become increasingly complex and the volume of such transactions is growing rapidly. The proper functioning of our financial control, accounting, customer database, customer service and other data processing systems, together with the communication systems between our various subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities and our main offices in Guangzhou, is critical to our business and to our ability to compete effectively. We cannot assure you that our business activities would not be materially disrupted in the event of a partial or complete failure of any of these primary information technology or communication systems, which could be caused by, among other things, software malfunction, computer virus attacks or conversion errors due to system upgrading. In addition, a prolonged failure of our information technology system could damage our reputation and materially and adversely affect our future prospects and profitability.

***If we are unable to respond in a timely and cost-effective manner to rapid technological change in the insurance intermediary industry, there may be a resulting adverse effect on business and operating results.***

The insurance industry is increasingly influenced by rapid technological change, frequent new product and service introductions and evolving industry standards. For example, the insurance intermediary industry has increased use of the Internet to communicate benefits and related information to consumers and to facilitate information exchange and transactions. We believe that our future success will depend on our ability to continue to anticipate technological changes and to offer additional product and service opportunities that meet evolving standards on a timely and cost-effective basis. There is a risk that we may not successfully identify new product and service opportunities or develop and introduce these opportunities in a timely and cost-effective manner. In addition, product and service opportunities that our competitors develop or introduce may render our products and services noncompetitive. As a result, we can give no assurances that technological changes that may affect our industry in the future will not have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***We face risks related to health epidemics, severe weather conditions and other catastrophes, which could materially and adversely affect our business.***

Our business could be materially and adversely affected by the outbreak of avian flu, severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, another health epidemic, severe weather conditions or other catastrophes. In recent years, there have been reports on the occurrences of avian flu in various parts of China, including a few confirmed human cases and deaths. In January and February 2008, a series of severe winter storms afflicted extensive damages and significantly disrupted people's lives in large portions of southern and central China. In May 2008, an earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale hit Sichuan Province in southwestern China, causing huge casualties and property damages. Because our business operations rely heavily on the sales efforts of individual sales agents and in-house sales representatives, any prolonged recurrence of avian flu or SARS, or the occurrence of other adverse public health developments, severe weather conditions such as the massive snow storms in January and February 2008 and other catastrophes such as the Sichuan earthquake may significantly disrupt our staffing and otherwise reduce the activity level of our sales force, thus causing a material and adverse effect on our business operations.

## **Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure**

***If the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for operating our China business do not comply with applicable PRC laws and regulations, we could be subject to severe penalties.***

PRC laws and regulations place certain restrictions on foreign investment in and ownership of insurance intermediary companies. We conduct our operations in China principally through contractual arrangements among our PRC subsidiaries, two PRC companies, Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment, the shareholders and the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment. Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment together,



directly or indirectly, held equity interests ranging from 51% to 100% in 35 PRC insurance agencies, brokerages and claims adjusting companies as of May 31, 2008. These wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment hold the licenses and permits necessary to conduct our insurance intermediary business in China.

Our contractual arrangements with Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment, their shareholders and their subsidiaries enable us to:

- exercise effective control over Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries;
- receive a substantial portion of the economic benefits of the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment in consideration for the services provided by our wholly-owned subsidiaries in China; and
- have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in each of Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries when and to the extent permitted by PRC law.

Because of these contractual arrangements, we are the primary beneficiary of Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries and have consolidated them into our consolidated financial statements. If we, our PRC subsidiaries, Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment or any of the existing and future subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment is found to be in violation of any existing or future PRC laws or regulations or fail to obtain or maintain any of the required permits or approvals, the relevant PRC regulatory authorities, including the CIRC, would have broad discretion in dealing with such violations, including:

- revoking the business and operating licenses of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities;
- restricting or prohibiting any related-party transactions among our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities;
- imposing fines or other requirements with which we, our PRC subsidiaries or our consolidated affiliated entities may not be able to comply;
- requiring us, our PRC subsidiaries or our consolidated affiliated entities to restructure the relevant ownership structure or operations; or
- restricting or prohibiting our use of the proceeds of our initial public offering to finance our business and operations in China.

The imposition of any of these penalties could result in a material and adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.

***We rely on contractual arrangements with Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries and shareholders for our China operations, which may not be as effective in providing operational control as direct ownership.***

We have relied and expect to continue to rely on contractual arrangements with our PRC consolidated affiliated entities, Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment, and their subsidiaries and shareholders to operate our business in China. These contractual arrangements may not be as effective in providing us with control over Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries as direct ownership. We have no direct or indirect equity interests in Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment or any of their subsidiaries.

If we had direct ownership of Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries, we would be able to exercise our rights as a shareholder to effect changes in the board of directors of Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries, which in turn could effect changes, subject to any applicable fiduciary obligations, at the management level. But under the current contractual arrangements, as a legal matter, if Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment or any of their subsidiaries and shareholders fails to perform its or his obligations



under these contractual arrangements, we may have to incur substantial costs and other resources to enforce such arrangements and rely on legal remedies under PRC law, including seeking specific performance or injunctive relief and claiming damages, which may not be effective. For example, if the shareholders of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment were to refuse to transfer their equity interest in Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment to us or our designee when we exercise the call option pursuant to these contractual arrangements, or if they were otherwise to act in bad faith toward us, then we may have to take legal action to compel them to fulfill their contractual obligations.

To secure our loans to the three individual shareholders of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment, we entered into equity pledge agreements with them under which they pledged their equity interests in Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment to us. But we were unable to register the pledges because the relevant local administration for industry and commerce, which maintain public records of business entities, did not handle this kind of pledge at the time when our equity pledge agreements became effective. This could allow the shareholders to dishonor their pledges and re-pledge the equity interests to another person. Due to the lack of registration with the relevant administration for industry and commerce, we rely on these individuals to abide by the contracts laws of China and honor their contracts with us. According to the Property Rights Law, which became effective as of October 1, 2007, pledge rights for a pledge of equity are created at the time of the processing of the registration of the pledge by the relevant administration for industry and commerce. Although the PRC Property Rights Law does not have retrospective effect on pledges created prior to its effectiveness, we would need to register our existing pledges with the relevant administration for industry and commerce before any third party could register its pledge rights in order to protect our pledge rights against any third party to whom the shareholders might re-pledge their equity interests after the effectiveness of the Property Rights Law. Due to the lack of operational procedures under the Property Rights Law applicable to the registration of equity pledges, we cannot assure you that we will be able to get our equity pledge registration processed by the relevant administration for industry and commerce before any third party would be able to complete the registration.

All of our contractual arrangements with Meidiya Investment, Yihe Investment and their subsidiaries and shareholders are governed by PRC law and provide for the resolution of disputes through arbitration in the PRC. Accordingly, these contracts would be interpreted in accordance with PRC law and any disputes would be resolved in accordance with PRC legal procedures. The legal environment in the PRC is not as developed as in some other jurisdictions, such as the United States. As a result, uncertainties in the PRC legal system could limit our ability to enforce these contractual arrangements. In the event we are unable to enforce these contractual arrangements, we may not be able to exert effective control over our consolidated affiliated entities, and our ability to conduct our business may be negatively affected.

***The shareholders of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment may have potential conflicts of interest with us, which may materially and adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

Three individual shareholders, Mr. Jianguo Cui, Mr. Zhenyu Wang and Mr. Qiuping Lai, hold 100% of the equity interests in each of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment. Mr. Wang was designated by CDH Inservice Limited, one of our principal shareholders. Mr. Lai is our co-founder and president. Mr. Cui was designated by Cathay Auto Services Limited, another of our principal shareholders. Conflicts of interest may arise between Mr. Wang's or Mr. Cui's dual role as a shareholder of our consolidated affiliated entities subject to various contractual arrangements with us and as a director or officer of entities controlling CDH Inservice Limited or Cathay Auto Services Limited. Similarly, Mr. Lai's dual role as a shareholder of our consolidated affiliated entities and as our president may cause conflicts of interest. We do not have existing arrangements to address these potential conflicts of interest and cannot assure you that when conflicts arise, those individuals will act in the best interest of our company or that conflicts will be resolved in our favor.



***Contractual arrangements we have entered into with the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment may be subject to scrutiny by the PRC tax authorities and a finding that we or the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment owe additional taxes could substantially reduce our consolidated net income and the value of your investment.***

Under PRC laws and regulations, arrangements and transactions among related parties may be subject to audit or challenge by the PRC tax authorities. We could face material and adverse tax consequences if the PRC tax authorities determine that the contractual arrangements between our subsidiaries and the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment do not represent an arm's-length price and adjust the income of the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment in the form of a transfer pricing adjustment. A transfer pricing adjustment could, among other things, result in a reduction, for PRC tax purposes, of expense deductions recorded by the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment, which could in turn increase their respective tax liabilities. In addition, the PRC tax authorities may impose late payment fees and other penalties on our consolidated affiliated entities for underpayment of taxes. Our consolidated net income may be materially and adversely affected if our consolidated affiliated entities' tax liabilities increase or if they are found to be subject to late payment fees or other penalties.

***PRC regulation of loans and direct investment by offshore holding companies to PRC entities may delay or prevent us from making loans to our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities or making additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.***

We are an offshore holding company conducting our operations in China through PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities. In order to provide additional funding to our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities, we may make loans to our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities, or we may make additional capital contributions to our PRC subsidiaries.

Any loans we make to either of our directly-held PRC subsidiaries, Haidileji Enterprise or Yiqiman Management, both of which are treated as foreign-invested enterprises under PRC law, cannot exceed statutory limits and must be registered with the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, or the SAFE, or its local counterparts. Under applicable PRC law, the Chinese regulators must approve the amount of a foreign-invested enterprise's registered capital, which represents shareholders' equity investments over a defined period of time, and the foreign-invested enterprise's total investment, which represents the total of the company's registered capital plus permitted loans. The registered capital/total investment ratio cannot be lower than the minimum statutory requirement and the excess of the total investment over the registered capital represents the maximum amount of borrowings that a foreign-invested enterprise is permitted to have under PRC law. Our directly-held PRC subsidiaries were allowed to incur a total of HK\$184 million in foreign debts as of May 31, 2008. If we were to provide loans to our directly-held PRC subsidiaries in excess of the above amount, we would have to apply to the relevant government authorities for an increase in their permitted total investment amounts. The various applications could be time consuming and their outcomes would be uncertain. Concurrently with the loans, we might have to make capital contributions to these subsidiaries in order to maintain the statutory minimum registered capital/total investment ratio, and such capital contributions involve uncertainties of their own, as discussed below. Furthermore, even if we make loans to our directly-held PRC subsidiaries that do not exceed their current maximum amount of borrowings, we will have to register each loan with the SAFE or its local counterpart within 15 days after the signing of the relevant loan agreement. Subject to the conditions stipulated by the SAFE, the SAFE or its local counterpart will issue a registration certificate of foreign debts to us within 20 days after reviewing and accepting our application. In practice, it may take longer to complete such SAFE registration process.

Any loans we make to any of our indirectly-held PRC subsidiaries (those PRC subsidiaries which we hold indirectly through Haidileji Enterprise and Yiqiman Management) or to any of our PRC consolidated affiliated entities, all of which are treated as PRC domestic companies rather than foreign-invested enterprises under PRC law, are also subject to various PRC regulations and approvals. Under applicable PRC regulations, medium- and long-term international commercial loans to PRC domestic companies are subject to approval by the National Development and Reform Commission, and short-term international commercial loans to PRC domestic



companies are subject to the balance control system effected by the SAFE. Due to the above restrictions, we are not likely to make loans to any of our indirectly-held PRC subsidiaries or to any of our PRC consolidated affiliated entities.

Any capital contributions we make to our PRC subsidiaries, including directly-held and indirectly-held PRC subsidiaries, must be approved by the PRC Ministry of Commerce or its local counterparts and registered with the SAFE or its local counterparts. Such applications and registrations could be time consuming and their outcomes would be uncertain.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to complete the necessary government registrations or obtain the necessary government approvals on a timely basis, if at all, with respect to future loans by us to our PRC subsidiaries or PRC consolidated affiliated entities or with respect to future capital contributions by us to our PRC subsidiaries. If we fail to complete such registrations or obtain such approvals, our ability to capitalize or otherwise fund our PRC operations may be negatively affected, which could adversely and materially affect our liquidity and our ability to fund and expand our business.

### **Risks Related to Doing Business in China**

***Adverse changes in economic and political policies of the PRC government could have a material adverse effect on the overall economic growth of China, which could adversely affect our business.***

Substantially all of our business operations are conducted in China. Accordingly, our results of operations, financial condition and prospects are subject to a significant degree to economic, political and legal developments in China. China's economy differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including with respect to the amount of government involvement, level of development, growth rate, control of foreign exchange and allocation of resources. While the PRC economy has experienced significant growth in the past 30 years or so, growth has been uneven across different regions and among various economic sectors of China. The PRC government has implemented various measures to encourage economic development and guide the allocation of resources. While some of these measures benefit the overall PRC economy, they may also have a negative effect on us. For example, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by government control over capital investments or changes in tax regulations that are applicable to us.

The PRC economy has been transitioning from a planned economy to a more market-oriented economy. Although the PRC government has implemented measures since the late 1970s emphasizing the utilization of market forces for economic reform, the reduction of state ownership of productive assets and the establishment of improved corporate governance in business enterprises, the PRC government still owns a substantial portion of productive assets in China. In addition, the PRC government continues to play a significant role in regulating industry development by imposing industrial policies. The PRC government also exercises significant control over China's economic growth through the allocation of resources, controlling payment of foreign currency-denominated obligations, setting monetary policy and providing preferential treatment to particular industries or companies. Since late 2003, the PRC government implemented a number of measures, such as raising interest rates and bank reserve requirements to place additional limitations on the ability of commercial banks to make loans, in order to contain the growth of specific segments of China's economy that it believed to be overheating. These actions, as well as future actions and policies of the PRC government, could materially affect our liquidity and access to capital and our ability to operate our business.

***Our revenue and earnings from the distribution of life insurance products may be affected by fluctuations in interest rates and other general economic conditions in China.***

General economic and market factors in China, such as changes in interest rates and in the securities markets, can affect our commission and fee revenue from the sale of life insurance products. These factors can affect the volume of new sales and the extent to which our customers keep their policies in force year after year. Due to China's recent fast growing economy, the Chinese government may take further measures, including further raising interest rates, in an effort to ensure sustainable economic growth. If interest rates were to further increase in



the future, competing investment products offering higher returns could become more attractive to potential purchasers than the life insurance products we market and distribute. Increases in interest rates also may lead our customers to surrender and withdraw some life insurance policies purchased from us in order to seek other investments with higher returns. These surrenders and withdrawals will end the recurring fee revenue we would otherwise earn if the insurance policies were maintained. China's stock market experienced substantial growth in 2005, 2006 and 2007. The perceived higher returns of investments in the stock market also may lead to reduced sales, and early terminations, of certain life insurance policies, thus adversely affecting our commission and fee revenue. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to compete with alternative products if these market forces make the life insurance products we sell unattractive to our target customers.

***Uncertainties with respect to the PRC legal system could adversely affect us.***

We conduct our business primarily through our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China. Our operations in China are governed by PRC laws and regulations. Our subsidiaries are generally subject to laws and regulations applicable to foreign investments in China and, in particular, laws applicable to wholly foreign-owned enterprises. The PRC legal system is based on written statutes. Prior court decisions may be cited for reference but have limited precedential value.

Although since 1979, PRC legislation and regulations have significantly enhanced the protections afforded to various forms of foreign investments in China, China has not developed a fully integrated legal system, and recently enacted laws and regulations may not sufficiently cover all aspects of economic activities in China. In particular, because these laws and regulations are relatively new, and because of the limited volume of published decisions and their nonbinding nature, the interpretation and enforcement of these laws and regulations involve uncertainties. In addition, the PRC legal system is based in part on government policies and internal rules (some of which are not published on a timely basis or at all) that may have a retroactive effect. As a result, we may not be aware of our violation of these policies and rules until some time after the violation. In addition, any litigation in China may be protracted and result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention.

***You may experience difficulties in effecting service of legal process, enforcing foreign judgments or bringing original actions in China based on United States or other foreign laws against us or our management named in this annual report.***

We conduct substantially all of our operations in China and substantially all of our assets are located in China. In addition, all of our senior executive officers reside within China. As a result, it may not be possible to effect service of process within the United States or elsewhere outside China upon our senior executive officers, including with respect to matters arising under U.S. federal securities laws or applicable state securities laws. Moreover, our PRC counsel has advised us that the PRC does not have treaties with the United States or many other countries providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgment of courts.

***Governmental control of currency conversion may affect the value of your investment.***

The PRC government imposes controls on the convertibility of the RMB into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of China. We receive substantially all of our revenues in RMB. Under our current corporate structure, our income is primarily derived from dividend payments from our PRC subsidiaries. Shortages in the availability of foreign currency may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries and our consolidated affiliated entities to remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends or other payments to us, or otherwise satisfy their foreign currency denominated obligations. Under existing PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of current account items, including profit distributions, interest payments and expenditures from trade-related transactions, can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from the SAFE by complying with certain procedural requirements. But approval from appropriate government authorities is required where RMB is to be converted into foreign currency and remitted out of China to pay capital expenses such as the repayment of loans denominated in foreign currencies. The PRC government may also at its discretion restrict access in the future to foreign currencies for current account transactions. If the foreign exchange control system prevents us from obtaining sufficient foreign currency to satisfy our currency demands, we may not be able to pay dividends in foreign currencies to our shareholders, including holders of our ADSs.



***The newly enacted PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law could increase the enterprise income tax rate applicable to some of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities, which could have a material adverse effect on our result of operations.***

Pursuant to the applicable PRC tax laws effective before January 1, 2008, foreign-invested enterprises were generally subject to state and local foreign enterprise income taxes at statutory rates of 30% and 3%, respectively, and domestic enterprises were subject to enterprise income tax, or EIT, at the statutory rate of 33%. Enterprises located in Shenzhen, a special economic zone, were subject to an EIT rate of 15%. Therefore, our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities located in Shenzhen were subject a favorable EIT rate of 15%. In addition, some of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities were entitled to exemptions from EIT in 2007 under applicable tax regulations.

On March 16, 2007, the National People's Congress of China enacted the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the EIT Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. On December 6, 2007, the PRC State Council issued the Implementation Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the Implementation Rules, which became effective on January 1, 2008. On December 26, 2007, the State Council issued the Notice on Implementation of Enterprise Income Tax Transition Preferential Policy under the EIT Law, or the Transition Preferential Policy Circular, which also became effective on January 1, 2008. According to the EIT Law, as further clarified by the Implementation Rules, the Transition Preferential Policy Circular and other related regulations, foreign-invested enterprises and domestic enterprises are subject to EIT at a uniform rate of 25%. Enterprises that were established and enjoyed preferential tax treatments before March 16, 2007 will continue to enjoy such preferential tax treatments in the following manners: (1) in the case of preferential tax rates, for a five-year transition period starting from January 1, 2008, during which the EIT rate of such enterprises will gradually increase to the uniform 25% EIT rate by January 1, 2012; or (2) in the case of preferential tax exemption or reduction with a specified term, until the expiration of such term.

According to the EIT Law and related regulations, the preferential tax rates enjoyed by some of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities incorporated in Shenzhen, a special economic zone, will gradually increase to the uniform 25% EIT rate during the five year transition period. An increase in the EIT rates for those entities pursuant to the EIT Law could result in an increase in our effective tax rate, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

***Our global income or the dividends we receive from our PRC subsidiaries may be subject to PRC tax under the EIT Law, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.***

Under the EIT Law, an enterprise established outside of the PRC with “de facto management bodies” within the PRC is considered a resident enterprise and will be subject to the EIT at the rate of 25% on its worldwide income. The Implementation Rules define the term “de facto management bodies” as “establishments that carry out substantial and overall management and control over the manufacturing and business operations, personnel, accounting, properties, etc. of an enterprise.” If we are deemed a resident enterprise, we may be subject to the EIT at 25% on our global income, except that the dividends we receive from our PRC subsidiary will be exempt from the EIT. If we are considered a resident enterprise and earn income other than dividends from our PRC subsidiaries, a 25% EIT on our global income could significantly increase our tax burden and materially and adversely affect our cash flow and profitability.

Under the applicable PRC tax laws in effect before January 1, 2008, dividend payments to foreign investors made by foreign-invested enterprises in China, such as our subsidiaries Haidileji Enterprise and Yiqiman Management, were exempt from PRC withholding tax. We have also been advised by our PRC counsel, Commerce & Finance Law Offices, that pursuant to the EIT Law and the Implementation Rules, however, dividends payable by a foreign-invested enterprise in China to its foreign investors will be subject to a 10% withholding tax, unless any such foreign investor's jurisdiction of incorporation has a tax treaty with China that provides for a different withholding arrangement. The British Virgin Islands, where our wholly-owned subsidiary and the 100% shareholder of Haidileji Enterprise and Yiqiman Management is incorporated, does not have such a tax treaty with China. Under the EIT Law and the Implementation Rules, if we are regarded as a resident enterprise, the dividends we receive from our PRC subsidiaries will be exempt from the EIT. If, however, we are



not regarded as a resident enterprise, we will be required to pay a 10% withholding tax for any dividends we receive from our PRC subsidiaries. As a result, the amount of fund available to us to meet our cash requirements, including the payment of dividends to our shareholders and ADS holders, could be materially reduced.

