



波司登國際控股有限公司  
**BOSIDENG INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*  
(Stock Code: 3998)

**INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

**Highlights**

- Revenue decreased by 38.1% to approximately RMB1,240.2 million
- Gross profit margin reduced by 1.2 percentage points to 30.2%
- Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company decreased by 81.4% to approximately RMB50.9 million
- Special dividend of RMB3.8 cents per ordinary share declared by the Board
- With a net cash position of approximately RMB3,491.5 million and a net cash generated from operating activities of approximately RMB253.5 million, the Group is in a very strong position to weather the global credit crisis.

**INTERIM RESULTS**

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Bosideng International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) announces the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the six months ended September 30, 2008, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2007. These interim financial statements have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the auditors, KPMG, and the audit committee of the Company (the “Audit Committee”).

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

		<b>Six months ended September 30, 2008</b>	<b>Six months ended September 30, 2007</b>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>(unaudited) RMB'000</i>	<i>(unaudited) RMB'000</i>
Revenue	5	1,240,193	2,003,314
Cost of sales		<u>(865,325)</u>	<u>(1,374,151)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		374,868	629,163
Other income	6	6,490	23,681
Distribution expenses		(257,023)	(287,062)
Administrative expenses		<u>(105,559)</u>	<u>(37,793)</u>
<b>Profit from operations</b>		<u>18,776</u>	<u>327,989</u>
Finance income		63,983	1,875
Finance expenses		<u>(5,933)</u>	<u>(43,027)</u>
<b>Net financing income/(expenses)</b>	8	<u>58,050</u>	<u>(41,152)</u>
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		76,826	286,837
Income tax expense	9	<u>(25,746)</u>	<u>(12,522)</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<u>51,080</u>	<u>274,315</u>
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the Company		50,927	274,315
Minority interests		<u>153</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<u>51,080</u>	<u>274,315</u>
Dividends	10	<u>698,421</u>	<u>467,435</u>
<b>Earnings per share (RMB cents)</b>	11		
- Basic		<u>0.64</u>	<u>5.22</u>
- Diluted		<u>0.64</u>	<u>4.71</u>

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

		<b>At September 30, 2008</b>	<b>At March 31, 2008</b>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>(unaudited)</i> <i>RMB'000</i>	<i>(audited)</i> <i>RMB'000</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		85,955	31,339
Deferred tax assets		<u>18,928</u>	<u>18,928</u>
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>104,883</u>	<u>50,267</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	12	1,074,621	985,421
Held-to-maturity investments		1,101,240	612,000
Trade, bills and other receivables	13	1,346,799	1,265,704
Receivables due from related parties		28,591	36,365
Prepayments for materials and service suppliers		377,418	262,948
Pledged bank deposits		2,479	2,578
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>3,491,467</u>	<u>4,686,188</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>7,422,615</u>	<u>7,851,204</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>7,527,498</u>	<u>7,901,471</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital		613	622
Reserves		<u>6,255,382</u>	<u>7,086,721</u>
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>		6,255,995	7,087,343
<b>Minority interests</b>		<u>—</u>	<u>1,239</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>6,255,995</u>	<u>7,088,582</u>

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

	<b>At September 30,</b>	<b>At March 31,</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>Note</i>	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>39,900</u>	<u>33,000</u>
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>33,000</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Interest-bearing borrowings	—	60,000
Current income tax payables	87,997	80,000
Trade and other payables	14 1,131,511	617,687
Payables due to related parties	<u>12,095</u>	<u>22,202</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>1,231,603</u>	<u>779,889</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,271,503</u>	<u>812,889</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<u>7,527,498</u>	<u>7,901,471</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>6,191,012</u>	<u>7,071,315</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>6,295,895</u>	<u>7,121,582</u>

## **NOTES TO THE INTERIM RESULTS**

### **1. REPORTING ENTITY AND CORPORATE INFORMATION**

Bosideng International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on July 10, 2006 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Cayman Companies Law, Cap 22 (law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. Its registered address is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) are principally engaged in the research, design and development, raw material procurement, outsourced manufacturing, marketing and distribution of branded down apparel products in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The Company’s shares were listed (the “Listing”) on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on October 11, 2007 (the “Listing Date”).