***Under the EIT Law, dividends payable by us and gains on the disposition of our shares or ADSs could be subject to PRC taxation.***

We have been advised by our PRC counsel, Commerce & Finance Law Offices, that because there remains uncertainty regarding the interpretation and implementation of the EIT Law and its Implementation Rules, it is uncertain whether any dividends to be distributed by us, if we are regarded as a PRC resident enterprise, to our non-PRC shareholders and ADS holders would be subject to any PRC withholding tax. If we are required under the EIT Law to withhold PRC income tax on our dividends payable to our non-PRC corporate shareholders and ADS holders, or if gains on the disposition of our shares or ADSs are subject to the PRC EIT, your investment in our ADSs or ordinary shares may be materially and adversely affected.

***We rely principally on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have, and any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.***

We are a holding company, and we rely principally on dividends from our subsidiaries in China and service, license and other fees paid to our subsidiaries by some of our consolidated affiliated entities for our cash requirements, including any debt we may incur. Current PRC regulations permit our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us only out of their accumulated profits, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. In addition, each of our PRC subsidiaries is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits each year as reported in its PRC statutory financial statements, if any, to fund a statutory reserve until such reserve reaches 50% of its registered capital, and each of our PRC subsidiaries that are considered foreign-invested enterprises is required to further set aside a portion of its after-tax profits as reported in its PRC statutory financial statements to fund the employee welfare fund at the discretion of the board. These reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. As of December 31, 2007, the total retained earnings of our PRC subsidiaries available for dividend distributions were RMB141.4 million (US\$19.4 million). Furthermore, if our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China incur debt on their own behalf in the future, the instruments governing the debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends or make other payments to us. In addition, the PRC tax authorities may require us to adjust our taxable income under the contractual arrangements we currently have in place in a manner that would materially and adversely affect our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends and other distributions to us. Any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities to distribute dividends or other payments to us could materially and adversely limit our ability to grow, make investments or acquisitions that could be beneficial to our businesses, pay dividends, or otherwise fund and conduct our business.

***PRC regulations relating to the establishment of offshore special purpose companies by PRC residents may subject our PRC resident shareholders to personal liability and limit our ability to inject capital into our PRC subsidiaries, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to distribute profits to us, or otherwise adversely affect us.***

The SAFE issued a public notice in October 2005, commonly known in China as "SAFE Circular 75," requiring PRC residents to register with the local SAFE branch before establishing or controlling any company outside of China, referred to in the notice as an "offshore special purpose company," for the purpose of raising capital backed by assets or equities of PRC companies. PRC residents that are shareholders of offshore special purpose companies established before November 1, 2005 were required to register with the local SAFE branch before March 31, 2006.

Almost all of the beneficial owners of CAA Holdings Company Limited and Kingsford Resources Limited, two British Virgin Islands companies that indirectly held beneficial ownership interests in CISG Holdings, our wholly-owned subsidiary, before our restructuring in July 2007, are PRC residents. After our restructuring, the shareholders of CAA Holdings Company Limited and Kingsford Resources Limited became our indirect beneficial owners. We have requested our beneficial owners who were PRC residents to make the necessary applications,



filings and amendments as required under SAFE Circular 75 and other related rules. We attempt to comply, and attempt to ensure that our beneficial owners who are subject to these rules comply, with the relevant requirements. However, we cannot assure you that all of our beneficial owners who are PRC residents will comply with our request to make or obtain any applicable registrations or comply with other requirements under SAFE Circular 75 or other related rules. The failure of these beneficial owners to timely amend their SAFE registrations pursuant to SAFE Circular 75 or the failure of future beneficial owners of our company who are PRC residents to comply with the registration procedures set forth in SAFE Circular 75 may subject such beneficial owners to fines and legal sanctions and may also limit our ability to contribute capital into our PRC subsidiaries, limit our PRC subsidiaries' ability to distribute dividends to our company or otherwise adversely affect our business.

On December 25, 2006, the People's Bank of China promulgated the "Measures for the Administration of Individual Foreign Exchange," and on January 5, 2007, the SAFE further promulgated implementation rules for those measures (collectively, referred to as the "Individual Foreign Exchange Rules"). The Individual Foreign Exchange Rules became effective on February 1, 2007. According to these regulations, PRC citizens who are granted shares or share options by a company listed on an overseas stock market according to its employee share option or share incentive plan are required, through the PRC subsidiary of such overseas listed company or any other qualified PRC agent, to register with the SAFE and to complete certain other procedures related to the share option or other share incentive plan. Foreign exchange income received from the sale of shares or dividends distributed by the overseas listed company may be remitted into a foreign currency account of such PRC citizen or be exchanged into Renminbi. Our PRC citizen employees who have been granted share options became subject to the Individual Foreign Exchange Rules upon the listing of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Market. If we or our PRC citizen employees fail to comply with these regulations, we or our PRC option holders may be subject to fines and legal sanctions.

***Fluctuation in the value of the RMB may have a material adverse effect on your investment.***

The value of the RMB against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in political and economic conditions. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy of pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar. Under the new policy, the RMB is permitted to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. This change in policy has resulted in an approximately 16.9% appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar between July 21, 2005 and June 19, 2008. While the international reaction to the RMB revaluation has generally been positive, there remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt an even more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and more significant appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar. But on the other hand, there is no assurance that the RMB would not depreciate against the U.S. dollar in the future.

Our revenues and costs are mostly denominated in the RMB, and a significant portion of our financial assets are also denominated in RMB. We rely entirely on dividends and other fees paid to us by our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China. Any significant appreciation or depreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar may affect our cash flows, revenues, earnings and financial position, and the value of, and any dividends payable on, our ADSs in U.S. dollars. For example, a further appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar would make any new RMB-denominated investments or expenditures more costly to us, to the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars into the RMB for such purposes. An appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar would also result in foreign currency translation losses for financial reporting purposes when we translate our U.S. dollar denominated financial assets into the RMB, as the RMB is our reporting currency. Conversely, a significant depreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar may significantly reduce the U.S. dollar equivalent of the earnings of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities, and may adversely affect the price of our ADSs.



***The approval of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or the CSRC, may have been required in connection with our initial public offering in October 2007 under a PRC regulation adopted in August 2006. Based on advice of our PRC counsel, we did not seek CSRC's approval for our initial public offering. Any requirement to obtain prior CSRC approval and a failure to obtain this approval, if required, could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, reputation and trading price of our ADSs.***

On August 8, 2006, six PRC regulatory agencies, namely, the PRC Ministry of Commerce, the State Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, the State Administration for Taxation, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the CSRC and the SAFE, jointly adopted the Regulations on Mergers and Acquisitions of Domestic Enterprises by Foreign Investors, or the M&A Rule, which became effective on September 8, 2006. This regulation purports, among other things, to require offshore special purpose vehicles, or SPVs, formed for overseas listing purposes and controlled by PRC companies or individuals to obtain the approval of the CSRC prior to publicly listing their securities on an overseas stock exchange. On September 21, 2006, the CSRC published a notice on its official website specifying documents and materials required to be submitted to it by SPVs seeking CSRC approval of their overseas listings.

At the time of our initial public offering in October 2007, while the application of the new regulations remained unclear, our PRC counsel, Commerce & Finance Law Offices, advised us that, based on their understanding of the PRC laws and regulations as well as the procedures announced on September 21, 2006:

- the CSRC had jurisdiction over our offering;
- the CSRC by then had not issued any definitive rule or interpretation concerning whether offerings like our initial public offering were subject to this new procedure; and
- despite the above, given that we had completed our inbound investment before September 8, 2006, the effective date of the M&A Rule, an application was not required under the M&A Rule to be submitted to the CSRC for its approval of the listing and trading of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Market, unless we were clearly required to do so by subsequent rules of the CSRC.

Based on advice of our PRC counsel, we did not seek CSRC's approval for our initial public offering. We, however, cannot assure you that the relevant PRC government agencies, including the CSRC, would reach the same conclusion as our PRC counsel. If the CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies subsequently determine that the CSRC's approval was required for our initial public offering, we may face sanctions by the CSRC or other PRC regulatory agencies. In such event, these regulatory agencies may impose fines and penalties on our operations in the PRC, limit our operating privileges in the PRC, or take other actions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, reputation and prospects, as well as the trading price of our ADSs.

***The regulation discussed above could also make it more difficult for us to pursue growth through acquisitions.***

The regulation discussed in the preceding risk factor also established additional procedures and requirements that could make merger and acquisition activities by foreign investors more time-consuming and complex, including requirements in some instances that the Ministry of Commerce be notified in advance of any change-of-control transaction in which a foreign investor takes control of a PRC domestic enterprise. To date, we have conducted our acquisitions in China exclusively through our PRC consolidated affiliated entities. In the future, we may grow our business in part by directly acquiring complementary businesses rather than through our PRC consolidated affiliated entities, although we do not have any plans to do so at this time. Complying with the requirements of the new regulations to complete such transactions could be time consuming, and any required approval processes, including obtaining approval from the Ministry of Commerce, may prevent us from completing such transactions on a timely basis, or at all, which could affect our ability to expand our business or maintain our market share.



***A newly effective labor contract law in the PRC may adversely affect our business and results of operations.***

On June 29, 2007, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China enacted the Labor Contract Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. This new labor law has reinforced the protection for employees, who, under the existing PRC Labor Law, already have certain rights, such as the right to have written labor contracts, the right to enter into labor contracts with no fixed terms under specific circumstances, the right to receive overtime wages when working overtime, and the right to terminate or alter terms in the labor contracts. In addition, the Labor Contract Law has made some amendments to the existing PRC Labor Law and added some clauses that could increase cost of labor to employers. For example, under the Labor Contract Law, employers are required to base their decisions to dismiss employees on seniority, as opposed to merit, under certain circumstances. As the Labor Contract Law is new and its implementation rules have yet to be promulgated, there remains significant uncertainty as to its interpretation and application by the PRC government authorities. In the event we decide to significantly reduce our workforce, the Labor Contract Law could adversely affect our ability to effect these changes cost-effectively or in the manner we desire, which could lead to a negative impact on our business and results of operations.

### **Risks Related to Our ADSs**

***The market price for our ADSs may be volatile.***

The market price for our ADSs may be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to factors including the following:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly operating results;
- changes in financial estimates by securities research analysts;
- conditions in the Chinese insurance industry;
- changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other insurance intermediaries;
- announcements by us or our competitors of new products, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- addition or departure of key personnel;
- fluctuations of exchange rates between the RMB and U.S. dollar or other foreign currencies;
- potential litigation or administrative investigations;
- release of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on our outstanding ADSs or ordinary shares or sales of additional ADSs; and
- general economic or political conditions in China.

In addition, the securities market has from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are not related to the operating performance of particular companies. These market fluctuations may also materially and adversely affect the market price of our ADSs.

***We may need additional capital, and the sale of additional ADSs or other equity securities could result in additional dilution to our shareholders.***

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents and anticipated cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs for the foreseeable future. We may, however, require additional cash



resources due to changed business conditions or other future developments, including any investments or acquisitions we may decide to pursue. If these resources are insufficient to satisfy our cash requirements, we may seek to sell additional equity or debt securities or obtain a credit facility. The sale of additional equity securities could result in additional dilution to our shareholders. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased debt service obligations and could result in operating and financing covenants that would restrict our operations. We cannot assure you that financing will be available in amounts or on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

***Substantial future sales of our ordinary shares or ADSs in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the price of our ADSs to decline.***

Additional sales of our ordinary shares or ADSs in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause the market price of our ADSs to decline. As of May 31, 2008, we had 912,497,726 ordinary shares outstanding, including 270,535,460 ordinary shares represented by 14,241,773 ADSs. In addition, options to purchase 284,835,460 ordinary shares of our company were outstanding as of May 31, 2008. All ADSs are freely transferable without additional registration requirements under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act. Since the 180-day lock-up period of our initial public offering has expired, the remaining ordinary shares not represented by ADSs are available for sale subject to the volume and other restrictions as applicable under Rule 144 and Rule 701 under the Securities Act. Moreover, certain holders of our ordinary shares have the right to require us to register the sale of a total of 684,210,526 shares under the Securities Act. Sales of these shares in the form of ADSs in the public market under an effective registration statement could cause the price of our ADSs to decline. If any existing shareholder or shareholders sell a substantial amount of ordinary shares, the market price of our ADSs could decline.

***Our corporate actions are substantially controlled by our officers, directors and principal shareholders.***

As of May 31, 2008, our executive officers, directors and principal shareholders beneficially owned approximately 68.8% of our outstanding shares. These shareholders could exert substantial influence over matters requiring approval by our shareholders, including electing directors and approving mergers or other business combination transactions, and they may not act in the best interests of other minority shareholders. This concentration of our share ownership also may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company, which could deprive our shareholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of our company and might reduce the price of our ADSs. These actions may be taken even if they are opposed by our other shareholders.

***You may not have the same voting rights as the holders of our ordinary shares and may not receive voting materials in time to be able to exercise your right to vote.***

Except as described in this annual report and in the deposit agreement, holders of our ADSs will not be able to exercise voting rights attaching to the shares evidenced by our ADSs on an individual basis. Holders of ADSs may instruct the depositary to exercise the voting rights attaching to the shares represented by the ADSs. If no instructions are received by the depositary on or before a date established by the depositary, the depositary shall deem the holders to have instructed it to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to exercise their voting rights. You may not receive voting materials in time to instruct the depositary to vote, and it is possible that you, or persons who hold their ADSs through brokers, dealers or other third parties, will not have the opportunity to exercise a right to vote.

***You may not be able to participate in rights offerings and may experience dilution of your holdings as a result.***

We may from time to time distribute rights to our shareholders, including rights to acquire our securities. Under the deposit agreement for the ADSs, the depositary will not offer those rights to ADS holders unless both the rights and the underlying securities to be distributed to ADS holders are either registered under the Securities Act or exempt from registration under the Securities Act with respect to all holders of ADSs. We are under no obligation to file a registration statement with respect to any such rights or underlying securities or to endeavor to cause such a registration statement to be declared effective. In addition, we may not be able to take advantage of



any exemptions from registration under the Securities Act. Accordingly, holders of our ADSs may be unable to participate in our rights offerings and may experience dilution in their holdings as a result.

***You may be subject to limitations on transfer of your ADSs.***

Your ADSs are transferable on the books of the depository. However, the depository may close its transfer books at any time or from time to time when it deems expedient in connection with the performance of its duties. In addition, the depository may refuse to deliver, transfer or register transfers of ADSs generally when our books or the books of the depository are closed, or at any time if we or the depository deem it advisable to do so because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body, or under any provision of the deposit agreement, or for any other reason.

***You may face difficulties in protecting your interests, and your ability to protect your rights through the U.S. federal courts may be limited, because we are incorporated under Cayman Islands law, conduct substantially all of our operations in China and most of our directors and officers reside outside the United States. In addition, Cayman Islands securities laws provide significantly less protection to investors as compared to U.S. laws.***

We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands, and conduct substantially all of our operations in China through our wholly owned subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China. Most of our directors and officers reside outside the United States and some or all of the assets of those persons are located outside of the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for you to effect service of process within the United States upon these persons. It may also be difficult for you to enforce in U.S. courts judgments obtained in U.S. courts based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws against us and our officers and directors, most of whom are not residents in the United States and some or all of whose assets are located outside of the United States. In addition, there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Cayman Islands or the PRC would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts against us or such persons predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state and it is uncertain whether such Cayman Islands or PRC courts would be competent to hear original actions brought in the Cayman Islands or the PRC against us or such persons predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association and by the Companies Law (2007 Revision) and common law of the Cayman Islands. The rights of shareholders to take legal action against our directors, actions by minority shareholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors to us under Cayman Islands law are to a large extent governed by the common law of the Cayman Islands. The common law of the Cayman Islands is derived in part from comparatively limited judicial precedent in the Cayman Islands as well as from English common law, which has persuasive, but not binding, authority on a court in the Cayman Islands. The rights of our shareholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our directors under Cayman Islands law are not as clearly established as they would be under statutes or judicial precedents in the United States. In particular, because Cayman Islands law has no legislation specifically dedicated to the rights of investors in securities, and thus no statutorily defined private causes of action specific to investors in securities such as those found under the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in the United States, it provides significantly less protection to investors. In addition, Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to initiate a shareholder derivative action before the federal courts of the United States.

As a result of all of the above, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests through actions against our management, directors or major shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States.

***Our articles of association contain anti-takeover provisions that could have a material adverse effect on the rights of holders of our ordinary shares and ADSs.***

Our articles of association contain provisions limiting the ability of others to acquire control of our company or cause us to enter into change-of-control transactions. These provisions could have the effect of depriving our shareholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging third



parties from seeking to obtain control of our company in a tender offer or similar transaction. For example, our board of directors has the authority, without further action by our shareholders, to issue preferred shares in one or more series and to fix their designations, powers, preferences, privileges, and relative participating, optional or special rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption and liquidation preferences, any or all of which may be greater than the rights associated with our ordinary shares, in the form of ADS or otherwise. Preferred shares could be issued quickly with terms calculated to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. If our board of directors decides to issue preferred shares, the price of our ADSs may fall and the voting and other rights of the holders of our ordinary shares and ADSs may be materially and adversely affected.

***Because we do not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future, you must rely on price appreciation of our ADSs for any return on your investment.***

Although we have declared cash dividends in the past, we currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business. As a result, we do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Therefore, you should not rely on an investment in our ADSs as a source for any future dividend income.

Our board of directors has complete discretion as to whether to distribute dividends. Even if our board of directors decides to declare and pay dividends, the timing, amount and form of future dividends, if any, will depend on, among other things, our future results of operations and cash flow, our capital requirements and surplus, the amount of distributions, if any, received by us from our subsidiaries, our financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. Accordingly, the return on your investment in our ADSs will likely depend entirely upon any future price appreciation of our ADSs. There is no guarantee that our ADSs will appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which you purchased the ADSs. You may not realize a return on your investment in our ADSs and you may even lose your entire investment in our ADSs.

***We may be classified as a passive foreign investment company, which could result in adverse United States federal income tax consequences for U.S. Holders.***

We believe we are not a “passive foreign investment company,” or PFIC, for United States federal income tax purposes for our taxable year ended December 31, 2007. However, we must make a separate determination each year as to whether we are a PFIC (after the close of each taxable year). Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will not be a PFIC for our current taxable year ending December 31, 2008 or any future taxable year. A non-U.S. corporation will be considered a PFIC for any taxable year if either (i) at least 75% of its gross income is passive income or (ii) at least 50% of the value of its assets (based on an average of the quarterly values of the assets during a taxable year) is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income. The value of our assets generally will be determined by reference to the market price of our ADSs or ordinary shares, which may fluctuate considerably. If we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder held an ADS or an ordinary share, a U.S. Holder directly or indirectly owning the ADSs or ordinary shares would be required to (i) pay an interest charge together with tax calculated at maximum ordinary income rates on “excess distributions,” which are defined to include gain on a sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares, or (ii) so long as the ADSs or ordinary shares are regularly traded on a qualified exchange, elect to recognize as ordinary income each year the excess in the fair market value, if any, of the ADSs or ordinary shares held (or deemed held) by the holder at the end of the taxable year over such holder’s adjusted basis in such ADSs or ordinary shares and, to the extent of prior inclusions of ordinary income, recognize ordinary loss for the decrease in value of such ADSs or ordinary shares.



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULT OF OPERATIONS

*You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this annual report. This discussion may contain forward-looking statements based upon current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.*

### Overview

We are a leading independent insurance intermediary company operating in China. With 20,008 sales professionals and 259 sales and service outlets operating in 13 provinces as of May 31, 2008, our distribution network reaches some of China's most economically developed regions and some of the most affluent cities in China, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen. Our business has grown substantially in recent years. Our total net revenues increased from RMB143.7 million in 2005 to RMB246.5 million in 2006 and to RMB448.1 million (US\$61.4 million) in 2007, representing a CAGR of 76.6% in the three-year period. Our net loss was RMB6.7 million in 2005, and we achieved profitability in 2006 with a net income of RMB57.4 million (US\$7.5 million). Our net income for the year 2007 was RMB153.4 million (US\$21.0 million), representing an increase of 167.2% from 2006.

As an insurance agency and brokerage company, we do not assume underwriting risks. Instead, we distribute insurance products underwritten by domestic and foreign insurance companies operating in China, and provide certain insurance-related services to our customers—individuals and institutions that purchase insurance products through us. In addition, we also introduce customers to insurance companies, which then sell insurance products to them, either directly or through our affiliated insurance intermediaries. We generate revenue primarily from commissions and fees paid by insurance companies, typically based on a percentage of the premium paid by the insured. Commission and fee rates generally depend on the type of insurance products, the particular insurance company and the region in which the products are sold. Some of the commissions and fees are paid to us in the form of performance bonuses pursuant to written agreements between the insurance companies and us after we have achieved specified premium volume goals. Where there is no written agreement requiring payment of bonuses, insurance companies may pay us discretionary bonuses as a reward for achieving certain premium volume, loss ratio or renewal rate.