### **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The Company has a financial year end date of March 31. The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, including compliance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 “Interim financial reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

The interim financial report contains the consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes which do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial report prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2008 annual financial statements dated July 18, 2008 (the “2008 Annual Financial Statements”).

The interim financial report for the six months ended September 30, 2008 is unaudited, but has been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and approved for issue by the board of directors (the “Board”) on December 15, 2008. The interim financial report has also been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, “Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”). KPMG’s review report to the Board is included in the interim report to be sent to shareholders.

### **3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial report has been prepared on the same accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the 2008 Annual Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with the 2008 Annual Financial Statements.

#### 4. ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim financial report in conformity with IAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In preparing this interim financial report, the significant judgements made by management, in applying the Group's accounting policies and key sources of uncertainty estimation were the same as those that applied to the 2008 Annual Financial Statements.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

#### 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business segments, which are the primary basis of segment reporting. The business segment reporting format reflects the Group's management and internal reporting structure.

##### (a) Business segment

The Group comprises the following main business segments:

- Down apparels-The down apparels segment carries on the business of sourcing and distributing branded down apparels.
- OEM management-The OEM management segment carries on the business of sourcing and distributing OEM apparels.

*For the six months ended September 30, 2008*

*Revenue and expenses*

	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2008</b>		
	<b>Down apparels RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>	<b>OEM management RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Group RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>
<b>Total segment revenues</b>	<u>843,633</u>	<u>396,560</u>	<u>1,240,193</u>
<b>Segment results</b>	(6,970)	45,035	38,065
Government grants			1,980
Unallocated income			<u>11,035</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>			<u>51,080</u>

*For the six months ended September 30, 2007*

*Revenue and expenses*

	<b>For the six months ended September 30, 2007</b>		
	<b>Down apparels RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>	<b>OEM management RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Group RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>
<b>Total segment revenues</b>	<u>1,508,301</u>	<u>495,013</u>	<u>2,003,314</u>
<b>Segment results</b>	248,068	22,642	270,710
Government grants			12,106
Unallocated expenses			<u>(8,501)</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>			<u>274,315</u>

**(b) Geographical segment**

As the Group mainly operates in the PRC, no geographical segment information has been presented.

**6. OTHER INCOME**

		<b>For the six months ended September 30,</b>	
	<i>Note</i>	<b>2008 RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>	<b>2007 RMB'000 (unaudited)</b>
Royalty income	(i)	4,510	11,575
Government grants	(ii)	<u>1,980</u>	<u>12,106</u>
		<u>6,490</u>	<u>23,681</u>

(i) Royalty income arises from the use by other entities of the Group's brands.

(ii) The Group received unconditional discretionary grants amounting to RMB1,980,000 (2007: RMB12,106,000) for the six months ended September 30, 2008 from various local Chinese government authorities in recognition of the Group's contribution to the development of the local economies.

## 7. EXPENSES BY NATURE

The following expenses are included in cost of sales, distribution expenses and administrative expenses.

	For the six months ended	
	September 30,	
	2008	2007
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Cost of inventories recognized as expenses included in cost of sales	865,325	1,374,151
Depreciation	7,426	4,152
Operating lease charges	12,356	12,214
Impairment of bad and doubtful debts	58,130	—

## 8. NET FINANCING INCOME/(EXPENSES)

	For the six months ended	
	September 30,	
	2008	2007
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interest income on held-to-maturity investments	24,234	—
Interest income on bank deposits	<u>39,749</u>	<u>1,875</u>
Finance income	<u>63,983</u>	<u>1,875</u>
Interest on convertible redeemable preference shares	—	(8,501)
Interest on interest-bearing borrowings and equity holder loans wholly repayable within 5 years	(786)	(29,929)
Bank charges	(1,763)	(692)
Net foreign exchange loss	<u>(3,384)</u>	<u>(3,905)</u>
Finance expenses	<u>(5,933)</u>	<u>(43,027)</u>
Net financing income/(expenses)	<u>58,050</u>	<u>(41,152)</u>

No interest is capitalised during the six months ended September 30, 2008.