### Factors Affecting Results of Operations

Our financial condition and results of operations are primarily affected by the following factors:

- the overall premium growth of the Chinese insurance industry;
- the extent to which insurance companies in the PRC outsource the distribution of their products;
- premium rate levels and commission and fee rates;
- the size and productivity of our sale force;
- commission rates for individual sales agents;
- product and service mix;
- share-based compensation expenses;



- acquisitions; and
- seasonality.

### **The Overall Premium Growth of the Chinese Insurance Industry**

The Chinese insurance industry has grown substantially in recent years. Between 2001 and 2007, total insurance premiums increased from RMB212 billion to RMB704 billion, representing a compound annual growth rate of 22.1%, according to data published by the CIRC. We believe that certain macroeconomic and demographic factors, such as per capita GDP growth and aging of the population, have contributed to and will continue to drive the growth of the Chinese insurance industry.

We derive our revenue primarily from commissions and fees paid by insurance companies, typically calculated as a percentage of premiums paid by our customers to the insurance companies. Accordingly, continued industry-wide premium growth will have a positive impact on us. However, there is no assurance that the growth trend will continue. Any downturn in the Chinese insurance industry, whether caused by a general slowdown of the PRC economy or otherwise, may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

### **The Extent to Which Insurance Companies in the PRC Outsource the Distribution of Their Products**

Historically, insurance companies in the PRC have relied primarily on their exclusive individual sales agents and direct sales force to sell their products. Only in recent years, as a result of increased competition, have some insurance companies gradually expanded their distribution channels to include insurance intermediaries such as commercial banks, postal offices, insurance agencies and insurance brokerages. In addition, because of a lack of established distribution network of their own, some newly established insurance companies have chosen to rely primarily on insurance intermediaries to distribute their products while they focus on other aspects of their business.

As insurance companies in the PRC become more accustomed to outsourcing the distribution of their products to insurance intermediaries, they may allow insurance intermediaries to distribute a wider variety of insurance products and may provide more monetary incentives to more productive and effective insurance intermediaries. These and other similar measures designed to boost sales through insurance intermediaries will have a positive impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

### **Premium Rate Levels and Commission and Fee Rates**

Because the commissions and fees we receive from insurance companies are generally calculated as a percentage of premiums paid by our customers to the insurance companies, our revenue and results of operations are affected by premium rate levels and commission and fee rates. Premium rate levels and commission and fee rates can change based on the prevailing economic conditions, competitive and regulatory landscape, and other factors that affect insurance companies. These other factors include the ability of insurance companies to place new business, underwriting and non-underwriting profits of insurance companies, consumer demand for insurance products, the availability of comparable products from other insurance companies at a lower cost, and the tax deductibility of commissions and fees. In addition, premium rates for certain insurance products, such as the mandatory automobile liability insurance that each automobile owner in the PRC is legally required to purchase, are tightly regulated by the CIRC. In some instance, we can negotiate for better rates as an incentive for generating larger volume of business.

Since China's entry into the WTO in December 2001, competition among insurance companies has intensified as a result of a significant increase in the number of insurance companies and the existing insurance companies' expansion into new geographic markets. This competition has led to a gradual increase in the commission and fee rates offered to insurance intermediaries, and such increase has had a positive impact on our results of operations. Meanwhile, the intense competition among insurance companies also has led to a gradual



decline in premium rate levels of some property and casualty insurance products. While such decline has had a negative impact on the commissions and fees we earned on a per policy sold basis, it also may have had a positive impact on our total commissions and fees revenue by increasing demand for, and our total sales volume of, those policies.

### **The Size and Productivity of Our Sale Force**

As a distributor of insurance products, we generate revenue primarily through our sales force, which consists of individual sales agents in our distribution network and a relatively small number of in-house sales representatives. The size of our sales force and its productivity, as measured by the average number of insurance products sold per person, the average premium per product sold and the average premiums generated per person during any specified period, directly affect our revenue and results of operations. In recent years, some entrepreneurial management staffs or senior sales agents of major insurance companies in China have chosen to leave their employers or principals and become independent agents. We refer to these independent agents as “entrepreneurial agents.” An entrepreneurial agent is usually able to assemble and lead a team of sales agents. We have been actively recruiting and will continue to recruit entrepreneurial agents to join our distribution network as our sales agents. Entrepreneurial agents have been instrumental to the development of our life insurance business.

### **Commission Rates for Individual Sales Agents**

A large component of our operating costs and expenses is commissions paid to our individual sales agents. In order to retain sales agents, we must pay commissions at a level comparable to the commissions paid by our competitors. Competition for productive sales agents has been intense within the Chinese insurance industry and has led to a gradual increase in commission rates in recent years. The increase in commission rates has had a negative impact on our results of operations. If we are forced to further increase our commission rates for individual sales agents due to competition or otherwise, our operating costs and expenses will increase correspondingly.

### **Product and Service Mix**

We began distributing automobile insurance products in 1999 and expanded our product offerings to other property and casualty insurance products in 2002 and then to individual life insurance products in 2006. The property and casualty insurance policies we distribute are typically for one-year terms, with a single premium payable at the beginning of the term. Accordingly, we receive a single commission or fee for each property and casualty policy our customers purchase. In order for us to have recurring commission and fee revenue from property and casualty insurance products, our customers have to renew their policies or purchase new policies through us every year. Most individual life insurance policies we sell require periodic payment of premiums, typically annually, during a pre-determined payment period, generally ranging from five to 25 years. For such policies we sell, insurance companies will pay us a first-year commission and fee based on a percentage of the first year’s gross premiums, and subsequent commissions and fees based on smaller percentages of the renewal premiums paid by the insured throughout the payment period of the policy. Therefore, once we sell a life insurance policy with a periodic payment schedule, it can bring us a steady flow of commission and fee revenue throughout the payment period as long as the insured meets his or her premium payment commitment.

Because insurance companies pay us first-year commission and fee for most life insurance products at rates higher than those for property and casualty insurance products, we expect increased distribution of life insurance products will have a positive impact on our revenue. However, we will also incur a corresponding increase in operating costs because we pay our sales agents a higher commission and fee for distributing life insurance products. Accordingly, the operating margin attributable to life insurance products may not be as high as that for property and casualty insurance products, and may initially have a negative impact on our overall operating margin. We expect that the operating margin for life insurance products will improve because we only need to pay commissions to our sales agents for the first five years of a policy, but continue to earn renewal fees from the insurance company for the entire payment period of the policy, which could be up to 25 years.



## Share-based Compensation Expenses

Our historical results of operations have been materially affected by the share-based compensation expenses incurred. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, we incurred share-based compensation expenses of RMB56.5 million, RMB24.1 million and RMB5.0 million (US\$0.7 million), respectively. In order to attract and retain the best personnel for positions of substantial responsibility, provide additional incentive to employees, directors and consultants and promote the success of our business, we adopted a new share incentive plan in 2007. In October 2007, our board of directors voted to grant options under our 2007 share incentive plan to certain of our directors and employees to purchase an aggregate of 42,000,000 ordinary shares of our company at an exercise price equal to the offering price per ordinary share in our initial public offering. As we grant share options and other equity-based awards under our 2007 share incentive plan, we expect to incur additional share-based compensation expenses.

## Acquisitions

The professional insurance intermediary sector in China is still at an early development stage and highly fragmented. We believe this offers substantial opportunities for consolidation. We intend to grow our distribution network in part through selective acquisitions of high-quality independent insurance intermediary companies. In 2006, we, through our consolidated affiliated entities in the PRC, acquired majority interests in three insurance agencies. From the completion of our initial public offering in November 2007 to May 31, 2008, we, through our consolidated affiliated entities in the PRC, acquired majority interests in nine insurance agencies, one insurance brokerage and two insurance claims adjusting companies. We expect acquisitions to have a positive impact on our results of operations in the long run. However, acquisitions also involve significant risks and uncertainties. See “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Our Industry—If we fail to integrate acquired companies efficiently, or if the acquired companies do not perform to our expectations, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.” In addition, any write-down of goodwill due to impairment and the amortization of intangible assets acquired could have a negative impact on our results of operations. See “—If we are required to write down goodwill and other intangible assets, our financial condition and results may be materially and adversely affected.”

## Seasonality

Our quarterly results of operations are affected by seasonal variations caused by insurance companies’ business practices and consumer demand. Historically, insurance companies, under pressure to meet their annual sales targets, would increase their sales efforts during the fourth quarter of a year by, for example, offering more incentives for insurance intermediaries to increase sales. As a result, our commission and fee revenue for the fourth quarter of a year has generally been the highest among all four quarters. Business activities, including buying and selling insurance, usually slow down during the Chinese New Year festivities, which occur during the first quarter of each year. As a result, our commission and fee revenue for the first quarter of a year has generally been the lowest among all four quarters.

## Key Performance Indicators

### Net Revenues

Our revenues are net of PRC business tax. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, we generated net revenues of RMB143.7 million, RMB246.5 million and RMB448.1 million (US\$61.4 million), respectively. We derive net revenues from the following sources:

- commissions and fees paid by insurance companies, which accounted for 99.2%, 99.6% and 99.7% of our net revenues for 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively; and
- other service fees, which refers to fees paid by insurance companies for certain settlement-related services provided by us to the insured on behalf of the insurance companies and accounted for 0.8%, 0.4% and 0.3% of our net revenues for 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.



### Commissions and Fees

In 2005, 2006 and 2007, we generated commissions and fees of RMB142.5 million, RMB245.7 million and RMB446.9 million (US\$61.3 million), respectively. We derive commissions and fees from the distributions of the following insurance products:

- property and casualty insurance products, including automobile insurance products, commercial property and homeowner insurance products, individual accident insurance products, cargo insurance products, liability insurance products, construction insurance products and hull insurance products; and
- life insurance products, including individual endowment products, individual whole life and term life insurance products, individual education annuity products, health insurance products, universal insurance products and group life insurance products.

The following table sets forth our commissions and fees earned from the distributions of different insurance products, both in absolute amount and as a percentage of total commissions and fees, for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2005		2006		2007	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
	(in thousands except percentages)					
Property and casualty insurance products .....	142,520	100.0	225,027	91.6	400,954	54,966
Life insurance products .....	—	—	20,625	8.4	45,975	6,302
Total commissions and fees earned .....	142,520	100.0	245,562	100.0	446,929	61,268

Commissions and fees earned from property and casualty insurance products, in particular automobile insurance products, have been our primary source of revenue since our inception. With the continued growth in automobile sales and private car ownership in China, we expect automobile insurance products to continue to be a major contributor to our net revenues. We began distributing individual life insurance products in 2006 and expect commissions and fees from life insurance products to constitute an increasingly significant portion of our net revenues in the next several years.

The commissions and fees we receive are based on a percentage of the premiums paid by the insured. Commission and fee rates generally depend on the type of insurance products, the particular insurance company and the region in which the insurance products are sold. We typically receive payment of the commissions and fees from insurance companies on a monthly basis. Some of the fees are paid to us annually or semi-annually in the form of performance bonuses after we have achieved specified premium volume or policy renewal goals as agreed upon between the insurance companies and us.

### Other Service Fees

In connection with the distribution of automobile insurance products, we provide some insurance-related services, such as damage assessment and claim settlement services, to the insured on behalf of insurance companies. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, we generated other service fees of RMB1.2 million, RMB0.9 million and RMB1.2 million (US\$167,000), respectively, for providing these services.

## Operating Costs and Expenses

Our operating costs and expenses consist of commissions and fees incurred in connection with the distribution of insurance products, selling expenses and general and administrative expenses. The following table



sets forth the components of our operating costs and expenses, both in absolute amount and as a percentage of our net revenues, for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,						
	2005		2006		2007		
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	
	(in thousands except percentages)						
Net revenues .....	143,699	100.0	246,549	100.0	448,145	61,435	100.0
Operating costs and expenses:							
Commissions and fees ...	(65,752)	(45.8)	(133,076)	(54.0)	(232,550)	(31,880)	(51.9)
Selling expenses .....	(5,527)	(3.8)	(11,288)	(4.6)	(9,514)	(1,304)	(2.1)
General and administrative expenses .....	(78,879)	(54.9)	(52,119)	(21.1)	(68,177)	(9,346)	(15.2)
Total operating costs and expenses .....	(150,158)	(104.5)	(196,483)	(79.7)	(310,241)	(42,530)	(69.2)

#### *Commissions and Fees*

We incur commissions and fees in connection with the distributions of insurance products. The commissions and fees that we incurred increased each year from 2005 to 2007 primarily as a result of increase in net revenues and increase in the size of our sales force. Commissions and fees incurred as a percentage of net revenues increased from 2005 to 2006, primarily due to the change in the composition of our sales force and commission rate increase caused by competition. In 2005, we started the transition from a sales model that relied exclusively on in-house sales representatives to one that relies principally on sales agents. By the end of 2006, our sales force was primarily composed of individual sales agents. Commissions and fees incurred as a percentage of net revenue decreased slightly from 2006 to 2007, primarily because the growth rate of commissions and fees we received from insurers is higher than that of the commissions and fees we paid to our sales agents. Sales agents as a percentage of our sales force increased slightly from 93.8% as of December 31, 2006 to 95.9% as of December 31, 2007. Commissions paid to individual sales agents on average are higher than commissions and base salary paid to our in-house sales representatives. We anticipate that our commissions and fees will continue to increase as we add more sales agents to our sales force and increase our distributions of insurance products.

#### *Selling Expenses*

Our selling expenses primarily consist of:

- employment benefits for our in-house sales staff;
- office rental, telecommunications expenses and office supply expenses incurred in connection with sales activities; and
- advertising expenses.

We expect that our selling expenses will continue to increase as we expand our distribution network in both existing markets and new geographic regions. As we grow in size, we also intend to spend more on marketing and advertising to enhance our brand recognition.

#### *General and Administrative Expenses*

Our general and administrative expenses principally comprise:

- share-based compensation expenses for managerial and administrative staff;
- salaries and benefits for our administrative staff;



- office rental expenses;
- travel expenses;
- professional fees paid for certain PRC tax planning, market research, legal and auditing services;
- depreciations and amortizations;
- entertainment expenses;
- office supply expenses for our administrative staff;
- foreign exchange loss; and
- compliance-related expenses, including expenses for professional services.

We expect that our general and administrative expenses will increase as we hire additional administrative personnel and incur additional costs in connection with the expansion of our business and with our becoming a publicly traded company, including costs to enhance our internal controls.

#### *Share-based Compensation Expenses*

Share-based compensation expenses were the largest component of our general and administrative expenses in each of 2005 and 2006, but constituted a smaller portion of our general and administrative expenses in 2007. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, we incurred share-based compensation only with respect to certain managerial and administrative staff and accordingly, allocated all share-based compensation expenses to general and administrative expenses. The following table sets forth our share-based compensation expenses, both in absolute amount and as a percentage of our general and administrative expenses, for the periods indicated.

	For the Year Ended December 31,						
	2005		2006		2007		
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$	
	(in thousands except percentages)						
General and administrative expenses .....	78,879	100.0	52,119	100.0	68,177	9,346	100.0
Share-based compensation expenses .....	56,501	71.6	24,142	46.3	5,037	691	7.4

Our share-based compensation expenses in 2007 were attributable to the grant of options to purchase 5,473,684 ordinary shares of our company (after giving effect to the 10,000-for-1 share exchange in July 2007) to our former chief financial officer on February 3, 2007 and to the grant of options to purchase an aggregate of 42,000,000 ordinary shares to certain directors, officers and employees of our company on October 30, 2007.

Our share-based compensation expenses of RMB24.1 million in 2006 consist of three elements. The first element is RMB3.6 million incurred in connection with our grant of options to purchase 3,421 ordinary shares of CISG Holdings to certain management staff under our 2006 share option plan. Pursuant to the subscription agreement, dated December 22, 2005, in connection with our private placement of 17,160 ordinary shares of CISG Holdings to CDH Inservice Limited, Mr. Qiuping Lai, our president, granted to the shareholders of CISG Holdings call options to purchase his entire shareholdings in Kingsford Resources Limited, a British Virgin Islands company that was then a direct shareholder of CISG Holdings, if CISG Holdings fails to achieve specified financial targets in 2005 and 2006. Because CISG Holdings has achieved those financial targets, Mr. Lai was entitled to retain his shareholdings in Kingsford Resources Limited and, as a result, we recognized share-based compensation expenses of RMB18.8 million in 2006. Finally, in connection with our waiver of certain performance goals for Sichuan Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Co., Ltd., an insurance agency we acquired in March 2006, we recorded share-based compensation expenses of RMB1.7 million.



Our share-based compensation expenses of RMB56.5 million in 2005 arose from the issuance of 6,655 CISG Holdings shares at par value to Kingsford Resource Limited, which was controlled by certain members of our senior management.

For more information about our share-based compensation expenses, please see note 18 to our audited consolidated financial statements included in this annual report.

## Taxation

We and each of our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities file separate income tax returns.

### The Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and Hong Kong

Under the current laws of the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands, we and our subsidiaries incorporated in the British Virgin Islands are not subject to income or capital gains taxes. In addition, dividend payments are not subject to withholding tax in those jurisdictions. Our subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong is subject to a profits tax rate of 17.5% of its assessable profits. According to the Hong Kong government's 2008/2009 budget proposal, which is subject to the Hong Kong Legislative Council's approval, it is proposed that the profit tax rate will be reduced to 16.5% for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Payment of dividends is not subject to withholding tax in Hong Kong.

## PRC

Pursuant to the PRC enterprise income tax laws in effect before January 1, 2008, most of our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China were subject to the standard enterprise income tax rate, which was 33.0% (30.0% of state income tax plus 3.0% of local income tax). Our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities located in Shenzhen, a special economic zone, were subject to an enterprise income tax rate of 15%. The enterprise income tax was calculated based on taxable income under PRC accounting principles. For some entities, the enterprise income tax is calculated based on the actual revenue at a deemed tax rate according to the local practices of the respective local tax bureaus in charge. In addition, our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China are subject to a 5.0% business tax on gross revenues generated from providing services and two additional fees, the city construction fee and the education fee, which are generally calculated at 7.0% and 3.0%, respectively, on business tax.

Pursuant to the Notice Regarding Certain Taxation Policy Issues Relating to the Reemployment of the Laid-off and Unemployed Persons, jointly issued by the PRC Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation and effective from January 1, 2003, a newly established enterprise in the service industry (with limited exceptions) will be entitled to an exemption from enterprise income tax for three years if at least 30% of its work force is composed of previously "laid-off or unemployed persons" and the enterprise has entered into employment agreements with these individuals with a term of more than three years. "Laid-off or unemployed persons" are defined in the notice to include primarily laid-off or unemployed persons who are former employees of state-owned enterprises. Existing enterprises in the service industry (with limited exceptions) are entitled to a 30% reduction of enterprise income tax if they meet similar hiring requirements. Some of our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in the PRC are entitled to an exemption from enterprise income tax for a period ranging from two to three years. The following table sets forth the entities that were entitled to the tax exemption under this notice for the periods specified.



<u>Entities Name</u>	<u>Tax Holiday Period</u>
Beijing Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd .....	January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007
Beijing Fanlian Investment Co., Ltd .....	January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2006
Beijing Fumin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ....	January 11, 2005 – December 31, 2007
Guangzhou Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Guangzhou Xiangxing Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.).....	January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2006
Guangzhou Zhongqi Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd. ....	March 14, 2005 – December 31, 2007
Beijing Ruisike Management Consulting Co., Ltd. ....	March 28, 2005 – December 31, 2007
Guangdong Kafusi Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd. ....	September 16, 2003 – December 31, 2005
Guangzhou Yian Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ....	January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007

The preferential tax treatments granted to our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in the PRC are subject to review and may be adjusted or revoked by relevant PRC tax authorities. The discontinuation of any preferential tax treatments currently available to us could cause our effective tax rate to increase, which could have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations.

On March 16, 2007, the National People's Congress of China enacted the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the EIT Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. On December 6, the State Counsel issued the Implementation Rules of the Enterprise Income Tax Law, or the Implementation Rules, which became effective on January 1, 2008. On December 26, 2007, the State Council issued the Notice on Implementation of Enterprise Income Tax Transition Preferential Policy under the EIT Law, or the Transition Preferential Policy Circular, which also became effective on January 1, 2008. According to the EIT Law, as further clarified by the Implementation Rules, the Transition Preferential Policy Circular and other related regulations, foreign-invested enterprises and domestic enterprises are subject to EIT at a uniform rate of 25%. The EIT rate of enterprises established before March 16, 2007 that were eligible for preferential tax treatments according to then effective tax laws and regulations will continue to enjoy such preferential tax treatments in the following manners: (1) in the case of preferential tax rates, for a five-year transition period starting from January 1, 2008, during which the EIT rate of such enterprises will gradually increase to the uniform 25% EIT rate by January 1, 2012; or (2) in the case of preferential tax exemption or reduction with a specified term, until the expiration of such term. An increase in the EIT rates for those entities pursuant to the EIT Law could result in an increase in our effective tax rate, which could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

## Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires us to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of our assets and liabilities and the disclosure of our contingent assets and liabilities at the end of each fiscal period and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during each fiscal period. We continually evaluate these judgments and estimates based on our own historical experience, knowledge and assessment of current business and other conditions, our expectations regarding the future based on available information and assumptions that we believe to be reasonable, which together form our basis for making judgments about matters that are not readily apparent from other sources. Since the use of estimates is an integral component of the financial reporting process, our actual results could differ from those estimates. Some of our accounting policies require a higher degree of judgment than others in their application.

The selection of critical accounting policies, the judgments and other uncertainties affecting application of those policies and the sensitivity of reported results to changes in conditions and assumptions are factors that should be considered when reviewing our financial statements. We believe the following accounting policies involve the most significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements.



### ***Revenue Recognition***

We recognize revenue when all of the following have occurred: persuasive evidence of an agreement with the insurance company exists; services have been provided; the fees for such services are fixed or determinable; and collectibility of the fees is reasonably assured.

Brokerage and agency services are considered to be rendered and completed, and revenue is recognized, at the time the insurance policy becomes effective, that is, when the signed insurance policy is in place and the premium is collected from the insured. We believe that we have met all the four criteria of revenue recognition when the premiums are collected by us or the respective insurance companies and not before, because collectibility is not ensured until receipt of the premium. Accordingly, we do not accrue any commissions and fees prior to the receipt of the related premiums. No allowance for cancellation has been recognized as we estimate that, based on our past experience, policy cancellations rarely occur. Any subsequent commission and fee adjustments in connection with policy cancellations, which have been de minimis to date, are recognized upon notification from the insurance companies. Actual commission and fee adjustments in connection with the cancellation of policies were approximately 0.1%, 0.1% and 0.1% of the total commission and fee revenues for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Other service fees include revenue from the provision of certain settlement-related services on behalf of the insurance companies. We recognize this type of revenue when the services are rendered.

In connection with the distribution of insurance products, our affiliated insurance agencies may receive performance bonuses from insurance companies pursuant to agreements between the insurance agency and the insurance company. Once the agency achieves its performance target, generally a certain sales volume, the bonus will become due. The bonus amount is calculated by multiplying the insurance premium volume by an agreed-upon percentage. In addition, we record discretionary bonuses as revenue when we receive them; in many cases, that is when insurance companies first notify us of the payment of the discretionary bonuses.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

We early adopted SFAS No. 123(R), which became effective on January 1, 2006. We treat all forms of share-based payments to employees, including employee stock options and employee stock purchase plans, the same as any other form of compensation and recognize the related cost in the statement of operations. Compensation cost related to employee stock option or similar equity instruments is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of stock options.

Determining the value of our share-based compensation expense in future periods requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including estimated forfeitures and the price volatility of the underlying shares. We estimate our forfeitures of our shares based on past employee retention rates and our expectations of future retention rates, and we will prospectively revise our forfeiture rates based on actual history. Our share compensation charges may change based on changes to our actual forfeitures. Our actual share-based compensation expenses may be materially different from our current expectations.

### ***Impairment of Goodwill and Long-lived Assets***

We are required to review our amortizable intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are required to be tested for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that these assets might be impaired. If we determine that the carrying value of our goodwill or acquired intangible assets have been impaired, the carrying value will be written down.

To assess potential impairment of goodwill, we perform an assessment of the carrying value of our reporting units at least on an annual basis or when events and changes in circumstances occur that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of our reporting units below their carrying value. If the carrying value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, we would perform the second step in our assessment process and record an impairment loss to earnings to the extent the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. We estimate the fair value of our reporting units through internal analysis and external valuations, which utilize



income and market valuation approaches through the application of capitalized earnings and discounted cash flow. These valuation techniques are based on a number of estimates and assumptions, including the projected future operating results of the reporting unit, appropriate discount rates and long-term growth rates.

The fair value of each reporting unit is determined by analysis of discounted cash flows. The significant assumptions regarding our future operating performance are revenue growth rates, discount rates and terminal values. If any of these assumptions changes, the estimated fair value of our reporting units will change, which could affect the amount of goodwill impairment charges, if any.

We have not recognized any impairment charge on goodwill and intangibles for the three-year period ended December 31, 2007. We are currently not aware of any impairment charge of the goodwill and intangibles.

### ***Income Taxes***

We recognize deferred income taxes for temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements, net operating loss carry-forwards and credits by applying enacted statutory tax rates applicable to future years. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in our opinion, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred income tax assets to an amount that we believe will more likely than not be realized. We have considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need and amount for the valuation allowance. In the event we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred income tax assets in the future in excess of our net recorded amount, an adjustment to our deferred income tax assets would increase income in the period such determination was made. Alternatively, should we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred income tax assets in the future, an adjustment to our deferred income tax assets would decrease income in the period such determination was made. Current income taxes are provided for in accordance with the laws of the relevant taxing authorities. The components of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are individually classified as current and non-current based on their characteristics.

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109” (“FIN 48”). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in any entity’s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, “Accounting for Income Taxes” and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. Under FIN 48, the impact of an uncertain income tax position on the income tax return must be recognized at the largest amount that is more-likely-than- not to be sustained upon audit by the relevant taxing authority. An uncertain income tax position will not be recognized if it has less than a 50% likelihood of being sustained. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006.

We have adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was RMB305,000. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a RMB305,000 increase in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits which was accounted for as an increase to the January 1, 2007 balance of accumulated deficit. As of December 31, 2007, we recognized liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits totaling RMB1.2 million (US\$0.2 million).

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 157, “Fair Value Measurement” (“SFAS No. 157”). SFAS No. 157 addresses standardizing the measurement of fair value for companies that are required to use a fair value measure of recognition for recognition or disclosure purposes. The FASB defines fair value as “the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market



participants at the measurement dates.” SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 157 on our consolidated financial position, cash flows, and results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, “The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities” (“SFAS No. 159”), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 159 will become effective for us on July 1, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 159 on our consolidated financial position, cash flows, and results of operations.

In June 2007, the Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) of FASB ratified EITF Issue 06-11 “Accounting for the Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share-Based Payment Awards” (“EITF 06-11”). EITF 06-11 provides that tax benefits associated with dividends on share-based payment awards be recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital. EITF 06-11 is effective, on a prospective basis, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. We are currently assessing the impact of EITF 06-11 on our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In June 2007, the EITF of FASB issued EITF Issue 07-3, “Accounting for Nonrefundable Advance Payments for Goods or Services Received for Use in Future Research and Development Activities” (“EITF 07-3”). EITF reached a consensus that nonrefundable advance payments to acquire goods or pay for services that will be consumed or performed in a future period in conducting research and development activities on behalf of the entity should be recorded as an asset when the advance payments are made. Capitalized amounts should be recognized as expense when the related goods are delivered or services are performed, that is, when the goods without alternative future use are acquired or the service is rendered. EITF 07-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of EITF 07-3. We do not expect that the adoption of EITF 07-3 will have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), “Business Combinations” (“SFAS No. 141R”). The objective of SFAS No. 141R is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a business combination and its effects. SFAS No. 141R is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 141R. We do not expect that the adoption of SFAS No. 141R will have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “Non-controlling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements” (“SFAS No. 160”). SFAS No. 160 amends Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, “Consolidated Financial Statements”, to establish accounting and reporting standards for the non-controlling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 defines “a non-controlling interest, sometimes called a minority interest, is the portion of equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent”. The objective of SFAS No. 160 is to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of the financial information that a reporting entity provides in its consolidated financial statements. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 160.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, “Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133” (“SFAS No. 161”). SFAS No. 161 changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity’s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. We are evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 161.



## Results of Operations

	For the Year Ended December 31,					
	2005	2005 to 2006 Percentage Change	2006	2006 to 2007 Percentage Change	2007	
	RMB	%	RMB	%	RMB	US\$
(in thousands except percentages)						
<b>Consolidated Statement of Operations Data</b>						
<b>Net revenues:</b>						
Commissions and fees .....	142,520	72.4	245,652	81.9	446,929	61,268
Other service fees .....	1,179	(23.9)	897	35.6	1,216	167
<b>Total net revenues .....</b>	<b>143,699</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>246,549</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>448,145</b>	<b>61,435</b>
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>						
Commissions and fees .....	(65,752)	102.4	(133,076)	74.7	(232,550)	(31,880)
Selling expenses.....	(5,527)	104.2	(11,288)	(15.7)	(9,514)	(1,304)
General and administrative expenses....	(78,879)	(33.9)	(52,119)	30.8	(68,177)	(9,346)
<b>Total operating costs and expenses .....</b>	<b>(150,158)</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>(196,483)</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>(310,241)</b>	<b>(42,530)</b>
<b>Income (loss) from operations .....</b>	<b>(6,459)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>50,066</b>	<b>175.4</b>	<b>137,904</b>	<b>18,905</b>
Other income (expense), net:						
Interest income.....	445	1,105.4	5,364	202.7	16,235	2,225
Interest expense .....	(19)	78.9	(34)	(26.5)	(25)	(3)
Others, net.....	(15)	*	5	*	(2)	—
<b>Net income (loss) before income taxes.....</b>	<b>(6,048)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>55,401</b>	<b>178.2</b>	<b>154,112</b>	<b>21,127</b>
Net income tax benefit (expense) .....	(672)	*	573	*	(3,178)	(436)
<b>Net income (loss) before minority interest .....</b>	<b>(6,720)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>55,974</b>	<b>169.7</b>	<b>150,934</b>	<b>20,691</b>
Minority interest.....	27	5,163.0	1,421	(70.6)	2,424	332
<b>Net income (loss) .....</b>	<b>(6,693)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>57,395</b>	<b>167.2</b>	<b>153,358</b>	<b>21,023</b>

\* Not meaningful for analysis because the percentage change is mathematically undeterminable or involves a change from income or benefit to loss or expense, or vice versa.

### **Year ended December 31, 2007 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2006**

**Net Revenues.** Our total net revenues increased by 81.8% from RMB246.5 million in 2006 to RMB448.1 million (US\$61.4 million) in 2007 primarily as result of:

- a 78.2% increase in commissions and fees derived from the distributions of property and casualty insurance products, from RMB225.0 million in 2006 to RMB401.0 million (US\$55.0 million) in 2007; and
- a 122.9% increase in commissions and fees derived from the distributions of life insurance products, from RMB20.6 million in 2006 to RMB46.0 million (US\$6.3 million) in 2007.

The increase in commissions and fees was mainly attributable to a significant increase in the number of sales agents in our distribution network, slightly higher commission and fee rates, higher productivity of sales agents and the establishment of four new affiliated insurance intermediary companies and the acquisitions of majority interests in three affiliated insurance agencies in 2006. The financial results of those newly established or acquired companies were more fully reflected in 2007. The total number of sales agents in our distribution network increased from approximately 8,170 as of December 31, 2006 to approximately 13,830 as of December 31, 2007.



Since we only started distributing life insurance products in January 2006 and had only limited resources to commit to selling life insurance products in 2006, the percentage increase of our commissions and fees from life insurance products was much larger than that from property and casualty insurance products.

Our other service fees were RMB1.2 million (US\$0.2 million) and accounted for 0.3% of our total net revenues in 2007.

### **Operating Costs and Expenses**

**Commissions and Fees.** Commissions and fees we incurred increased 74.7% from RMB133.1 million in 2006 to RMB232.6 million (US\$31.9 million) in 2007 primarily due to the increase in our sales volume. The percentage increase of our commissions and fees incurred is smaller than that of our commission and fee revenue primarily because, as our market share increased, we received higher commission rates from insurers, while the commission rates we pay to our sale agents remained relatively stable.

**Selling Expenses.** Our selling expenses decreased by 15.7% from RMB11.3 million in 2006 to RMB9.5 million (US\$1.3 million) in 2007 primarily due to decreases in advertising expenses as a result of our continued transition to a sales model that relies on sales agents.

**General and Administrative Expenses.** Our general and administrative expenses increased by 30.8% from RMB52.1 million in 2006 to RMB68.2 million (US\$9.3 million) in 2007 primarily due to an increase in headcount of administrative staff, expenses in connection with our initial public offering, foreign exchange loss in connection with dividend payment, and an increase in office expenses due to business expansion, offset by a decrease in share-based compensation expenses.

**Income from Operations.** As a result of the foregoing factors, our income from operations increased by 175.4% from RMB50.1 million in 2006 to RMB137.9 million (US\$18.9 million) in 2007.

**Other Income, Net.** Our other income, net increased significantly primarily due to a 202.7% increase in interest income from RMB5.4 million in 2006 to RMB16.2 million (US\$2.2 million) in 2007. The increase in interest income was mainly attributable to three factors: (1) higher interest rate, (2) the additional cash from our initial public offering completed on November 5, 2007, and (3) an increase in cash from operation.

**Net Income before Income Taxes.** As a result of the foregoing factors, our net income before income taxes increased by 178.2% from RMB55.4 million in 2006 to RMB154.1 million (US\$21.1 million) in 2007.

**Income Tax Benefit (Expense).** Our income tax expense in 2007 primarily consists of current tax expense of RMB2.1 million (US\$0.3 million), deferred tax expense of RMB(\*) (US\$35,000), and other tax expense of RMB0.9 million (US\$0.1 million). The increase in our income tax expense in 2007 was primarily due to expiration of tax holidays previously granted to some of our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities.

**Minority Interest.** Minority interest of RMB2.4 million (US\$0.3 million) in 2007 was primarily due to the losses incurred by several insurance agencies in which we hold majority interests.

**Net Income (Loss).** As a result of the foregoing, our net income increased by 167.2% from RMB57.4 million in 2006 to RMB153.4 million (US\$21.0 million) in 2007.

### **Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005**

**Net Revenues.** Our total net revenues increased by 71.6% from RMB143.7 million in 2005 to RMB246.5 million in 2006 primarily as result of:

- a 57.9% increase in commissions and fees derived from the distributions of property and casualty insurance products, from RMB142.5 million in 2005 to RMB225.0 million in 2006; and



- commissions and fees of RMB20.6 million in 2006 derived from the distributions of life insurance products.

The increase in commissions and fees derived from the distributions of property and casualty insurance products was mainly attributable to a significant increase in the number of sales agents and in-house sales representatives in our distribution network and the establishment of five new affiliated insurance intermediary companies in 2005, whose financial results were more fully reflected in 2006. We only started distributing individual life insurance products in 2006, and our commissions and fees from the distributions of life insurance products accounted for 8.4% of our total commissions and fees in 2006. The total number of sales agents and in-house sales representatives in our distribution network increased from approximately 2,730 and 380, respectively, as of December 31, 2005 to approximately 8,170 and 540, respectively, as of December 31, 2006.

Our other service fees decreased primarily because an insurance company cancelled the collection of certain premiums payable from us in 2005 that resulted in a corresponding recognition of other service fees in 2005. There were otherwise no significant changes in the fees generated from providing settlement-related services.

### *Operating Costs and Expenses*

*Commissions and Fees.* Commissions and fees we incurred increased 102.4% from RMB65.8 million in 2005 to RMB133.1 million in 2006 primarily due to the increase in the distributions of property and casualty insurance products and the commencement of our life insurance business in 2006. We did not engage in individual life insurance business in 2005 and therefore did not incur any commission or fee expenses for the distributions of life insurance products. The percentage increase of our commissions and fees incurred outpaced that of our commission and fee revenue primarily because individual sales agents, who generally earn a higher commission than our in-house sales representatives, constituted a higher percentage of our sales force in 2006 than in 2005. Individual sales agents as a percentage of our sales force increased from 87.9% at the end of 2005 to 93.9% at the end of 2006. In addition, the commencement of our life insurance business in 2006 also contributed to the faster increase in commissions and fees incurred, because the sale agents' commission rates for selling life insurance products are generally higher than for selling property and casualty products.

*Selling Expenses.* Our selling expenses increased by 104.2% from RMB5.5 million in 2005 to RMB11.3 million in 2006 primarily due to rapid sales growth and expansion of our distribution network. We established four new insurance agencies in 2006 and increased the number of distribution outlets from 19 at the end of 2005 to 144 at the end of 2006. The percentage increase of our selling expenses was more than the percentage increase of our net revenues primarily because we incurred significant initial expenses in connection with the establishment of new insurance agencies and distribution outlets.

*General and Administrative Expenses.* Our general and administrative expenses decreased by 33.9% from RMB78.9 million in 2005 to RMB52.1 million in 2006 primarily as a result of a decrease of RMB32.4 million in share-based compensation expenses, partially offset by an increase of approximately RMB5.6 million in other general and administrative expenses due to the overall growth of our business. For a detailed description of our share-based compensation expenses in 2006 and 2005, see “—Key Performance Indicators—Operating Costs and Expenses—Share-based Compensation Expenses.”

*Income (Loss) from Operations.* As a result of the foregoing factors, we achieved income from operations of RMB50.1 million in 2006, compared with a loss from operations of RMB6.5 million in 2005.

*Other Income, Net.* Our other income, net, increased significantly primarily due to an increase in interest income from RMB0.4 million in 2005 to RMB5.4 million in 2006. The increase in interest income was mainly attributable to the additional cash from the private placement with CDH completed in December 2005.

*Net Income (Loss) before Income Taxes.* As a result of the foregoing factors, we achieved net income before income taxes of RMB55.4 million in 2006, compared with a net loss before income taxes of RMB6.0 million in 2005.



**Income Tax Benefit (Expense).** Our income tax benefit in 2006 was primarily due to deferred tax credits of RMB1.5 million, offset by current tax expenses of RMB0.9 million.

**Minority Interest.** Minority interest of RMB1.4 million in 2006 was primarily due to our acquisitions of a majority interest in three insurance agencies and the establishment of three new insurance agencies and one limited liability company, in which we hold majority interests, in 2006.

**Net Income (Loss).** As a result of the foregoing, we had a net income of RMB57.4 million and a net margin of 23.3% in 2006, compared with a net loss of RMB6.7 million in 2005.

## Inflation

Since our inception, inflation in China has not materially impacted our results of operations. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the change of consumer price index in China was 1.8%, 1.5% and 4.8% in 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively. China's consumer price index during the first five months of 2008 increased by approximately 8.1% compared to same period in 2007. We can provide no assurance that we will not be affected in the future by higher rates of inflation in China. For example, certain operating costs and expenses, such as employee compensation and office operating expense, may increase as a result of higher inflation. Additionally, because a substantial portion of our assets consists of cash and cash equivalents, high inflation could significantly reduce the value and purchasing power of these assets. We are not able to hedge our exposures to higher inflation in China.

## Foreign Currency

The exchange rate between U.S. dollar and RMB was in a decline trend, from July 2005 when the average exchange rate was 8.2264 to December 2007 when the average exchange rate was 7.3681, which resulted in foreign currency translation losses when we translated our financial assets from U.S. dollar into RMB.

## Cash Flows and Working Capital

Our principal sources of liquidity have been cash generated from our operating activities and proceeds from sales of ordinary shares through private placements and our initial public offering. As of December 31, 2007, we had RMB1.5 billion (US\$211.8 million) in cash. Our cash consists of cash on hand and bank deposits with terms of 90 days or less. Our principal uses of cash have been to fund our working capital requirements, rental deposit, office renovation, purchases of automobiles and office equipment and acquisitions. Although we consolidate the results of our PRC affiliated entities, we do not have direct access to their cash and cash equivalents or future earnings. But we can direct the use of their cash through agreements that provide us with effective control of these entities. Moreover, we receive quarterly fees from some of these affiliated entities in exchange for certain consulting and other services provided by us. We expect to require cash to fund our ongoing business needs, particularly the further expansion of our distribution network through acquisitions and establishment of new insurance agencies and brokerages.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents and anticipated cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs, including our cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures, for at least the next 12 months. We may, however, require additional cash due to changing business conditions or other future developments, including any investments or acquisitions we may decide to pursue. If our existing cash is insufficient to meet our requirements, we may seek to sell additional equity securities, debt securities or borrow from lending institutions. Financing may be unavailable in the amounts we need or on terms acceptable to us, if at all. The sale of additional equity securities, including convertible debt securities, would dilute our earnings per share. The incurrence of debt would divert cash for working capital and capital expenditures to service debt obligations and could result in operating and financial covenants that restrict our operations and our ability to pay dividends to our shareholders. If we are unable to obtain additional equity or debt financing as required, our business operations and prospects may suffer.



The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flows for the periods indicated:

	For the Year Ended December 31,			
	2005	2006	2007	
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
		(in thousands)		
Net cash generated from operating activities .....	71,961	53,936	167,375	22,946
Net cash (used in) generated from investing activities	(85,954)	(2,411)	63,214	8,665
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities	159,599	(2,149)	1,111,273	152,342
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents .....	145,606	49,376	1,341,862	183,953
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	29,123	174,634	223,926	30,698
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year .....	174,634	223,926	1,544,817	211,775

### *Operating Activities*

Net cash generated from operating activities amounted to RMB167.4 million (US\$22.9 million) for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily attributable to (1) a net income of RMB153.4 million (US\$21.0 million); (2) a decrease of RMB8.4 million (US\$1.2 million) in accounts receivable primarily as a result of shorter settlement periods with insurers, (3) an increase of RMB6.8 million (US\$0.9 million) in other payable primarily due to an increase in annual audit fees payable for 2007 annual audit and professional fees payable in connection with our initial public offering, (4) an increase of RMB5.3 million (US\$0.7 million) in insurance premium payable primarily due to the increase in sales of insurance products, and (5) an increase of RMB13.0 million (US\$1.8 million) in other receivables, which negatively affected operating cash flow, primarily as a result of advances extended to entrepreneurial agents to help them establish sales teams.