## 9. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the six months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
<b>Current tax expenses</b>		
Provision for PRC income tax	18,846	12,522
<b>Deferred tax expenses</b>		
Origination of temporary differences	<u>6,900</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>25,746</u>	<u>12,522</u>

- (i) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands, the Group is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands.
- (ii) The provision for PRC income tax is based on the respective applicable rates on the estimated assessable income of the Group's subsidiaries in the PRC as determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of the PRC.

### Prior to December 31, 2007

The applicable tax rates of the Group's operating subsidiaries in the PRC ranged from 27% to 33% for the calendar years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations of the PRC applicable to foreign investment enterprises (the "FEIT Law") effective as at December 31, 2007, four principal operating subsidiaries located in the PRC, which became foreign investment enterprises in late 2006 started to be entitled to a tax holiday of a tax-free period for two years from January 1, 2007. Thereafter, they are subject to PRC enterprise income tax at 50% of the applicable income tax rate for the following three years.

### Since January 1, 2008

On March 16, 2007, the Fifth Plenary Session of the Tenth National People's Congress passed the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (the "New Tax Law") which became effective on January 1, 2008, when the FEIT Law was abolished. The New Tax Law adopts a uniform tax rate of 25% for all enterprises including foreign investment enterprises.

Pursuant to the transitional arrangement under the New Tax Law, the four principal operating subsidiaries which are foreign investment enterprises will continue to enjoy the tax-exemption or 50% reduction on the applicable income tax rates under the New Tax Law during the transitional period of five years starting from January 1, 2008 until the expiry of the tax holidays previously granted under the FEIT Law. Thereafter they will be subject to the unified rate of 25%.

Applicable income tax rate of other domestic companies established in the PRC is 25%.

## 10. DIVIDENDS

On September 26, 2008, the Company declared dividends in an aggregate amount of RMB698,421,000 (2007: RMB467,435,000) to the equity holders from the share premium for the financial year ended March 31, 2008.

## 11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six months ended September 30, 2008 was based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the six months of RMB50,927,000 (2007: RMB274,315,000) and the weighted average number of shares in issue during the six months ended September 30, 2008 of 7,953,956,087 (2007: 5,257,199,855). The weighted average number of shares in issue during the six months ended September 30, 2007 has been retrospectively adjusted for the effects of share split and capitalization issue took place in September 2007, as if the 5,257,199,855 shares were in issue and outstanding throughout the entire six months ended September 30, 2007.

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

<b>Earnings</b>	<b>For the six months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<b><i>(unaudited)</i></b>	<b><i>(unaudited)</i></b>
Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share, being the profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company	50,927	274,315
<b>Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:</b>		
Interest on convertible redeemable preference shares	<u>—</u>	<u>8,501</u>
Earnings for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	<u>50,927</u>	<u>282,816</u>

<b>Number of shares (thousands)</b>	<b>For the six months ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(unaudited)</i>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	7,953,956	5,257,200
<b>Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:</b>		
Weighted average conversion number of Series A convertible redeemable preference shares calculated from the date of issuance	—	212,229
Weighted average conversion number of Series B convertible preference shares calculated from the date of issuance	—	530,571
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	<u>7,953,956</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
Basic earnings per share (RMB cents)	<u>0.64</u>	<u>5.22</u>
Diluted earnings per share (RMB cents)	<u>0.64</u>	<u>4.71</u>

## 12. INVENTORIES

	<b>At September 30,</b>	<b>At March 31,</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
Raw materials	170,940	27,852
Work in progress	205,334	10,184
Finished goods	<u>698,347</u>	<u>947,385</u>
	<u>1,074,621</u>	<u>985,421</u>

At September 30, 2008, inventories carried at net realizable value amounted to approximately RMB337,888,000 (March 31, 2008: RMB557,682,000).