Net cash generated from operating activities amounted to RMB53.9 million in 2006, primarily attributable to (1) a net income of RMB57.4 million, (2) share-based compensation expenses of RMB24.1 million, which did not affect our operating cash flow, (3) an increase of RMB16.5 million in accounts receivable as a result of an increase in sales, particularly sales in the fourth quarter for which payment had not been received by the end of 2006, which negatively affected operating cash flow, and (4) an increase in other receivables of RMB11.0 million, primarily representing advances extended to entrepreneurial agents to help them establish sales teams, which negatively affected operating cash flow.

Net cash generated from operating activities in 2005 was RMB72.0 million, primarily attributable to (1) a net loss of RMB6.7 million, (2) share-based compensation expenses of RMB56.5 million, which did not affect our operating cash flow, (3) an increase of RMB12.8 million in accounts payable, as a result of a growth in sales generated by increased number of sales agents compensated by commissions payable only when we receive payments from insurance companies, (4) a decrease of RMB6.3 million in other receivables, primarily due to repayment of working-capital advances to regional managers used to fund the development of agent distribution networks, and (5) an increase of RMB5.4 million in accounts receivable, which increase negatively affected cash flow, in line with a growth in sales.

### *Investing Activities*

Net cash generated from investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 was RMB63.2 million (US\$8.7 million), primarily attributable to repayments of advances totaling RMB79.0 million (US\$10.8 million) previously made to China United Financial Services and one of its subsidiaries, as well as an entity controlled by our chief executive officer and our president, partially offset by (1) purchases of property, plant and equipment totaling RMB5.4 million (US\$0.7 million), (2) an increase of RMB5.3 million (US\$0.7 million) in restricted cash set aside for settling the insurance premium payable, and (3) deposit paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment totaling RMB4.8 million (US\$0.7 million).

Net cash used in investing activities in 2006 was RMB2.4 million, primarily attributable to (1) payment of the purchase price for the acquisition of majority interests in three insurance agencies totaling RMB8.1 million, (2) the purchase of automobiles and office equipment and leasehold improvement in an amount of RMB6.3 million and (3)



advances, net of repayments, amounting to RMB7.7 million primarily to certain subsidiaries of China United Financial Services and an entity controlled by our chief executive officer and our president, partially offset by a refund of RMB20.0 million in deposit paid in connection with a proposed acquisition that was subsequently abandoned.

Net cash used in investing activities was RMB86.0 million in 2005, resulting primarily from (1) advances, net of repayments, totaling RMB59.3 million to certain subsidiaries of China United Financial Services and to our chief executive officer and our president and (2) the deposit of RMB20.0 million paid in connection with a proposed acquisition that was subsequently abandoned.

### ***Financing Activities***

Net cash generated from financing activities was RMB1.1 billion (US\$152.3 million) for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily attributable to (1) net proceeds from our initial public offering in the amount of RMB1.2 billion (US\$171.1 million) and (2) an increase in minority interests totaling RMB6.8 million (US\$0.9 million) as a result of establishment of new majority-owned insurance agencies, partially offset by (1) payment of previously declared but unpaid dividends totaling RMB140 million (US\$19.2 million) and (2) repayments totaling RMB3.3 million (US\$0.5 million) of amounts payable to minority shareholders of Sichuan Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. and Hebei Anxin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd., which we acquired in 2006.

Net cash used in financing activities was RMB2.1 million in 2006, primarily attributable to (1) RMB5.0 million repayment of a loan from an unrelated third party and (2) net repayments totaling RMB4.2 million to certain subsidiaries of China United Financial Services for working capital purposes, partially offset by an increase of RMB6.2 million in minority interest due to establishment of four new majority-owned insurance agencies and one limited liability company and acquisitions of majority interests in three insurance agencies.

Net cash generated from financing activities amounted to RMB159.6 million in 2005, primarily as a result of the proceeds from the private placement of CISG Holdings's ordinary shares to CDH.

### ***Capital Expenditures***

We incurred capital expenditures of RMB2.8 million, RMB6.3 million and RMB5.4 million (US\$0.7 million) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. Our capital expenditures have been used primarily to purchase automobiles and office equipment for newly established insurance intermediary companies. We estimate that our capital expenditures will increase significantly in 2008 as we further expand our distribution network and improve our unified operating platform.

### ***Holding Company Structure***

We are a holding company with no material operations of our own. We conduct our operations primarily through our wholly owned subsidiaries in China and our consolidated affiliated entities, Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment, and their subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to pay dividends and to finance any debt we may incur depends upon dividends paid by our wholly owned subsidiaries and consulting and service fees paid by the subsidiaries of Meidiya Investment and Yihe Investment. If our wholly owned subsidiaries or any newly formed subsidiaries incur debt on their own behalf in the future, the instruments governing their debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends to us. Our wholly owned subsidiaries are permitted to pay dividends to us only out of their retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. Under PRC law, each of our subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities in China is required to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits as reported in the PRC statutory financial statements each year, if any, to fund a statutory reserve until such reserve reach 50% of its registered capital, and to further set aside a portion of its after-tax profits to fund the employee welfare fund at the discretion of its board. Although the statutory reserves can be used, among other ways, to increase the registered capital and eliminate future losses in excess of retained earnings of the respective companies, the reserve funds are not distributable as cash dividends except in the event of liquidation of the companies. Furthermore, the EIT Law that took effect on January 1, 2008 has eliminated the exemption of enterprise income tax on dividend derived by foreign investors from foreign-invested enterprises and imposes on



foreign-invested enterprises an obligation to withhold tax on dividend distributed by such foreign-invested enterprises. Aggregate undistributed earning of our subsidiaries in the PRC that are available for distribution to us are considered to be indefinitely reinvested and accordingly, no provision for the withholding tax has been made. As of December 31, 2007, our restricted net asset was RMB363.1 million (US\$49.8 million), which is not eligible for distribution. This amount is composed of the registered equity of the our PRC subsidiaries and consolidated affiliated entities and the statutory reserves described above.

## Trend Information

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this annual report, we are not aware of any trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events for the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our net revenues, income, profitability, liquidity or capital resources, or that would cause the disclosed financial information to be not necessarily indicative of future operating results or financial conditions.

## Off-Balance Sheet Commitments and Arrangements

We have not entered into any financial guarantees or other commitments to guarantee the payment obligations of third parties. We have not entered into any derivative contracts that are indexed to our shares and classified as shareholder's equity, or that are not reflected in our consolidated financial statements. Furthermore, we do not have any retained or contingent interest in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support to such entity. We do not have any variable interest in any unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit support to us or that engages in leasing, hedging or research and development services with us.

## Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2007:

	Total	Payment Due by Period		
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years
		(in thousands of RMB)		
Long-term debt obligations <sup>(1)</sup> .....	160	103	57	—
Operating lease obligations .....	20,615	6,931	12,500	1,184
Total .....	<u>20,775</u>	<u>7,034</u>	<u>12,557</u>	<u>1,184</u>

(1) Excludes accrued interest.

Other than the contractual obligations and commercial commitments set forth above, we did not have any other material long-term debt obligations, operating lease obligations, purchase obligations or other material long-term liabilities as of December 31, 2007.

## Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

### Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to interest rate risk primarily relates to the interest rates for our outstanding debt and the interest income generated by excess cash invested in liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. As of December 31, 2007, our total outstanding loans amounted to RMB160,000 (US\$22,000) with interest rates varying from 4.2% to 6.3%. The loans are long-term automobile bank loans with fixed interest rates. Assuming the principal amount of the outstanding loans remains unchanged in 2008, a 1% increase in each applicable interest rate would add RMB1,538 (US\$224) to our interest expense in 2008. We have not used any derivative financial instruments to manage our interest risk exposure. Interest-earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk, and our future interest income may be lower than expected. We have not been exposed nor do we anticipate being



exposed to material risks due to changes in interest rates, because most of our borrowings bear fixed interest rates. However, our future interest expense may increase due to changes in market interest rates.

### ***Foreign Exchange Risk***

Substantially all of our revenues and expenses are denominated in RMB. Our exposure to foreign exchange risk primarily relates to cash and cash equivalent denominated in U.S. dollars resulting from a private placement completed in December 2005 and proceeds from our initial public offering. We do not believe that we currently have any significant direct foreign exchange risk and have not hedged exposures denominated in foreign currencies or any other derivative financial instruments. Although in general, our exposure to foreign exchange risks should be limited, the value of your investment in our ADSs will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and RMB because the value of our business is effectively denominated in RMB, while the ADSs will be traded in U.S. dollars.

The value of the RMB against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other things, changes in China's political and economic conditions. The conversion of RMB into foreign currencies, including U.S. dollars, has been based on rates set by the People's Bank of China. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government changed its decade-old policy of pegging the value of the RMB to the U.S. dollar. Under the current policy, the RMB is permitted to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. This change in policy has resulted in an approximately 16.9% appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar by June 19, 2008. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt an even more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and more significant appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar. To the extent that we need to convert U.S. dollars we received from our initial public offering into RMB for our operations, appreciation of the RMB against the U.S. dollar would have an adverse effect on the RMB amount we receive from the conversion. Based on the amount of our cash balance as of December 31, 2007, a 1.0% change in the exchange rates between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar would result in an increase or decrease of RMB10.7 million (US\$0.2 million) for our total amount of cash balance. We received net proceeds from our initial public offering of approximately US\$163.7 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and the offering expenses payable by us. Assuming that we had convert the full amount of the net proceeds from our initial public offering into Renminbi when we received them, a 1.0% change in the exchange rates between the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar would have resulted in an increase or decrease of RMB1.6 million (US\$0.2 million) of the net proceeds from that offering. Conversely, if we decide to convert our RMB denominated cash amounts into U.S. dollars amounts for the purpose of making payments for dividends on our ordinary shares or ADSs or for other business purposes, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the RMB would have a negative effect on the U.S. dollar amount available to us. We have not used any forward contracts or currency borrowings to hedge our exposure to foreign currency exchange risk

### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115" ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 provides companies with an option to report selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The standard requires companies to provide additional information that will help investors and other users of financial statements to more easily understand the effect of the company's choice to use fair value on its earnings. It also requires entities to display the fair value of those assets and liabilities for which the company has chosen to use fair value on the face of the balance sheet. SFAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year and also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS 157. The Company is currently evaluating whether the adoption of SFAS 159 will have a significant effect on its consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"), which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. This standard also responds to investors' requests for expanded information about the extent to which



companies measure assets and liabilities at fair value, the information used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measurements on earnings. The standard applies whenever other standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value. The standard does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating whether the adoption of SFAS 157 will have a significant effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, “Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements” (“SAB 108”). SAB 108 provides guidance on the consideration of the effects of prior year misstatements in quantifying current year misstatements for the purpose of a materiality assessment. SAB 108 establishes an approach that requires quantification of financial statement errors based on the effects of each on a company’s balance sheet and statement of operations and the related financial statement disclosures. The Company does not expect the adoption of SAB 108 to have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes — an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109” (“FIN 48”). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity’s financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, “Accounting for Income Taxes”, and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company does not expect the adoption of FIN 48 to have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

In June 2006, the FASB ratified the consensus on Emerging Issues Task Force (“EITF”) Issue No. 06-03 (“EITF 06-03”), “How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation).” EITF 06-03 provides that the presentation of taxes assessed by a governmental authority that is directly imposed on a revenue producing transaction between a seller and a customer on either a gross basis (included in revenues and costs) or on a net basis (excluded from revenues) is an accounting policy decision that should be disclosed. The provisions of EITF 06-03 will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company does not expect the adoption of EITF 06-03 to have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

### To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of CNinsure Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CNinsure Inc. and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) as of December 31, 2006 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders’ equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Group’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Group is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CNinsure Inc. and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits also comprehended the translation of Renminbi amounts into United States dollar amounts and, in our opinion, such translation has been made in conformity with the basis stated in Note 2. Such United States dollar amounts are presented solely for the convenience of readers in the United States of America.

/s/Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

Hong Kong

June 20, 2008



## CNINSURE INC.

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

*(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)*

	As of December 31,		
	2006	2007	2007
	RMB	RMB	US\$
ASSETS:			
<i>Current assets:</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents.....	223,926	1,544,817	211,775
Restricted cash .....	7,413	12,748	1,748
Accounts receivable .....	26,569	18,150	2,488
Insurance premium receivable .....	994	541	74
Other receivables, net (Note 4) .....	16,988	30,703	4,209
Amounts due from related parties (Note 14) .....	78,957	—	—
Other current assets .....	856	1,297	178
<b>Total current assets</b> .....	<b>355,703</b>	<b>1,608,256</b>	<b>220,472</b>
<i>Non-current assets:</i>			
Property, plant, and equipment, net (Note 5).....	9,741	11,148	1,528
Goodwill (Note 3) .....	7,042	9,165	1,257
Intangibles .....	4,471	4,325	593
Deferred tax assets (Note 10).....	2,365	1,936	265
Other.....	300	5,334	731
<b>Total assets</b> .....	<b>379,622</b>	<b>1,640,164</b>	<b>224,846</b>



## CNINSURE INC.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)

	As of December 31,		
	2006	2007	2007
	RMB	RMB	US\$
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>			
<b><i>Current liabilities:</i></b>			
Accounts payable .....	14,275	10,138	1,390
Insurance premium payable .....	7,413	12,748	1,747
Other payables and accrued expenses (Note 7) .....	12,139	20,945	2,871
Accrued payroll .....	4,902	6,949	953
Income tax payable .....	798	2,085	286
Amounts due to related parties (Note 14) .....	3,679	369	50
Dividend payable .....	32,000	—	—
Current portion of long-term borrowings (Note 9) .....	318	103	14
<b>Total current liabilities</b> .....	<b>75,524</b>	<b>53,337</b>	<b>7,311</b>
<b><i>Non-current liabilities:</i></b>			
Long-term borrowings (Note 9) .....	237	57	8
Other tax liabilities (Note 10) .....	—	1,160	159
Deferred tax liabilities (Note 10) .....	560	374	51
<b>Total liabilities</b> .....	<b>76,321</b>	<b>54,928</b>	<b>7,529</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)</b>			
<b>Minority interests</b> .....	<b>13,717</b>	<b>18,324</b>	<b>2,512</b>
Common stock (Authorized shares: 1,000,000,000 at US\$0.001 each; issued and outstanding shares: 650,000,000 at December 31, 2005 and 2006 and 912,497,726 at December 31, 2007) (Note 11) .....	5,073	7,036	965
Additional paid-in capital .....	369,781	1,621,064	222,228
Statutory reserves .....	24,279	47,903	6,567
Accumulated deficit .....	(109,370)	(87,941)	(12,056)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss .....	(179)	(21,150)	(2,899)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b> .....	<b>289,584</b>	<b>1,566,912</b>	<b>214,805</b>
<b>Total liabilities and owners' equity</b> .....	<b>379,622</b>	<b>1,640,164</b>	<b>224,846</b>



## CNINSURE INC.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2005	2006	2007	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
<b>Net revenues:</b>				
Commissions and fees.....	142,520	245,652	446,929	61,268
Other service fees.....	<b>1,179</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Total net revenues.....</b>	<b>143,699</b>	<b>246,549</b>	<b>448,145</b>	<b>61,435</b>
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>				
Commissions and fees.....	(65,752)	(133,076)	(232,550)	(31,880)
Selling expenses.....	(5,527)	(11,288)	(9,514)	(1,304)
General and administrative expenses*.....	(78,879)	(52,119)	(68,177)	(9,346)
<b>Total operating costs and expenses.....</b>	<b>(150,158)</b>	<b>(196,483)</b>	<b>(310,241)</b>	<b>(42,530)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) from operations.....</b>	<b>(6,459)</b>	<b>50,066</b>	<b>137,904</b>	<b>18,905</b>
Other income (expense), net:				
Interest income.....	445	5,364	16,235	2,225
Interest expense.....	(19)	(34)	(25)	(3)
Others, net.....	(15)	5	(2)	-
<b>Net income (loss) before income taxes.....</b>	<b>(6,048)</b>	<b>55,401</b>	<b>154,112</b>	<b>21,127</b>
Income tax benefit (expense).....	(672)	573	(3,178)	(436)
<b>Net income (loss) before minority interest.....</b>	<b>(6,720)</b>	<b>55,974</b>	<b>150,934</b>	<b>20,691</b>
Minority interest.....	27	1,421	2,424	332
<b>Net income (loss).....</b>	<b>(6,693)</b>	<b>57,395</b>	<b>153,358</b>	<b>21,023</b>
<b>Net income (loss) per share:</b>				
Basic.....	<b>(0.0139)</b>	<b>0.0883</b>	<b>0.2178</b>	<b>0.0299</b>
Diluted.....	<b>(0.0139)</b>	<b>0.0875</b>	<b>0.2143</b>	<b>0.0294</b>
<b>Net income (loss) per American Depositary Shares ("ADS"):</b>				
Basic.....	<b>(0.2780)</b>	<b>1.7660</b>	<b>4.3551</b>	<b>0.5970</b>
Diluted.....	<b>(0.2780)</b>	<b>1.7500</b>	<b>4.2858</b>	<b>0.5875</b>
<b>Shares used in calculating net income (loss) per share and ADS:</b>				
Basic.....	<b>482,770,000</b>	<b>650,000,000</b>	<b>704,273,232</b>	<b>704,273,232</b>
Diluted.....	<b>482,770,000</b>	<b>655,970,000</b>	<b>715,649,950</b>	<b>715,649,950</b>

\* Including share-based compensation expenses of RMB56,501, RMB24,142, RMB5,037 (US\$ 691) for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.



**CNINSURE INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)

	Share Capital		Additional Paid-in Capital RMB	Subscription receivable from shareholder RMB	Parent Company's Investment RMB	Statutory reserves	Accumulated deficit RMB	Accumulated other comprehensive loss RMB	Total RMB	Comprehensive income (loss) RMB
	Number of Share	Amounts RMB								
<b>Balance at January 1,</b>										
2005.....	411,850,000	3,214	142,910	—	—	3,148	(106,941)	—	42,331	
Issuance of common shares.....	238,150,000	1,859	204,476	(935)	—	—	(6,693)	—	205,400	
Net loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(6,693)	(6,693)
Provision for statutory reserves.....	—	—	—	—	—	8,670	(8,670)	—	—	
Foreign currency translation.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(95)	(95)	(95)
<b>Balance at December 31,</b>										
2005.....	650,000,000	5,073	347,386	(935)	—	11,818	(122,304)	(95)	240,943	(6,788)
Subscription receivable from Shareholders.....	—	—	—	935	—	—	—	—	935	
Share-based compensation..	—	—	22,395	—	—	—	—	—	22,395	
Net income.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	57,395	—	57,395	57,395
Dividends (note).....	—	—	—	—	—	—	(32,000)	—	(32,000)	
Provision for statutory reserves.....	—	—	—	—	—	12,461	(12,461)	—	—	
Foreign currency translation.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(84)	(84)	(84)
<b>Balance at December 31,</b>										
2006.....	650,000,000	5,073	369,781	—	—	24,279	(109,370)	(179)	289,584	57,311
Issuance of common share..	262,497,726	1,963	1,246,246	—	—	—	—	—	1,248,209	
Cumulative effect of adoption of FIN48 (Note 11).....	—	—	—	—	—	—	(305)	—	(305)	
Share-based compensation..	—	—	5,037	—	—	—	—	—	5,037	
Net income.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	153,358	—	153,358	153,358
Dividends(note).....	—	—	—	—	—	—	(108,000)	—	(108,000)	
Provision for statutory reserves.....	—	—	—	—	—	23,624	(23,624)	—	—	
Foreign currency translation.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20,971)	(20,971)	(20,971)



Balance at December 31, 2007	912,497,726	7,036	1,621,064	—	—	(47,903)	(87,941)	(21,150)	1,566,912	132,387
Balance at December 31, 2007 in US\$	965	965	222,228	—	—	6,567	(12,056)	(2,899)	214,805	18,149

Note: In 2006, dividend of RMB523 per share (before the effect of the 10,000-for-1 share exchange) was declared for distribution to CISG shareholders of record as of December 31, 2005. In March 2007, dividend of RMB585 per share (before the effect of the 10,000-for-1 share exchange) was declared for distribution to CISG shareholders of record as of December 31, 2006. In October 2007, after the issuance of new ordinary share on a 10,000 for-1 basis in exchange for CISG shares, the Company declared a dividend of RMB0.1023 per share for distribution to CISG shareholders that existed before IPO and the said dividend was fully paid in December, 2007.