### 13. TRADE, BILLS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<b>At September 30, 2008</b>	<b>At March 31, 2008</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
Trade receivables	1,203,469	1,048,150
Bills receivables	8,932	158,482
Third party other receivables	<u>134,398</u>	<u>59,072</u>
	<u>1,346,799</u>	<u>1,265,704</u>

All of the trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered within one year.

The Group normally allows a credit period ranging from 30 days to 90 days to its customers from the date of billing. As at September 30, 2008, trade and bills receivables of approximately RMB379,104,000 (March 31, 2008: RMB370,780,000) were past due but considered to be not impaired. These relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default and continuous repayment is made. An ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables (net of impairment losses on bad and doubtful debts) is as follows:

	<b>At September 30, 2008</b>	<b>At March 31, 2008</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
Within credit terms	833,297	835,852
Within 3 months	33,873	360,129
Over 3 months but less than 6 months	249,468	9,597
Over 6 months but less than 12 months	<u>95,763</u>	<u>1,054</u>
	<u>1,212,401</u>	<u>1,206,632</u>

### 14. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>At September 30, 2008</b>	<b>At March 31, 2008</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
Trade payables	634,368	281,239
Other payables and accrued expenses	<u>497,143</u>	<u>336,448</u>
	<u>1,131,511</u>	<u>617,687</u>

All of the trade and other payables are expected to be settled within one year.

An ageing analysis of trade and bills payable is set out below:

	<b>At September 30, 2008</b>	<b>At March 31, 2008</b>
	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>	<b><i>RMB'000</i></b>
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	<i>(audited)</i>
Due within 1 month or on demand	238,558	140,562
Due after 1 month but within 3 months	<u>395,810</u>	<u>140,677</u>
	<u>634,368</u>	<u>281,239</u>

## 15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENT

Subsequent to September 30, 2008, the Company repurchased and cancelled 98,554,000 ordinary shares. The Board of the Company also declared a special dividend of RMB3.8 cents per ordinary share to equity holders of the Company on December 15, 2008.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Market Review

In the first half of 2008, China experienced a number of serious natural disasters. In the second half of 2008, the Wall Street financial crisis broke out in the United States and affected the global economy. Although the global economic environment in 2008 has been grim, the Group believes that China's economy is poised to be steady, relatively fast growth by the implementation of various macro-economic policies.

The competition among manufacturers of down apparel in the PRC has been fierce. Owing to the late arrival of the winter season in 2007/08, many regional down apparel manufacturers in mainland China were knocked out of the market due to high stock levels and the lack of working capital, leading to a large-scale consolidation and transformation of the down apparel market. As a result, major leading manufacturers of down apparel with strong brand advantage benefited from the market consolidation by enhancing their market share.

### Business Review

#### Maintenance of market leadership and satisfactory performance

“Bosideng” has been the leading down apparel brand in the PRC in terms of sales for 13 consecutive years since 1995, according to the China Industrial Information Issuing Center (“CIIC”) and the National Bureau of Statistics of China. According to CIIC’s report issued in 2007, amongst the top 30 down apparel brands in China, the Group’s brands, namely “Bosideng”, “Snow Flying”, “Kangbo” and “Bingjie”,

accounted for 39.9% of market share in aggregate. “Bosideng” alone accounted for 25.9% of market share in 2007 and the above four brands of the Group, namely “Bosideng”, “Snow Flying”, “Kangbo” and “Bingjie”, were all recognised as China’s top ten down apparel brands.

The Group typically experiences seasonal fluctuations in the branded down apparel revenue. The sales are generally highest from October to February of the following year (the peak sales season). In contrast, the sales are generally lowest from March to May before the Group enters into off-peak sales season from June to September when it offers promotional discounts when selling the inventories brought forward from the previous fiscal year. Under the challenging market conditions, the Group’s results during the reporting period were within the expectations of the directors and senior management.

### **Strong brand values and marketing efforts**

As a trendsetter and industry leader, the Group, on behalf of China’s apparel industry, was the only one to unveil to the world the latest trends in winter cold-resistant clothing for 12 consecutive years, thereby evidencing its leading position in China’s down apparel industry. “Bosideng” is the one and only apparel brand named among China’s three famous brands in the world by the PRC General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine in 2007, and enjoys strong brand reputation and recognition domestically and internationally. The Group will continue to focus on brand building and marketing to convey the brand concepts and the uniqueness of the Group’s products and to enhance the recognition of our products among target consumers by utilising various promotion resources through different media and means, such as Clothing and Accessories Fairs, new product release conference, sponsorship of sporting events, engaging celebrities to be our image spokespersons, television advertising, outdoor advertising, promotions on websites, outlets and showcase.

The Group’s major brand “Bosideng” targets middle-to-high-end market. The types and styles of its products emphasize chic, quality, leisure and classic designs. “Snow Flying”, the second largest brand of the Group, is a premier casual sports down apparel brand targeting customers who embrace an energetic lifestyle. The Group’s “Kangbo” and “Bingjie” target the low-to-middle-end market. “Kangbo” mainly provides down apparel with designs targetted generally for men, while “Bingjie” primarily presents youthful vogue down apparel for women.

### **Strong R&D and design capabilities to enhance product differentiation**

The Group believes that enriching its product design without compromising the functional features of its down apparel is crucial to its long-term success. To enhance

competitiveness, the Group continued to develop its research and development, product design and quality control system in order to maintain the core competitive edge of its products. The Group also re-adjusted its design focus from sheer functional apparel to value-added fashionable casual clothing that integrates colourful designs, new fabrics and trendy styles. The broadened range of products has optimised the Group's product portfolio, strengthened product differentiation and appealed to consumers across different age groups of varying tastes.

In line with its strategy of broadening its product offering, the Group has committed resources to enhance its product mix with the addition of versatile light-weight items that are suitable for late autumn and early spring. To further strengthen its design capability, the Group collaborated with designers in France and Korea to obtain first-hand information on the latest international trends. The Group's product design team also conducts regular research and stays abreast of the latest fashion trends by participating in various trade exhibitions and closely analysing sales performance to identify customer needs. With respect to product quality, the odourless, anti-mold and deodorant fillers are used for the Group's down apparel to ensure the quality and safety of our products. The Group pro-actively applies innovative covering materials and accessories to ensure the quality of its products.

### **Expansion by launching non-seasonal apparel products**

To diversify existing product portfolio, further expand the market and improve profitability, the Group has formulated a development strategy of launching "non-seasonal apparel" products and established an independent non-seasonal apparel product business and product development team. In September 2008, the first non-seasonal apparel franchised store of the Group was opened in Changshu of the Jiangsu Province. On September 17, 2008, the new product debut conference "Bosideng 2008 Fashion Carnival" (波司登2008風華絕配時尚盛典) was held in Changshu of the Jiangsu Province, in which the Group's first series of non-seasonal apparel targeting the middle-to-high-end market was officially launched. It is another milestone of the development of "Bosideng" brand following the implementation of the strategy of incorporating non-seasonal products into our brand portfolio to enhance the attractiveness and trendiness of our products.

### **Effective supply chain management and extensive distribution network**

The Group continued to exercise stringent control throughout the supply chain and effectively managed its product quality with a competitive cost structure. To strengthen its online management capability and shorten lead times to replenish products at the retail level, the Group implemented an enhancement programme to upgrade its ERP system in the reporting period. The Group also set up a professional team to optimize the Group's supply chain by scientifically managing our product

orders, purchasing and replenishment. The Group will extend the coverage of its supply chain to a greater number of outlets. This facilitates more timely access to key operational data and quicker responses to market changes.

The Group's products were distributed through an extensive distribution network across the PRC. The Group continued to take pro-active measures to enhance the store image and to optimise its distribution network. Distributors which were not qualified were terminated or retail stores which under-performed and/or were small in floor area were relocated to better locations with bigger floor space.