## CNINSURE INC.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)

	At December 31			
	2005	2006	2007	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Net income (loss).....	(6,693)	57,395	153,358	21,023
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash generated from operating activities:</b>				
Depreciation .....	637	1,856	3,218	441
Amortization of acquired intangible assets.....	—	112	300	41
Minority interest.....	(27)	(1,421)	(2,424)	(332)
Compensation expense associated with stock options.....	56,501	3,562	5,037	691
Share-based compensation associated with performance commitment.....	—	20,580	—	—
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment.....	224	184	—	—
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>				
Accounts receivable .....	(5,360)	(16,509)	8,419	1,154
Insurance premium receivable .....	(414)	(126)	453	62
Other receivables.....	6,281	(11,031)	(12,966)	(1,777)
Other current assets.....	56	(721)	(441)	(60)
Accounts payable .....	12,801	1,450	(4,137)	(567)
Insurance premium payable .....	2,831	1,383	5,335	731
Other payables.....	2,660	(2,931)	6,781	930
Accrued employee benefit .....	2,094	1,053	2,047	281
Income taxes payable .....	143	568	1,287	176
Other tax liabilities.....	—	—	855	117
Provision for deferred taxes .....	227	(1,468)	253	35
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities .....</b>	<b>71,961</b>	<b>53,936</b>	<b>167,375</b>	<b>22,946</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Addition in other investment.....	—	—	(200)	(27)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment.....	(2,812)	(6,285)	(5,374)	(737)
Deposit paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment.....	—	—	(4,834)	(663)
Repayments from (advances to) third parties ...	(1,026)	1,026	—	—
Increase in restricted cash .....	(2,831)	(1,382)	(5,335)	(732)
Deposit (paid) refunded for acquisition of an entity .....	(20,000)	20,000	—	—


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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS—(CONTINUED)**
*(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR SHARES AND PER SHARE DATA)*

	At December 31			
	2005	2006	2007	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB	US\$
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired of RMB8,690 for December 31, 2006.....	—	(8,050)	—	—
Advances to related parties .....	(66,514)	(50,299)	—	—
Repayments from related parties.....	7,229	42,579	78,957	10,824
<b>Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities .....</b>	<b>(85,954)</b>	<b>(2,411)</b>	<b>63,214</b>	<b>8,665</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Bank loans raised .....	511	432	—	—
Repayment of bank loans.....	(866)	(531)	(395)	(54)
Increase in capital injection by minority interests .....	2,450	6,220	6,769	928
Advances from related parties.....	5,480	1,364	—	—
Repayments to related parties .....	(375)	(5,569)	(3,310)	(454)
(Decrease) increase in loan from third party.....	3,500	(5,000)	—	—
Proceeds from share issuances .....	148,899	935	1,248,209	171,114
Dividends paid .....	—	—	(140,000)	(19,192)
<b>Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities .....</b>	<b>159,599</b>	<b>(2,149)</b>	<b>1,111,273</b>	<b>152,342</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents ...</b>	<b>145,606</b>	<b>49,376</b>	<b>1,341,862</b>	<b>183,953</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year .....</b>	<b>29,123</b>	<b>174,634</b>	<b>223,926</b>	<b>30,698</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents .....</b>	<b>(95)</b>	<b>(84)</b>	<b>(20,971)</b>	<b>(2,876)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year .....</b>	<b>174,634</b>	<b>223,926</b>	<b>1,544,817</b>	<b>211,775</b>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Interest paid .....	20	34	25	3
Income taxes paid.....	302	325	784	107



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### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

(in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise stated)

#### (1) Organization and Description of Business

CISG Holdings Ltd (“CISG”) was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (“BVI”) on June 8, 2004. CISG undertook a separate restructuring in anticipation of an initial public offering (“IPO”) involving CNinsure Inc. (the “Company”) that was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on April 10, 2007 as a shell company for listing purpose. On July 31, 2007, prior to its IPO, the Company issued 684,210,526 ordinary shares to then the existing shareholders of CISG for exchange of their shares of CISG (“CISG”) on a 10,000-for-1 basis and thereafter, became the ultimate holding company of CISG. The Company and its subsidiaries and variable interest entities (“VIEs”) are collectively referred to as the “Group”. The Group is principally engaged in the provision of insurance brokerage and agency services in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

Current PRC laws and regulations place certain restrictions on foreign investment in and ownership of insurance agencies and brokerages. Accordingly, the Company conducts its operations in China principally through contractual arrangements among its PRC subsidiaries, two PRC affiliated entities and the equity shareholders of these PRC affiliated entities, who are PRC nationals. The contractual arrangements include a series of contracts entered into between the Company’s PRC subsidiaries and the equity shareholders of these PRC affiliated entities, including loan agreements, equity pledge agreements, irrevocable powers of attorney, exclusive purchase option agreements, technology consulting and service agreements and trademark licensing agreements. Through these contractual arrangements, the Company is entitled to: (1) receive service fees from the subsidiaries of these PRC affiliated entities; (2) exercise all of the voting powers of the owners of these PRC affiliated entities; (3) receive dividends declared by these PRC affiliated entities and their subsidiaries and (4) acquire all the equity interests of these PRC affiliated entities and their subsidiaries once PRC laws permit. As a result, the Company absorbs all of the expected losses and residual returns of these PRC affiliated entities and their subsidiaries. Under the requirements of Financial Accounting Standard Board (“FASB”) International No. 46 (Revised) “Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities” (“FIN 46 (R)”), these two PRC affiliated entities and their subsidiaries are considered as the variable interest entities (“VIEs”) of the Company. As the Company is the sole primary beneficiary of these VIEs, the Company consolidates them into its consolidated financial statements.

The exchange was accounted for as a reverse merger and the financial statements of the Company presents the historical results, assets and liabilities of CISG on the consummation of the reverse merger on the basis that CISG was the accounting acquiror. Prior to the exchange, the Company was a shell company which contained only insignificant amount of assets and liabilities. All shares and per share data of the Company have been retrospectively restated in these consolidated financial statements to reflect the impact of the shares exchange.

The following table summarizes the Group’s subsidiaries and VIEs as of December 31, 2007 presented herein.

Name of subsidiary and/or variable interest entity	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities	Issued share capital	Attributable equity interest to the Group
CISG Holdings Ltd.	British Virgin Islands (“BVI”), Limited Liability Company	Investment holdings	RMB6,482	100%
CNinsure Holdings Ltd.	BVI, Limited Liability Company	Investment holdings	US\$1	100%
Guangdong Meidiya Investment Co., Ltd.*	China, Limited Liability Company	Investment, investment consulting service and sales	RMB6,000	100%



Name of subsidiary and/or variable interest entity	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities	Issued share capital	Attributable equity interest to the Group
Sichuan Yihe Investment Co., Ltd.*	China, Limited Liability Company	Investment, assets management, financing and guarantee legally	RMB20,000	100%
Beijing Fanlian Investment Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Investment management service	RMB20,000	100%
Yiqiman Enterprise Management Consulting (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Technology development and financial consulting service	Hong Kong Dollar ("HKD") 78,837	100%
Haidileji Enterprise Image Planning (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Corporate Identity, product design and financial consulting service	HKD82,630	100%
Shenzhen Fanhua Nanfeng Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Management consulting service	RMB30,000	100%
Guangzhou Zhongqi Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Management consulting, marketing and internet information consulting	RMB1,300	100%
Beijing Ruisike Management Consulting Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Management consulting, investment consulting and financial consulting	RMB1,000	100%
Fujian Fanhua Investment Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Investment and financial consulting	RMB5,360	55%
Guangdong Nanfeng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 5,000	100%
Guangdong Kafusi Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency/ brokerage service, and risk management consulting service	RMB 10,000	100%
Guangzhou Yian Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency/ brokerage service	RMB500	100%
Guangzhou Xiangxing Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB2,010	100%
Guangdong Qicheng Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency / brokerage service, and risk assessment and management consulting service	RMB 5,000	51%



<b>Name of subsidiary and/or variable interest entity</b>	<b>Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity</b>	<b>Principal activities</b>	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Attributable equity interest to the Group</b>
Dongguan Nanfeng Jiayu Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB500	100%
Foshan Tuohua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB1,000	100%
Shenzhen Nanfeng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB500	100%
Beijing Fanlian Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service in Beijing	RMB5,000	100%
Beijing Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB500	100%
Beijing Fumin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB500	100%
Sichuan Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB2,000	100%
Sichuan Bocheng Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency / brokerage service, and risk assessment and management service	RMB5,000	100%
Sichuan Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Sichuan Xintai Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.)**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB2,000	70%
Fujian Xinheng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB2,050	55%
Hebei Anxin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency, and financial consulting service	RMB4,500	55%
Shandong Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 3,000	63%
Shanghai Fanhua Guosheng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 3,000	55%
Hunan Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 3,000	55%



Name of subsidiary and/or variable interest entity	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities	Issued share capital	Attributable equity interest to the Group
Guangzhou Desheng Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency / brokerage service, and risk assessment and management consulting Service	RMB 5,000	51%
Fuzhou Fanhua Lianxin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 1,010	28%
Jinan Fanrong Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 500	63%
Huaihua Jixiang Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.**	China, Limited Liability Company	Insurance agency service	RMB 500	30%
Shijiazhuang Fanhua Anxin Investment Co., Ltd.	China, Limited Liability Company	Investment holdings	RMB 8,000	55%

\* This entity represents a VIE that has been consolidated by the Company in accordance with FIN 46 ( R) because the Company absorbs all of the expected losses and residual returns of the entity and is the sole primary beneficiary.

\*\* This represents a subsidiary directly held by VIEs, Guangdong Meidiya Investment Co., Ltd. and Sichuan Yihe Investment Co., Ltd., both VIEs, which has been consolidated by the Company in accordance with FIN 46 (R) because the Company absorbs all of the expected losses and residual returns of the entity and is the sole primary beneficiary.

## **(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### ***(a) Basis of Presentation and Consolidation***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“US GAAP”). The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company, all its majority-owned subsidiaries and those VIEs for which the Company is the primary beneficiary, from the dates they were acquired or incorporated. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In addition, the Group consolidates VIEs for which it is deemed to be the primary beneficiary and absorbs all of the expected losses and residual returns of the entity.

### ***(b) Use of Estimates***

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management of the Group to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Significant accounting estimates reflected in the Group’s consolidated financial statements included the valuation of deferred tax assets, useful lives of property and equipment, impairment of goodwill; economic lives of intangible assets and allowances for doubtful receivables. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### ***(c) Variable Interest Entity***

VIE is an entity in which equity investors generally do not have the characteristics of a “controlling financial interest” or there is not sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. A VIE is consolidated by its primary beneficiary when it is determined that the primary beneficiary will absorb the majority of the VIE’s expected losses and/or expected residual returns.



#### ***(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and bank current deposits. Cash equivalents consist of bank deposits and short-term, highly-liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less.

In its capacity as insurance agent and broker, the Group typically collects premiums from insureds and remits the premiums or net premiums after deducting its authorized commissions to the appropriate insurance companies. Accordingly, as reported in the consolidated balance sheets, “premiums” are receivable from insureds. Unremitted net insurance premiums are held in a fiduciary capacity until disbursed by the Group. The Group invests these unremitted funds only in cash accounts held for a short term, and reports such amounts as restricted cash on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### ***(e) Accounts Receivable and Insurance Premium Receivable***

Accounts receivable and insurance premium receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. Accounts receivable represent agency and brokerage service fees receivable from customers or insurance companies. Insurance premium receivable consists of insurance premium to be collected from insurers. Amounts collected on accounts receivable and insurance premium receivables are included in net cash provided by operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows. The allowance for doubtful accounts is the Group’s best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Group’s existing accounts receivable. The Group determines the allowance based on historical write-off experience. The Group reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts regularly. Past due balances over 90 days and over a specified amount are reviewed individually for collectibility. Allowance for doubtful accounts for accounts receivable and insurance premium receivable for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007 were nil, respectively.

#### ***(f) Property, Plant, and Equipment***

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are calculated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives, taking into account any estimated residual value, which is based upon salvage value:

	<u>Estimated useful life (Years)</u>	<u>Estimated residual value</u>
Motor vehicles .....	5-10	0%-3%
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures .....	3-5	0%-3%
Leasehold improvements .....	5	0%

The amortization methods and estimated useful lives are reviewed regularly.

Depreciation expenses recognized in statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 were RMB637, RMB1,856, RMB3,218, respectively. Depreciation expenses of RMB164, RMB170, RMB220 were recorded in the selling expenses for the year ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively, and the remaining was recorded in general and administrative expenses.

#### ***(g) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

Goodwill represents the excess of costs over fair value of assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill and intangible assets acquired in a purchase business combination and determined to have an indefinite useful life are not amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually in accordance with the provisions of FASB Statement No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets”.

Identifiable intangibles are required to be determined separately from goodwill based on fair value. In particular, an intangible that is acquired in a business combination should be recognized as an asset separate from goodwill if it satisfies either the “contractual-legal” or “separability” criterion. The intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the intangible assets’ economic lives.



Separately identifiable intangible assets consist of the brand name, customer relationship, non-compete and agency agreements.

The weighted average economic lives and net carrying values are as follows:

		At December 31, 2007		
		Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying values
		RMB	RMB	RMB
Brand Name	Indefinite .....	2,829	—	2,829
Customer Relationship	9.2 to 9.8 years .....	1,233	167	1,066
Non-compete Agreement	3.2 to 3.8 years .....	568	231	337
Agency Agreement	9.2 to 9.8 years .....	107	14	93
		4,737	412	4,325

Aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets was nil, RMB112 and RMB300 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2007, the estimated amortization expense for the next five years is: RMB308 in 2008, RMB308 in 2009, RMB241 in 2010, RMB144 in 2011, RMB144 in 2012 and an aggregate amount of RMB351 in years thereafter.

#### ***(h) Other Assets***

Other current assets and other assets consist of prepayment and prepaid expenses.

#### ***(i) Other investments***

Other non-current assets represent 5% investments in equity security of private companies are measured initially at cost. If the Company determines a decline in fair value is other than temporary, the cost basis of the individual security is written down to fair value as a new cost basis and the amount of write down is accounted for as a realized loss. Determination of whether declines in value are other than temporary requires significant judgement.

#### ***(j) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets***

In accordance with FASB Statement No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets", property, plant, and equipment, and purchased intangible assets with definite life, subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. The management performed the annual impairment test for all intangible assets as of December 31, 2007 and concluded that no impairment occurred to their net carrying values as of December 31, 2007. Assets to be disposed of would be separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. The assets and liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale would be presented separately in the appropriate asset and liability sections of the balance sheet.

#### ***(k) Insurance Premium Payables***

Insurance premium payables are insurance premium collected on behalf of insurance companies but not yet remitted as of the balance sheet date.

#### ***(l) Income Taxes***

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards.



Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Deferred tax assets are evaluated and, if realization is not considered to be “more-likely-than-not,” a valuation allowance is provided.

In accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, “Accounting for Income Taxes”, the tax benefits associated with the utilization of pre-acquisition net operating losses carryforwards for which a valuation allowance was established at the date of the acquisition are recognized in the consolidated financial statements after the acquisition date as follows: (i) first to reduce to zero any goodwill related to the acquisition; (ii) second to reduce to zero other non-current intangible assets related to the acquisition; and (iii) third to reduce income tax expense.

#### ***(m) Share-based Compensation***

The Group has early adopted FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS 123(R)”) which was effective on January 1, 2006. All forms of share-based payments to employees, including employee stock options and employee stock purchase plans, would be treated the same as any other form of compensation by recognizing the related cost in the statement of operations. Compensation cost related to employee stock option or similar equity instruments is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. The Group uses the Black- Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of stock options and warrants.

Share-based compensation expenses of RMB56,501, RMB24,142, RMB5,037 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively, were included in the general and administrative expenses.

In addition, pursuant to the new subscription agreement dated December 22, 2005, a senior executive of the Company, Mr. Lai Qiu Ping (“Lai”), agreed to grant call options to the shareholders of the Company. The shareholders of the Company are entitled to require Lai to sell all of his shareholdings in a shareholder of CNinsure Inc., Kingsford Resources Limited (“Kingsford”), for a nominal consideration upon the failure to achieve specified performance milestones throughout 2006 as stipulated in the New Subscription Agreement. Based on the satisfaction of the performance milestones, Lai is entitled to remain his shareholding in Kingsford and accordingly, compensation expense of RMB18,833 were recognized for the year ended December 31, 2006, which was estimated based on fair value of the shares of CISG.

#### ***(n) Employee Benefit Plans***

As stipulated by the regulations of the PRC, the Group’s subsidiaries in the PRC participate in various defined contribution plans organized by municipal and provincial governments for its employees. The Group is required to make contributions to these plans at a percentage of the salaries, bonuses and certain allowances of the employees. Under these plans, certain pension, medical and other welfare benefits are provided to employees. The Group has no other material obligation for the payment of employee benefits associated with these plans beyond the annual contributions described above.

The contributions are charged to the statement of operations as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension scheme. For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006, and 2007, the Group contributed RMB759, RMB1,552, RMB2,386, respectively, to these plans.

#### ***(o) Revenue Recognition***

The Group’s revenue is derived principally from the provision of insurance brokerage and agency services. The Company recognizes revenue when all of the following have occurred: persuasive evidence of an agreement with the insurance company or insurance agency exists, services have been provided, the fees for such services are fixed or determinable and collectibility of the fee is reasonably assured.

Agency and brokerage services are considered to be rendered and completed, and revenue is recognized, at the time the insurance policy becomes effective, that is, when the signed insurance policy is in place and the premium is



collected from the insured. The Company believes that it has met all the four criteria of revenue recognition when the premiums are collected by the Company or the respective insurance companies and not before, because collectibility is not ensured until receipt of the premium. Accordingly, the Company does not accrue any commissions and fees prior to the receipt of the related premiums. No allowance for cancellation has been recognized as the management of the Group estimates, based on our past experience, that the cancellation of policies rarely occurs. Any subsequent commission adjustments in connection with policy cancellations which have been de minimis to date, are recognized upon notification from the insurance carriers. Actual commission and fees adjustments in connection with the cancellation of policies were 0.1%, 0.1% and 0.1% of the total commission and fees revenue for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. For property insurance and life insurance, the agency and brokerage Company may receive a performance bonus from the insurance company per contract provisions. Once the agency company achieves its performance target, typically a certain sales volume, the bonus will become due. The bonus amount is the insurance premium volume multiplied by an agreed-upon percentage. In addition, contingent commissions are recorded as revenue when received, which in many cases, is the Group's first notification of amounts earned.

Other service fee includes revenue from the provision of claims compensation services for the insurance carriers. Revenue is recognized when the services are rendered.

The Group represented revenue net of sales taxes incurred. The sales taxes amounted to RMB3,363, RMB2,453, RMB9,423 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Liabilities for loss contingencies, arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, and penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the assessment and/or remediation can be reasonably estimated.

#### ***(p) Contingent Consideration***

The Group has incorporated contingent consideration into the structure of acquisitions completed in 2006. These arrangements generally result in the payment of additional consideration or surrender of shares to the sellers upon the acquired entities' satisfaction of performance targets for years 2006 and 2007 as stipulated in the acquisition agreement.

Additional cash payments or surrender of shares which are determined to be additional purchase consideration will be accounted for as part of the purchase of the acquired entities when the outcome of the contingency is determinable beyond a reasonable doubt (see note 4), while those which are determined to be compensatory in nature will be recorded as compensation expenses and charged to the consolidated statements of operations. Compensation expenses for such arrangements were RMB1,747 and nil for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

#### ***(q) Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amounts of accounts receivable, insurance premium receivables, other receivables, accounts payable, amounts due from (to) related parties, insurance premium payables and short-term borrowings approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

#### ***(r) Foreign Currencies***

The functional currency of the subsidiaries and VIEs of the Group that are established in the PRC is Renminbi ("RMB"). Transactions denominated in other currencies are translated into RMB at the average rates of exchange prevailing during the year. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies are translated into RMB at rates of exchange in effect on the balance sheet dates. Nonmonetary assets and liabilities are remeasured into RMB at historical exchange rates.

The functional currency of the Company is United States dollars ("U.S. dollars"). The Group has chosen the RMB as its reporting currency. Assets and liabilities are translated using exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date and average exchange rates for the period are used for revenue and expense transactions.



Currency transaction gains and losses are recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. Translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders' equity.

***(s) Translation into United States Dollars***

The financial statements of the Group are stated in RMB. Translations of amounts from RMB into U.S. dollars are solely for the convenience of the reader and were calculated at the rate of US\$1.00 = RMB7.2946, on December 31, 2007, representing the noon buying rate in the City of New York for cable transfers of Renminbi, as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The translation is not intended to imply that the RMB amounts could have been, or could be, converted, realized or settled into U.S. dollars at that rate on December 31, 2007, or at any other rate.

***(t) Segment reporting***

The Group manages its business as a single operating segment engaged in the provision of insurance brokerage and agency services in the PRC. Substantially all of its revenues are derived in the PRC. All long-lived assets are located in PRC.

***(u) Earnings per Share***

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares /ADS outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by using the weighted average number of common shares /ADS outstanding adjusted to include the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding stock-based awards, unless their inclusion in the calculation is anti-dilutive.

***(v) Advertising Costs***

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs amounted to RMB178, RMB1,188, RMB253 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

***(w) Comprehensive Income (Loss)***

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) represents foreign currency translation adjustments and is included in the consolidated statements of shareholders' equity.

***(x) Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In September 2006, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement" ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 addresses standardizing the measurement of fair value for companies who are required to use a fair value measure of recognition for recognition or disclosure purposes. The FASB defines fair value as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement dates." SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Group is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS 157 on its consolidated financial position, cash flows, and results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS 159") which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instrument and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS 159 will be effective for the Group on July 1, 2008. The Group is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS 159 on its consolidated financial position, cash flows, and results of operations.