### Retail network composition by outlet type

Store types	At September 30, 2008	At March 31, 2008	Change
<b>Specialty stores</b>			
- Operated by the Group	31	3	+28
- Operated/Supervised by third party distributors	<u>3,128</u>	<u>5,057</u>	<u>-1,929</u>
	<u>3,159</u>	<u>5,060</u>	<u>-1,901</u>
<b>Concessionary retail outlets</b>			
- Operated by the Group	839	1,110	-271
- Operated/Supervised by third party distributors	<u>1,798</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>+851</u>
	<u>2,637</u>	<u>2,057</u>	<u>+580</u>
Total	<u>5,796</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>-1,321</u>

### Retail network composition by geographical location

Sales regions*	At September 30, 2008	At March 31, 2008	Change
<i>Eastern China areas</i>	1,289	2,685	-1,396
Northern China areas	1,779	2,228	-449
Western China areas	<u>2,728</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>+524</u>
Total	<u>5,796</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>-1,321</u>

\* *Eastern China areas: including Shandong Province, Eastern and South Eastern China*

*Northern China areas: including Central and Northern China*

*Western China areas: Provinces and regions other than those in Eastern and Northern China areas*



## **Non-exercise of the right of first refusal to acquire the Menswear Business and the Conditional Call Option Agreement**

On September 26, 2008, the independent shareholders of the Company approved the non-exercise of the right of first refusal (the “Right of First Refusal”) granted under the deed of non-competition dated September 15, 2007 entered into by Mr. Gao Dekang in favour of the Company. This Right of First Refusal related to the acquisition of 70% of the equity interest of Jiangsu Kangbo Apparel Co., Ltd. (the “Menswear Company”) from Changshu Bosideng Fashion Co., Ltd. (an associate of Mr. Gao Dekang). The Menswear Company is primarily engaged in the design, production and sale of menswear (other than down apparel products) (the “Menswear Business”). The non-exercise of the Right of First Refusal was consistent with the views of the Directors and the independent financial adviser to the Company’s independent board committee and independent shareholders, who were both of the opinion that it was not appropriate and not in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole for the Company to exercise the Right of First Refusal at that time.

Nonetheless, the Group retains the option (the “Call Option”) to acquire the Menswear Business from Goldwai Holdings Limited (being the entity which will indirectly own the entire issued share capital of the Menswear Company if the Company does not exercise the Right of First Refusal) at an appropriate time in future. Such acquisition of the Menswear Business will be subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions under a Conditional Call Option Agreement dated August 29, 2008. In addition, the Call Option may be exercised only once upon the satisfaction of any of the stipulated audited net profit after tax targets of the Menswear Business during the financial year ending March 31, 2009 (being not less than RMB55 million), March 31, 2010 (being not less than RMB65 million) or March 31, 2011 (being not less than RMB75 million). The Conditional Call Option Agreement shall only be effective upon the later of (i) the date of approval by the independent board committee of the Company and the independent shareholders of the Company’s non-exercise of the Right of First Refusal, and (ii) the date on which Long Pacific (H.K.) Limited (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Goldwai Holdings Limited) is registered as the sole shareholder of the Menswear Company (as evidenced in the business licence of the Menswear Company). As at the date of this announcement, the Conditional Call Option Agreement has not become effective.

Please refer to the Company’s announcement dated August 29, 2008 and the circular dated September 11, 2008 for further details of the Right of First Refusal (including the reasons for its non-exercise) and the terms of the Conditional Call Option Agreement.

## Financial Review

### Revenue

Revenue of the Group was mainly generated from sales of branded down apparel. This accounted for 68.0% of the Group's revenue, with the remaining 32.0% coming from the OEM management business, in comparison with 75.3% and 24.7% respectively in the same period last year.

For the six months ended September 30, 2008, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB1,240.2 million (2007: approximately RMB2,003.3 million), representing a decrease of 38.1% as compared with the corresponding period last year. The decrease was mainly due to the strategic sales plan to control the quantity and the selling price of inventories to be sold in the off-peak sales season in order to prevent any adverse effect on the sales of the new winter collection in the upcoming peak season. During the period under review, the gross profit margin dropped slightly to 30.2% (2007: 31.4%).

A revenue analysis of down apparel sales by brand is as below:

Brands	Six months ended September 30,			
	2008		2007	
	(RMB million)	% of branded down apparel sales	(RMB million)	% of branded down apparel sales
Bosideng	417.2	48.8%	793.1	52.2%
Snow Flying	233.7	27.3%	356.7	23.5%
Bingjie	119.4	13.9%	146.9	9.7%
Kangbo	53.5	6.3%	137.8	9.1%
Other brands	28.3	3.3%	54.0	3.5%
Others	3.6	0.4%	29.8	2.0%
Sub-total	855.7	<u>100%</u>	1,518.3	<u>100%</u>
Sales rebates	<u>(12.1)</u>		<u>(10.0)</u>	
Total down apparel revenue	<u>843.6</u>		<u>1,508.3</u>	

In an effort to strengthen differentiation amongst various brands, the Group adjusted its product offerings under its portfolio of brands. While “Bosideng” continues to be marketed as a medium to high-end brand, targeting those with greater consuming power and who seek trendy and fashionable designs, the “Snow Flying” brand appeals to customers who are younger with more energetic lifestyles. Regarding the contribution by brands for the six months ended September 30, 2008, “Bosideng” branded apparel remained the highest contributor and contributed 48.8% or approximately RMB417.2 million of the total branded down apparel sales. “Snow Flying” branded apparel, being the second largest contributor, contributed 27.3% or approximately RMB233.7 million.

A breakdown of the revenue by sales methods is as below:

	<b>Six months ended September 30,</b>			
	<b>2008</b>	<b>% of</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% of</b>
	(RMB million)	total revenue	(RMB million)	total revenue
Branded down apparel				
• Outright sales	684.8	55.2%	1,276.1	63.7%
Including:				
• Third party distributors				
• Direct retail sales				
• Consignment sales	155.2	12.5%	202.4	10.1%
• Others*	3.6	0.3%	29.8	1.5%
Total down apparel revenue	<u>843.6</u>	<u>68.0%</u>	<u>1,508.3</u>	<u>75.3%</u>
OEM management	<u>396.6</u>	<u>32.0%</u>	<u>495.0</u>	<u>24.7%</u>
Total revenue	<u>1,240.2</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>2,003.3</u>	<u>100%</u>

\* Represents sales primarily of raw materials related to down apparel products and sales of non-seasonal apparel products.

A majority of the Group’s products were sold through outright sales, which accounted for 81.2% of the Group’s total down apparel revenue, as compared to 84.6% in the same period last year. The percentage increase in the portion of consignment sales reflects our continual strategic shift to increase consignment sales as part of our branding and marketing strategy.

## **Cost of sales**

Cost of sales for the period under review remained stable as a percentage of revenue during the period under review. It amounted to approximately RMB865.3 million, or 69.8% of the Group's revenue, as compared to approximately RMB1,374.2 million or 68.6% of the Group's revenue in the corresponding period last year. This comprised the cost of branded down apparel and the cost of the OEM management business, which accounted for 63.5% and 36.5% of the Group's cost of sales respectively, as compared to 70.0% and 30.0% in the same period last year.

## **Distribution expenses**

The Group's distribution expenses, mainly comprising advertising, promotion, concessionaire fees and salary and welfare, amounted to approximately RMB257.0 million, a decrease of 10.5%, compared with approximately RMB287.1 million in the same period last year. The decrease in actual spending was not as fast as the decrease in revenue because the advertising and promotion costs increased sharply during the Beijing Olympics. Therefore, in terms of percentage to revenue, distribution expenses constituted 20.7% of total revenue, signifying a growth of 6.4 percentage points compared with 14.3% in the same period last year.

## **Administration expenses**

The administrative expenses of the Group, which were mainly comprised of bad and doubtful debts provision, salary and welfare, travel and office expenses, amounted to approximately RMB105.6 million for the period under review as compared to approximately RMB37.8 million in the same period last year. The increase mainly came from the impairment of bad and doubtful debts, the increase of headcount and professional expenses after the Group's initial public offering.