In June 2007, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") of FASB ratified EITF Issue 06-11 "Accounting for the Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share-Based Payment Awards" ("EITF 06-11"). EITF 06-11 provides that tax benefits associated with dividends on share-based payment awards be recorded as a component of additional paid-in



capital. EITF 06-11 is effective, on a prospective basis, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. The Company is currently assessing the impact of EITF 06-11 on its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In June 2007, the FASB issued EITF Issue 07-3, “Accounting for Nonrefundable Advance Payments for Goods or Services Received for Use in Future Research and Development Activities” (“EITF 07-3”). EITF reached a consensus that nonrefundable advance payments to acquire goods or pay for services that will be consumed or performed in a future period in conducting research and development activities on behalf of the entity should be recorded as an asset when the advance payments are made. Capitalized amounts should be recognized as expense when the related goods are delivered or services are performed, that is, when the goods without alternative future use are acquired or the service is rendered. EITF 07-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of EITF 07-3. It is not expected to have a material impact on the Company’s financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), “Business Combinations” (“SFAS No. 141R”). The objective of SFAS No. 141R is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a business combination and its effects. SFAS No. 141R is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 141R. It is not expected to have a material impact on the Company’s financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No.160, “Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Financial Statements” (“SFAS No. 160”). SFAS No. 160 amends Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, “Consolidated Financial Statements”, to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No.160 defines “a noncontrolling interest, sometimes called a minority interest, is the portion of equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent”. The objective of SFAS No. 160 is to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of the financial information that a reporting entity provides in its consolidated financial statements. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 160.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, “Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133”. This statement changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity’s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of SFAS No. 161.

### **(3) Acquisitions**

#### ***(a) Sichuan Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Company Limited***

On March 31, 2006, the Group acquired 82% of the outstanding common shares of Sichuan Fanhua Xintai Insurance Agency Company Limited (“Sichuan Xintai”) which is engaged in the insurance agency business in order to grow the Group’s business. The results of Sichuan Xintai’s operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since then. The aggregate purchase price was RMB10,190 of which RMB8,190 was paid by the end of 2006 and the remaining balance was recorded as amounts due to related companies, and is payable to the former shareholder of Sichuan Xintai. The purchase price was determined based on arms-length negotiations with the selling shareholders. Subject to the adjustment contingent upon Sichuan Xintai achieving certain financing results, the Group would give 12% shares of Sichuan Xintai to the selling shareholders at nil consideration. However, in September 2006, this contingency has been resolved as the management of the Group agreed to give the 12% shares to the selling shareholders of Sichuan Xintai even though the specified financial results have not been achieved.



The following table summarizes the 82% of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	<b>RMB</b>
Net tangible assets acquired.....	2,736
Intangible assets.....	1,964
Goodwill.....	5,352
Deferred tax asset.....	315
Deferred tax liability.....	(177)
Total consideration.....	<u>10,190</u>

The excess of purchase price, over tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. The acquisition was made based on the expected benefits that the acquired business will bring to the Group in the future by providing insurance brokerage and agency services to a new market in Sichuan province of the PRC.

The acquired intangible assets of RMB1,964, which have a weighted average economic life, are comprised of the following:

	<b>Economic life (Years)</b>	<b>Fair value acquired (RMB)</b>
Brand name.....	Indefinite	1,427
Customer relationship.....	9.8	303
Non-compete agreement.....	3.8	230
Agency agreement.....	9.8	4
Total.....		<u>1,964</u>

The following pro forma information summarizes the effect of the acquisition, as if the acquisition of Sichuan Xintai had occurred as of January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005. This pro forma information is presented for information purposes only. It is based on historical information and does not purport to represent the actual results that may have occurred had the Group consummated the acquisitions on January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations of the consolidated enterprises:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	<b>(unaudited)</b>
Pro forma net revenues.....	142,534	246,896
Pro forma income (loss) from operations.....	(6,870)	49,197
Pro forma net income (loss).....	(7,074)	56,537
Pro forma net income (loss) per share.....	(147)	870

***(b) Fujian Xinheng Insurance Agency Company Limited***

On June 30, 2006, the Group acquired 51.22% of the outstanding common shares of Fujian Xinheng Insurance Agency Company Limited (“Fujian Xinheng”) which is engaged in the insurance agency business in order to grow the Group’s business. The results of Fujian Xinheng’s operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since then. The initial purchase consideration was RMB1,050 in cash. The purchase price is subject to adjustment contingent upon Fujian Xinheng achieving certain financial results. Specifically, if Fujian Xinheng, achieves the performance targets, the Group will convert a RMB4,950 interest- free loan into common shares of Fujian Xinheng. The purchase price was determined based on arms-length negotiations with the selling shareholders.

At December 31, 2006, convertible loan of RMB2,000 was funded to Fujian Xinheng as working capital. On March 23, 2007, the Group signed the Memorandum of understanding and agreed to provide the remaining balance of



RMB2,950 to Fujian Xinheng and convert the interest-free loan into common shares of Fujian Xinheng although the performance milestones were not achieved. As a result of converting the loan into shares, the Group's interest in Fujian Xinheng will be increased to 55% effective in October 2007.

The following table summarizes the 51.22% of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	<b>RMB</b>
Net tangible assets acquired.....	618
Intangible assets .....	348
Deferred tax asset.....	143
Deferred tax liability .....	(59)
Total consideration.....	<u>1,050</u>

The consideration was settled by advances to Fujian Xinheng by The excess of purchase price, over tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. The acquisition was made based on the expected benefits that the acquired business will bring to the Group in the future by providing insurance brokerage and agency services to a new market in Fujian province of the PRC.

The acquired intangible assets of RMB348, which have a weighted average economic life, are comprised of the following:

	<b>Economic life (Years)</b>	<b>Fair value acquired (RMB)</b>
Brand name .....	Indefinite	169
Customer relationship .....	9.5	110
Non-compete agreement.....	3.5	48
Agency agreement .....	9.5	21
Total .....		<u>348</u>

The following pro forma information summarizes the effect of the acquisition, if the acquisition of Fujian Xinheng had occurred as of January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005. This pro forma information is presented for information purposes only. It is based on historical information and does not purport to represent the actual results that may have occurred had the Group consummated the acquisitions on January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations of the consolidated enterprises:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	<b>(unaudited)</b>
Pro forma net revenues .....	145,213	248,145
Pro forma income (loss) from operations .....	(7,327)	50,294
Pro forma net income (loss).....	(7,563)	57,628
Pro forma net income (loss) per share .....	(157)	887



On September 30, 2007, the Group acquired additional 3.78% of the outstanding common shares of Fujian Xinheng. The following table summarizes the 3.78% of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	<b>RMB</b>
Net tangible assets acquired.....	(59)
Intangible assets .....	154
Goodwill .....	2,123
Deferred tax asset.....	34
Deferred tax liability .....	(24)
Total consideration.....	<u>2,228</u>

The excess of purchase price, over tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. The acquisition was made based on the expected benefits that the acquired business will bring to the Group in the future by providing insurance brokerage and agency services to a new market in Fujian province of the PRC.

The acquired intangible assets of RMB154, which have a weighted average economic life, are comprised of the following:

	<b>Economic life (Years)</b>	<b>Fair value acquired (RMB)</b>
Brand name .....	Indefinite	57
Customer relationship .....	8.8	87
Non-compete agreement.....	4.0	4
Agency agreement .....	8.8	6
Total .....		<u>154</u>

### ***(c) Hebei Anxin Insurance Agency Company Limited***

On October 31, 2006, the Group acquired 55% of the outstanding common shares of Hebei Anxin Insurance Agency Company Limited (“Hebei Anxin”) which is principally engaged in insurance agency business in order to grow the Group’s business. The results of Hebei Anxin’s operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since then. As a result of the acquisition, the Group is expected to widen economies of scale. The aggregate purchase price was RMB7,970 of which RMB7,500 was paid by the end of 2006 and the remaining balance was recorded as amounts due to related companies and is payable to the former shareholder of Hebei Anxin. The purchase price was determined based on arms-length negotiations with the selling shareholders.

The following table summarizes the 55% of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	<b>RMB</b>
Net tangible assets acquired.....	4,349
Intangible assets .....	2,271
Goodwill .....	1,690
Deferred tax asset.....	21
Deferred tax liability .....	(361)
Total consideration.....	<u>7,970</u>

The excess of purchase price, over tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. The acquisition was made based on the expected benefits that the acquired business will bring to the Group in the future by providing insurance brokerage and agency services to a new market in Hebei province of the PRC.



The acquired intangible assets of RMB 2,271, which have a weighted average economic life, are comprised of the following:

	<b>Economic life (Years)</b>	<b>Fair value acquired (RMB)</b>
Brand name .....	Indefinite	1,177
Customer relationship .....	9.2	732
Non-compete agreement .....	3.2	286
Agency agreement .....	9.2	76
Total .....		<u>2,271</u>

The following pro forma information summarizes the effect of the acquisition, if the acquisition of Hebei Anxin had occurred as of January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005. This pro forma information is presented for information purposes only. It is based on historical information and does not purport to represent the actual results that may have occurred had the Group consummated the acquisitions on January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2005, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results of operations of the consolidated enterprises:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	<b>(unaudited)</b>
Pro forma net revenues .....	148,655	255,883
Pro forma income (loss) from operations .....	(6,664)	49,891
Pro forma net income (loss) .....	(6,841)	57,269
Pro forma net income (loss) per share .....	(142)	881

#### (4) Other Receivables

Other receivables, net is analyzed as follows:

	<b>At December 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
Advances to staff (note i) .....	3,109	7,802
Advances to entrepreneurial individual sales agents (note ii) .....	10,570	13,986
Advances to a third party (note iii) .....	—	800
Insurance claim receivable .....	262	77
Rental deposit .....	1,019	1,107
Interest income receivable .....	1,255	1,490
Others .....	773	5,441
Total .....	<u>16,988</u>	<u>30,703</u>

Notes:

- (i) This represented advances to staff of the Group for daily business operations which are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.
- (ii) This represented advances to entrepreneurial individual sales agents who provide services to the Group. The advances are used by entrepreneurial individual sales agents for team building in order to grow the Group's business. The advances are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.
- (iii) This represents advances to a third party, Guangdong Fangzhong Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co. Ltd., which will become a subsidiary of the Company in first quarter of year 2008. The advances are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.



## (5) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment, net, is comprised of the following:

	<b>At December 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures .....	3,499	6,086
Motor vehicles.....	8,464	9,305
Leasehold improvements .....	1,239	2,319
Total.....	13,202	17,710
Less: Accumulated depreciation .....	(3,461)	(6,562)
Property, plant and equipment, net .....	<u>9,741</u>	<u>11,148</u>

No impairment for property plant and equipment was recorded during the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007.

## (6) Variable Interest Entities

The equity interests in the VIEs were all funded by loans from the Group. However, in order to comply with certain PRC rules and regulations, the loans were structured such that the Chairman of the Board and certain employees acting as the Group's agent, entered into the contractual arrangements with the entities on the Group's behalf.

The arrangement with the VIEs has been structured such that the Group has a controlling interest over the VIEs through a series of related contractual arrangements including equity pledge agreements and loan agreements. As a result of these arrangements, the Group is the primary beneficiary of these entities as it absorbs substantially all of the VIEs' expected losses and receives substantially all of the VIEs' expected residual returns.

The VIEs are all principally engaged in the provision of insurance brokerage and agency services in the PRC.

The total assets, liabilities, net revenues, operating costs and expenses and net income of VIEs are as follows:

	<b>At December 31,</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
Total assets .....	153,181	150,195	212,379
Total liabilities.....	41,964	99,782	115,206
Net Revenues .....	142,437	138,570	250,224
Operating Costs and expenses .....	22,118	31,074	43,525
Net Income .....	<u>54,668</u>	<u>3,989</u>	<u>41,318</u>

## (7) Other Payables and Accrued Expenses

Components of other payables and accrued expenses are as follows:

	<b>At December 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
Business and other tax payable .....	2,365	3,260
Refundable deposits from employees and agents .....	4,862	6,188
Audit fee.....	500	4,013
Advances from third parties (note i) .....	—	2,025
Insurance compensation claim payable to customers .....	3,543	3,717
Others .....	<u>869</u>	<u>1,742</u>



	At December 31,	
	2006	2007
	RMB	RMB
Total.....	12,139	20,945

Note:

- (i) Advances from third parties were unsecured and interest-free.

### (8) Employee Benefit Plans

Employees of the Group located in the PRC are covered by the retirement schemes defined by local practice and regulations, which are essentially defined contribution schemes. The calculation of contributions for these eligible employees is based on 20%, 18%, 12% and 20% of the applicable payroll cost in Beijing, Guangzhou (Local staff and Non-local staff) and Sichuan, respectively.

In addition, the Group is required by law to contribute approximately 12%, 2% and 1% of applicable salaries for medical insurance benefits, unemployment and other statutory benefits, respectively, in Beijing, 8%, 2%, and 1.1% of applicable salaries for medical insurance benefits, unemployment and other statutory benefits, respectively, in Guangzhou, and 7.5%, 2% and 1.2% of applicable salaries for medical insurance benefits, unemployment and other statutory benefits, respectively, in Sichuan. The PRC government is directly responsible for the payments of the benefits to these employees.

For the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the Group contributed RMB759, RMB1,552, RMB2,386, respectively, to these plans.

### (9) Long-term Borrowings

The Group's long-term borrowings are related to automobile loans used by employees. The interest rate was between 4.185% and 6.3% per annum, which were in compliance with the regulations of The People's Bank of China. The aggregate maturities of bank borrowings for each of the three years subsequent to December 31, 2007 are RMB103 in 2008, RMB57 in 2009 and nil in 2010.

The Group's bank borrowings are secured by the pledge of the purchased cars. The net book value of the motor vehicles being pledged for the bank borrowings was RMB1,589 and RMB260 as at December 31, 2006 and 2007. The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings approximate the total of principal and interest.

### (10) Income Taxes

The Group is a tax exempted company incorporated in the British Virgins Islands. The Group's subsidiaries and VIEs incorporated in PRC are subject to foreign Enterprise Income Tax in the PRC. Under the current laws of the British Virgin Islands, the Group is not subject to tax on their income or capital gains. In addition, upon any payments of dividends by the Group to its shareholders, no British Virgin Islands withholding tax is imposed. The subsidiaries and VIEs operating in PRC are subject to taxation in PRC.

In accordance with "Enterprise Income Tax Law of PRC" and "Income Tax Law of China for Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises", all subsidiaries registered in PRC are subject to enterprise income tax ("EIT") at a rate of 33%. PRC subsidiaries located in Shenzhen are subject to EIT at a reduced rate of 15% according to the relevant tax incentives.

In addition to the above, pursuant to additional tax incentives, the following entities are entitled to an exemption from taxation for the periods specified as follows:

Entities Name	Tax holiday period
Beijing Fanhua Insurance Agency Co., Ltd.....	2005.1.1-2007.12.31



Beijing Fumin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ....	2005.1.11-2007.12.31
Guangzhou Zhongqi Enterprise Management Consulting Co., Ltd. ....	2005.3.14-2007.12.31
Beijing Ruisike Management Consulting Co., Ltd. ....	2005.3.28-2007.12.31
Guangzhou Yian Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ....	2005.1.1-2007.12.31#

# During the year ended December 31, 2007, the entity has extended its tax holiday period for one year from December 31, 2006 to December 31, 2007.

Under the newly promulgated PRC income tax laws, enacted in March 2007, which will become effective from January 1, 2008, various preferential tax treatments and incentives will be eliminated. The Group's deferred tax assets will be decreased by RMB149 and deferred tax liabilities will be decreased by RMB112 for the year ended December 31, 2006. For the financial year ended December 31, 2007, the Group's deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities have been adjusted for the change in the tax law as adjustments to income tax expense.

In June 2006, FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an interpretation of FASB Statement 109" ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 establishes a single model to address accounting for uncertain tax positions. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognizing, measurement classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. On January 1, 2007, the Group adopted the provisions of FIN 48.

As of January 1, 2007, the Group had RMB305 of liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits. If recognized, the portion of liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits that would decrease the Group's provision for income taxes and increase its net income is RMB305. The impact on net income reflects the liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits net of certain deferred tax assets. The adoption resulted in a cumulative impact to retained earnings of RMB305 as of January 1, 2007. As of December 31, 2007, the Group's liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits totaled RMB1,160 and are included in other tax liabilities. The total liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits and increase for the current period of these liabilities relate primarily to the allocations of revenue and costs among its operations.

The Group is subject to taxation in the PRC. The uncertain tax positions are related to tax years that remain subject to examination by the relevant taxable authorities. Based on the outcome of any future examinations, or as a result of the expiration of statute of limitations for specific jurisdictions, it is reasonably possible that the related unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions taken regarding previously filed tax returns, will materially change from those recorded as liabilities for uncertain tax positions in the Group's financial statements at January 1, 2007. In addition, the outcome of these examinations may impact the valuation of certain deferred tax assets (such as net operating losses) in future periods. However, based on the current lack of any examinations in progress, and the protocol of finalizing audits by the relevant tax authorities, it is not possible to estimate the impact of any amount of such changes, if any, to previously recorded uncertain tax positions. The Group's policy is that it recognizes interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of the date of adoption of FIN 48, the Group did not have any accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits, nor was any interest expense recognized during the current financial year ended December 31, 2007.

On March 16, 2007, the PRC promulgated New Law. Under the New Law which becomes effective from January 1, 2008. Under the New Law, all enterprises (both domestic enterprises and FIEs) will have one uniform tax rate of 25%. On December 6, 2007, the State Council of the PRC issued Implementation Regulations of the New Law. The New Law and Implementation Regulations have changed the tax rate from 15% to 18%, 20%, 22%, 24% and 25% for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 respectively for Shenzhen PRC subsidiaries. The deferred tax balance has been adjusted to reflect the tax rates that are expected to apply.

Income tax (expenses) credit are comprised of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2006	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Current tax expense.....	(445)	(893)	(2,070)
Deferred tax income (expense).....	(227)	1,466	(253)



Income tax benefit (expense), net .....	(672)	573	(3,178)
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The principal components of the deferred income tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	<b>At December 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Operating loss carryforward .....	3,499	3,942
Others .....	142	397
Total .....	3,641	4,339
Less: valuation allowances .....	(1,276)	(2,403)
Deferred tax asset, net .....	2,365	1,936
<b>Deferred tax liability:</b>		
Intangible assets, net .....	(560)	(374)
Total .....	1,805	1,562

Due to the uncertainty of the level of PRC statutory income and the Group's lack of operating history, management does not believe certain subsidiaries will generate sufficient taxable income such that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized. As such, a valuation allowance has been established for these deferred tax assets at December 31, 2006 and 2007. The Group had operating loss carryforwards of RMB12,649, RMB17,590 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, respectively. Such operating loss carryforwards expire five years after the Group incurs the loss unless utilised.

Reconciliation between the provision for income taxes computed by applying the PRC enterprise income rate of 33% to net income (loss) before income taxes and the actual provision for income taxes is as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>	<b>RMB</b>
Net income (loss) before income taxes .....	(6,048)	55,401	154,112
PRC statutory tax rate .....	33%	33%	33%
Income tax at statutory tax rate .....	(1,996)	18,282	50,857
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes:			
Entertainment .....	39	188	47
Salaries and employee's benefits .....	199	1,140	1,940
Compensation expenses in relation to contingent consideration .....	—	613	—
Others .....	—	178	21
Tax exemption and tax relief:			
Income tax at preferential tax rate of 15% .....	2,050	(120)	(2,877)
Impact of lower tax rates in other jurisdictions .....	20,355	7,467	3,526
Tax holidays .....	(20,132)	(29,640)	(52,965)
Change in valuation allowance .....	76	1,078	1,127
Tax rate change effect .....	—	—	1,457
Others .....	81	241	45
Income tax (benefit) expense .....	672	(573)	3,178

PRC income taxes that would have been payable without the tax exemption and tax relief amounted to approximately, RMB20,561, RMB30,535, and RMB52,865 for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. Basic and diluted net income per share for the year ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 would have been decreased to RMB0.0413 and RMB0.0409, RMB0.0413 and RMB0.0409, and RMB0.1413 and RMB0.1372, respectively.

Also, pursuant to "Enterprise Income Tax Law of PRC" and "Income Tax Law of China for Enterprises with



Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises” issued by national tax authority, accumulated losses incurred in prior years can be offset against taxable income starting from the year in which the entity generates taxable income, however, such net operating loss carry forwards expire in five years.

Aggregate undistributed earning of the Company’s subsidiaries in the PRC that are available for distribution to the Company of approximately RMB 141,382 as of December 31, 2007 are considered to be indefinitely reinvested under APB option No. 23, and accordingly, no provision for has been made fro the Chinese dividend withholding taxes that would be payable upon the distribution of those amounts to the Company. If those earnings were to be distributed or they were determined to be no longer permanently reinvested, the Company would have to record a deferred income tax liability in respect of those undistributed earnings of approximately RMB14,138.

### (11) Capital Structure

On July 13, 2007, the Company approved to issue 34,210,526 ordinary share upon exercise of options by the Company’s executives.

On July 31, 2007, the Company issued shares to the shareholders of CISG on the same date on a 10,000-to-1 share basis. All shares and per share data of the Company have been retrospectively restated in this consolidated financial statements to reflect the impact of the shares exchange.

On October 31, 2007, the Company issued 228,287,200 new shares to the public through IPO, representing 25% of total shares outstanding at December 31, 2007.

### (12) Income (loss) per share

The computation of basic and diluted income (loss) per common share is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2006	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB
<i>Basic:</i>			
Net income (loss) .....	(6,693)	57,395	153,358
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding .....	482,770,000	650,000,000	704,273,232
Basic income (loss) per common share .....	(0.0139)	0.0883	0.2178
Basic income (loss) per ADS .....	(0.2780)	1.7660	4.3551
<i>Diluted:</i>			
Net income (loss) .....	(6,693)	57,395	153,358
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding .....	482,770,000	650,000,000	704,273,232
Share options .....	—	5,970,000	11,376,718
Total .....	482,770,000	655,970,000	715,649,950
Diluted income (loss) per common share .....	(0.0139)	0.0875	0.2143
Diluted income (loss) per ADS .....	(0.2780)	1.7500	4.2858

### (13) Distribution of Profits

As stipulated by the relevant PRC laws and regulations applicable to China’s foreign investment enterprise, the Group’s subsidiaries and VIEs in the PRC are required to maintain non-distributable reserves which include a statutory surplus reserve and a statutory welfare reserve as of December 31, 2007. Appropriations to the statutory surplus reserve are required to be made at not less than 10% of profit after taxes as reported in the PRC statutory statements of the Company’s subsidiaries and VIEs. The appropriations to statutory surplus reserve are required until the balance reaches 50% of the registered capital of subsidiaries and VIEs. The statutory welfare reserve allocations are



determined based on management's discretion.

The statutory surplus reserve is used to offset future extraordinary losses. These reserves represent appropriations of retained earnings determined according to PRC law and may not be distributed. There are no appropriations to reserves by the Company other than the Company's subsidiaries and VIEs in the PRC during any of the periods presented. Amounts contributed to the statutory reserves were RMB24,279 and RMB47,903 as of December 31, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

#### (14) Related Party Transactions

The principal related party transactions for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 are as follows:

a) Amounts due from related companies:

	At December 31,	
	2,006	2007
	RMB	RMB
Amounts due from affiliated companies (note i).....	58,986	—
Amounts due from directors/officers (note iii).....	17,266	—
Amounts due from minority shareholders (note ii) .....	2,705	—
Total .....	78,957	—

Amount due to related companies:

	At December 31,	
	2,006	2007
	RMB	RMB
Amounts due to affiliated companies (note iv) .....	735	—
Amount due to a shareholder (note iii).....	369	369
Amounts due to minority shareholders (note ii).....	2,575	—
Total .....	3,679	369

b) The Group paid consultancy fees to a subsidiary of a shareholder, Beijing Dongfang Wenhua Consulting Limited, for obtaining consulting services provided, amounting to nil, RMB4,470, and nil for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Notes:

- (i) As of December 31, 2006, the amounts due from affiliated companies represent the funds advances to subsidiaries of China United Financial Services Holdings Limited ("CUFS"), a subsidiary of a shareholder of the Company, for working capital purposes amounting to RMB26,986 and a short-term loan to a company of which Mr. Hu and Mr. Lai have beneficial interests amounting to RMB32,000. These amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand, with the exception of a short term loan of RMB15,000 as of December 31, 2006 advanced to Guangdong Nanfeng Automobile Association Co., Ltd. ("Nanfeng Automobile Association"), a subsidiary of CUFS, for three months which has a maturity date of March 26, 2007 and bears interest at 1.71% per annum. For the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, interest income received from Nanfeng Automobile Association amounted to RMB3 and RMB61, respectively.

As of December 31, 2005, the amounts due from affiliated companies represented the funds advanced to CUFS subsidiaries for working capital purposes. These amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

- (ii) Included in the amount due to minority shareholders of VIEs as of December 31, 2006 was considerations payable of RMB2,470 in relation to the acquisition of Sichuan Xintai and Hebei Anxin. The remaining amounts due from (to) minority shareholders as of December 31, 2006 represented advances to or from minority shareholders of VIEs. These amounts are interest free and repayable on demand.



(iii) Amounts due from (to) shareholder and directors/officers of the Group are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(iv) Amounts due to affiliated companies are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

### (15) Commitments and Contingencies

The Group has several non-cancelable operating leases, primarily for office rent.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases (with initial or remaining lease terms in excess of one year) and future minimum capital lease payments as of December 31, 2007 are:

	<b>Minimum Lease Amount RMB</b>
Year ending December 31:	
2008.....	6,931
2009.....	5,359
2010.....	4,220
2011.....	2,921
2012.....	1,184
Total .....	<u>20,615</u>

Rental expenses incurred under operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 amounted to RMB2,891, RMB4,677, RMB7,926, respectively.

At December 31, 2006 and 2007, the Group had a commitment of RMB860 and RMB1,821, respectively in connection with acquisition of office equipment.

### (16) Concentrations of Credit risk

#### *Concentration risks*

Details of the customers accounting for 10% or more of total net revenues are as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>					
	<b>2005 RMB</b>	<b>% of sales</b>	<b>2006 RMB</b>	<b>% of sales</b>	<b>2007 RMB</b>	<b>% of sales</b>
PICC Property and Casualty Company Limited.....	69,897	49%	149,976	61%	148,879	33%
China Pacific Property Insurance Co., Ltd.....	*	*	*	*	68,240	15%
Ping An Property & Casualty Insurance Company of China, Ltd. ....	23,275	16%	25,880	11%	50,422	11%
Hua An Property Insurance Company Ltd. ....	17,879	12%	*	*	*	*
	<u>111,051</u>	<u>77%</u>	<u>175,856</u>	<u>72%</u>	<u>267,541</u>	<u>60%</u>

\* Less than 10%



Details of the customers which accounted for 10% or more of accounts receivable are as follows:

	At December 31,			
	2006 RMB	%	2007 RMB	%
PICC Property and Casualty Company Limited.....	13,152	50%	4,549	25%
Aviva-Cofco Life Insurance Co., Ltd. ....	2,986	11%	4,511	25%
	16,138	61%	9,060	50%

The Group performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and generally does not require collateral on accounts receivable. The Group places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions with high-credit ratings and quality.

Substantially all of the Group's revenue for the three years were generated from the PRC. A substantial portion of the identifiable assets of the Group are located in the PRC. Accordingly, no geographical segments are presented.

### *Currency risk*

Except for the proceeds from initial public offering are in USD, substantially all of the revenue-generating operations of the Group are transacted in RMB, which is not fully convertible into foreign currencies. On January 1, 1994, the PRC government abolished the dual rate system and introduced a single rate of exchange as quoted by the People's Bank of China. However, the unification of the exchange rate does not imply convertibility of RMB into United States dollars or other foreign currencies. All foreign exchange transactions must take place either through the People's Bank of China or other institutions authorized to buy and sell foreign exchange or at a swap center. Approval of foreign currency payments by the People's Bank of China or other institutions requires submitting a payment application form together with suppliers' invoices, shipping documents and signed contracts.

### **(17) Non-Cash Transactions**

The Group entered into the following non-cash activities:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005 RMB	2006 RMB	2007 RMB
Net assets (liabilities) acquired in connection with acquisitions of subsidiaries.....	—	7,703	(59)
Considerations payable in connection with acquisition of Sichuan Xintai and Hebei Anxin included in amounts due to related companies.....	—	2,470	—

### **(18) Share-based Compensation**

On July 31, 2007, prior to the IPO, the Company issued 684,210,526 ordinary shares to then the existing shareholders of CISG for exchange of their shares of CISG on a 10,000-for-1 basis and thereafter, became the ultimate holding company of CISG.

#### **2007 Options**

##### **(a) Option A**

On February 3, 2007, CISG granted options to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. David Tang to purchase 547 or 5,473,684 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) ordinary shares. The shares grant represents 0.8% of the issued share capital of CISG on a fully diluted basis upon full exercise of all outstanding options. The options vest over two-year period, with 40% of the options vest upon public listing of the Company and 30% on



each of the first and second anniversary of his employment. The options have an exercise price of RMB23,214 or RMB 2.3214 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) per share, equal to the fair value of CISG's share price at the grant date, as determined by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The management of the Company determined the value of the Company's share as of January 31, 2007, with the assistance of a third party valuation company. There is no intrinsic value of the option as of the date of grant. For the year ended December 31, 2007, share-based compensation expense of RMB1,841 was recognized in connection with 2007 Option A.

The assumptions used in determining the fair value of the options were as follows:

Weighted average assumptions—expected dividend yield.....	0%
Risk-free interest rate.....	2.71%
Expected life.....	5.6 years
Expected volatility.....	28.5%

At December 31, 2007, no options have been exercised. The expected term was estimated by taking into consideration the expiration period and the vesting terms. Expected volatility is estimated based on daily stock prices of comparable companies for a period with length commensurate to expected term.

On February 25, 2008, a resolution was passed to terminate the employment with Mr. David Tang. The effective day of the termination is April 1, 2008. An aggregate of 85% of options granted shall be vested to Mr. David Tang and immediately exercisable upon the termination of employment. The 133,300 share options granted before October 31, 2007 will also be immediately exercisable upon the termination of employment. All vested options to Mr. David Tang are deemed exercisable upon termination of employment and must be exercised prior to the valid date according to the grant documents. If not exercised prior thereto, the vested options shall be expired and no longer be exercisable.

#### (b) Option B

According to Board Resolution dated October 10, 2007, on October 31, 2007, the Company granted 42 million shares options (the "Options") to its employees to purchase common shares of CNinsure Inc. Exercise price is USD0.8 per share. 40% of the Options ("Option B1") are vested on March 31, 2009, 30% of the Options ("Option B2") on March 31, 2010, and remaining 30% ("Option B3") on March 31, 2011. The expiration date of the Options is March 31, 2014. The management of the Company determined the value of the Company's share as of October 31, 2007 to be equal to the IPO price, which result in no intrinsic value of the option as of the date of grant. For the year ended 2007, share-based compensation expense of RMB3,196 was recognized in connection with 2007 Option B.

The assumptions used in determining the fair value of the options were as follows:

	<u>Option B1</u>	<u>Option B2</u>	<u>Option B3</u>
Weight average assumptions – expected dividend yield.....	0%	0%	0%
Risk-free interest rate.....	3.81%	3.89%	3.97%
Expected life.....	3.92 years	4.42 years	4.92 years
Expected volatility.....	23.07%	23.29 %	24.20%

The following table summarizes information regarding share options issued within twelve months prior to December 31, 2007:

<u>Grant date</u>	<u>No. of shares underlying options granted</u>	<u>Exercise price</u>	<u>Fair value of ordinary shares</u>	<u>Type of valuation</u>
		<u>RMB</u>	<u>RMB</u>	
February 3, 2007	5,473,684	2.3214	2.3214	(1)
October 30, 2007	42,000,000	0.8741	0.8741	(1)

(1) The fair value was determined based on a contemporaneous valuation by an independent appraiser.



## 2006 Plan

In January 2006, CISG adopted the 2006 Stock Option Plan and granted 3,421 stock options to the Company's executives to purchase 3,421 or 34,210,526 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) ordinary shares at an exercise price of RMB8,741 or 0.8741 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) per share. The fair value of ordinary shares was RMB8,027 or 0.8027 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) per share at the date of the grant. The fair value was determined based on a retrospective valuation by an independent appraiser, using the discounted cash flow method, the income approach where by the present value of future expected net cash flows is calculated using a discounted rate. There is no intrinsic value of the option as of the date of grant. On December 31, 2006, all option holders for this group of options met the vesting requirements, and hence 3,421 options are fully vested as of December 31, 2006.

On the date of grant, the fair value of the options was determined to be RMB1,030 or 0.1030 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) per option using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The assumptions used in determining the fair value of the options were as follows:

Weighted average assumptions—expected dividend yield.....	0%
Risk-free interest rate.....	1.9%
Expected life.....	2.21 years
Expected volatility.....	24.8%

At December 31, 2006, no options have been exercised. The expected term was estimated by taking into consideration the expiration period and the vesting terms. Expected volatility is estimated based on daily stock prices of those comparable companies for a period with length commensurate to expected term.

During the year ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, share-based compensation expense of RMB3,562 and nil, respectively, was recognized in connection with 2006 Plan.

## Kingsford 2005 Shares

On January 8, 2005, CISG issued 6,655 or 66,550,000 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) shares, representing 13.91% of the then issued share capital of the CISG on a fully diluted basis to Kingsford at par value. Accordingly, share-based compensation expense of RMB56,501 was recognized in 2005 based on the fair value of the CISG's shares of RMB8,602 or 0.8602 (after the effect of 10,000-for-1 share exchange) per share as of the grant date. Fair value was determined based on the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

For the three years ended 2007, changes in the status of outstanding options were as follows (giving effects to the 10,000-for-1 share exchange):

	No. of Shares underlying options granted	Weighted average exercise price in RMB	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at January 1, 2005.....	—	—	—
Granted.....	34,210,526	0.8741	
Exercised.....	—	—	
Forfeited.....	—	—	
Expired.....	—	—	
Balance at December 31, 2006.....	34,210,526	0.8741	—
Granted on February 3, 2007.....	5,473,684	2.3214	—
Granted on October 30, 2007.....	42,000,000	5.8437	—
Exercised.....	(34,210,526)	0.8741	—
Balance at December 31, 2007.....	47,473,684	5.4376	—
Exercisable at December 31, 2007.....	2,189,474	2.3214	—



As of December 31, 2007, there were totally 45,284,210 outstanding unvested options. As of December 31, 2007, there was RMB64,501 of total unrecognized compensation cost related (2006: nil) to non-vested share options granted in 2007.

The following table summarizes information about the Company's stock option plans for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2006	2007
	RMB	RMB	RMB
Weighted-average grant-date fair value of options granted .....	—	3,562	69,538
Total intrinsic value of options exercised in the year of .....	—	7,441	—
Total fair value of shares vested during the year of .....	—	3,562	5,037

The following table summarizes information about the Company's stock option plans at December 31, 2006 and 2007:

	Options outstanding	Weighted Average Contractual Life (yrs.)	Weighted average exercise price RMB	Options Exercisable
2007 Stock Plan A .....	5,473,684	9.0	2.3214	2,189,474
2007 Stock Plan B .....	42,000,000	4.8	5.8437	—
2006 Stock Plan .....	34,210,526	3.5	0.8741	34,210,526

### (19) Restricted net assets

Relevant PRC statutory laws and regulations permit payments of dividends by the Group's PRC subsidiaries only out of their retained earnings, if any, as determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards and regulations. As a result of these PRC laws and regulations, the Group's PRC subsidiaries are restricted in their ability to transfer a portion of their net assets to either in the form of dividends, loans or advances. As of December 31, 2006 and 2007, the Company had restricted net assets of RMB313,474 and RMB363,101, respectively, which are not eligible to be distributed. This amount is comprised of the registered equity of the Company's PRC subsidiaries and the statutory reserves disclosed in Note 13.

### (20) Subsequent events

(a) On December 5, 2007, the Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire a 60% interest in Guangdong Fangzhong Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co., Ltd. ("Fangzhong Adjusting"), a company based in Guangzhou, at a consideration of RMB6,175. Another shareholder of Fangzhong Adjusting has agreed to transfer a 5% interest in Fangzhong Adjusting to the Company at RMB0.001 if Fangzhong Adjusting fails to meet certain performance targets of for the years 2008 to 2010. The transaction was closed in the first quarter of 2008.

(b) On December 17, 2007, the Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire the remaining 45% interest in Fujian Xinheng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Fujian Xinheng"), increasing its shareholding to 100% at an initial consideration of RMB3,000 and a contingent consideration calculated based on the financial result of Fujian Xinheng for the year ending December 31, 2008. The transaction was closed in the first quarter of 2008.

(c) On January 3, 2008, the Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement with three entrepreneurs to jointly establish Zhejiang Fanhua Tongchuang Insurance Agency Co., Ltd., expanding its market presence to Zhejiang Province in Eastern China. The new insurance agency, specializing in life insurance product distribution, is 60% owned by the Company and 40% owned by the three entrepreneurs. The transaction was closed in the first quarter of 2008.

(d) On January 4, 2008, the Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire a 60% interest in



Hubei East Century Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Hubei East Century"), a company specializing in life insurance product distribution, at a consideration of RMB5,000. The other shareholders of Hubei East Century have agreed to transfer a total of 4% interest in Hubei East Century to the Company at RMB0.001 if Hubei East Century fails to meet a performance target for the year 2008. The transaction was closed in the first quarter of 2008.

(e) On January 28, 2008, the Company announced the acquisitions of majority interests in three insurance agencies, namely, Tianjin Xianghe Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin Xianghe"), Hebei Lianda Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Hebei Lianda") and Beijing Xinyue Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Beijing Xinyue"). The Company acquired an additional 65% interest in Tianjin Xianghe, increasing its total shareholdings from 5% to 70%, at an initial consideration of RMB325 and a contingent consideration based on the financial result of Tianjin Xianghe for the year ending December 31, 2008. The Company acquired 70% interest in Hebei Lianda at a total consideration of RMB350. The Company also acquired 51% interest in Beijing Xinyue at an initial consideration of RMB100 and a contingent consideration calculated based on certain performance targets of Beijing Xinyue for the years 2008 to 2012. The purchases of Tianjin Xianghe and Hebei Lianda were closed in the first quarter of 2008. The purchase of Beijing Xinyue has not been closed.

(f) On January 31, 2008, the Company announced the signing of definitive agreements to acquire majority interests in Changsha Lianyi Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Lianyi") and Jiangmen Fanhua Zhicheng Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Zhicheng"). The Company acquired an additional 65% interest in each of Lianyi and Zhicheng, increasing its total shareholdings from 5% to 70% in each of Lianyi and Zhicheng, at an initial consideration of RMB325 each and a contingent consideration based on the financial results of each of Lianyi and Zhicheng for the year ending December 31, 2008. The transactions were closed in the first quarter of 2008.

(g) On March 3, 2008, the Company announced the acquisition of a 60% interest in Liaoning Gena Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Gena"), expanding its market presence to Liaoning Province in Northeast China, at a consideration of RMB3,000. The other shareholders of Gena have agreed to transfer a total of 4% interest in Gena to the Company at RMB0.002 if Gena fails to meet a performance target for the year 2008. The transaction was closed at the beginning of April 2008.

(h) On March 5, 2008, the Company announced the acquisitions of an additional 50% interest in Shenzhen Huameng Insurance Brokerage Co., Ltd. ("Huameng") and an additional 65% interest in Fuzhou Guoxin Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Guoxin") bringing its total shareholdings from 5% to 55% in Huameng and from 5% to 70% in Guoxin, respectively. Huameng was purchased by the Company at an initial consideration of RMB10,000 and a contingent consideration calculated based on the financial result of Huameng for the year ending December 31, 2008. Guoxin was purchased by the Company at an initial consideration of RMB325 and a contingent consideration calculated based on the financial result of Guoxin for the year ending December 31, 2008. These two transactions were closed in the second quarter of 2008.

(i) On April 15, 2008, the Company announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100% of Shenzhen Khubon Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co., Ltd. ("Khubon Adjusting") through Fangzhong Adjusting at a consideration of RMB6,415. Pursuant to another agreement entered into on the same day, the Company and some of the selling shareholders of Khubon Adjusting agreed to make capital injections amounting to RMB51,000 and RMB6,415, respectively, to Fangzhong Adjusting. After the capital injections, the Company and the selling shareholders of Khubon Adjusting hold 51% and 29.4%, respectively, in Fangzhong Adjusting.

(j) On April 29, 2008, the Company entered into an agreement with Shandong Xin Guang Yuan Automobile Club Co., Ltd. to jointly set up Shandong Fanhua Xin Guang Yuan Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Fanhua Xin Guang Yuan") in Shandong Province. Fanhua Xin Guang Yuan, which specializes in automobile insurance distribution, is 51% owned by the Company.

(k) On May 5, 2008, the Company announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire 60% interest in Guangxi Xingfu Insurance Agency Co., Ltd. ("Xingfu") at an initial consideration of RMB1,650 and a contingent consideration calculated based on the financial result of Xingfu for the year ending December 31, 2008. The transaction was closed in May 2008.

(l) On May 23, 2008, the Company announced the signing of definitive agreements with several individual



entrepreneurial agents to jointly establish Jiangsu Fanhua Lianchuang Insurance Agency Co. Ltd. (“Lianchuang”) and Jilin Fanhua Xincheng Insurance Agency Co. Ltd. (“Xincheng”), which will expand its market presence to Jiangsu and Jilin Provinces. The Company holds 70% and 54% interests in Lianchuang and Xincheng, respectively. These insurance agencies will specialize in life insurance product.

(m) On June 2, 2008, the Company signed definitive agreements to acquire a 51% interest in Shanghai Teamhead Insurance Surveyors & Loss Adjusters Co., Ltd. (“Teamhead”) at a consideration of RMB24,900, which is subject to a downward adjustment if Teamhead fails to meet a performance target for the year 2008. In addition, the other shareholder of Teamhead has agreed to transfer up to 9% interest in Teamhead to the Company for up to RMB0.003 if Teamhead fails to meet a performance target in the years 2008 to 2010. The transaction was closed in June 2008.

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