## **Operating profit**

For the six months ended September 30, 2008, operating profit of the Group was approximately RMB18.8 million compared with approximately RMB328.0 million in the corresponding period last year.

## **Finance income**

The Group's finance income for the period under review increased sharply to approximately RMB64.0 million from approximately RMB1.9 million in the corresponding period last year. The increase was due to the interest income from bank deposits and the return from held-to-maturity investments of the unused proceeds of the Group's initial public offering.

## **Finance costs and taxation**

The Group's finance costs for the period under review decreased sharply to approximately RMB5.9 million from approximately RMB43.0 million in the corresponding period last year due to the repayment of loans and bank borrowings after the Group's initial public offering.

For the six months ended September 30, 2008, income tax expense amounted to approximately RMB25.7 million, which is equivalent to an effective tax rate of 33.5%, as compared to approximately RMB12.5 million and an effective tax rate of 4.4% in the same period last year. The increase in income tax expense was attributable to the profit from subsidiaries without tax exemption and the non-deductible expenses incurred after the Group's initial public offering.

## **Liquidity and financial resources**

The Group adopted prudent funding and treasury management policies and maintained a healthy financial position. The Group met its working capital and other capital requirements principally with internally generated cash flow from operating activities and the proceeds of its initial public offering.

For the six months ended September 30, 2008, the Group's net cash inflow from operating activities amounted to approximately RMB253.5 million, as compared to net cash inflow of approximately RMB365.2 million in the same period in 2007. Cash and cash equivalents as at September 30, 2008 was in the amount of approximately RMB3,491.5 million, as compared to approximately RMB4,686.2 million as at March 31, 2008. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was due to the increase in held-to-maturity investments and the payment of final and special dividends for the financial year ended March 31, 2008.

As at September 30, 2008, the Group had no outstanding loans and borrowings (2007: RMB60.0 million). As at September 30, 2008, gearing ratio (total debt/total equity) of the Group was zero compared with 3.9 times as at September 30, 2007.

## **Contingent liabilities**

As at September 30, 2008, the Group had no material contingent liabilities.

## **Pledge of assets**

As at September 30, 2008, bank deposits of approximately RMB2.5 million were pledged to secure general banking facilities of the Group (2007: approximately RMB156.8 million).

## **Financial Management and Treasury Policy**

The financial risk management of the Group is the responsibility of the Group's treasury function at our head office. One of the major objectives of the Group's treasury policies is to manage its exposure to fluctuation in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

### **Foreign currency exposure**

The business operations of the Group were mainly in the PRC, and the revenue and expenses of the Group were denominated in RMB. Certain of the Group's cash and bank deposits, including the proceeds from the share offer in October 2007, were denominated in Hong Kong Dollars. As at September 30, 2008, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's risk in foreign exchange is insignificant. During the period under review, the Group did not use any financial instrument for hedging purposes.

The proceeds from the share offer are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars. Any significant exchange rate fluctuations of the Hong Kong Dollar against the Renminbi may have a financial impact to the Group.

### **Human Resources**

As at September 30, 2008, the Group had approximately 1,732 full-time employees (March 31, 2008: 1,437 full-time employees). Staff costs for the six months ended September 30, 2008 (including Directors' remuneration in the form of salaries and other allowances) amounted to approximately RMB69.1 million (2007: approximately RMB44.5 million). This increase was mainly due to the adoption of a share-based compensation scheme and increase of headcount to support expansion of the specialty stores operated by the Group. According to the Group's policy, salary and bonus are primarily based on the duties, performance and length of service of each individual employee with reference to the prevailing market conditions.

To attract and retain skilled and experienced personnel and to motivate them to strive for the future development and expansion of our business, the Group also offers a share scheme as well as a share option scheme ("Share Option Scheme").

As at September 30, 2008, no share options were granted under the Share Option Scheme.

## **Business Outlook**

Going forward in the second half of its fiscal year, the Group is optimistic about its prospects. Although the global economic environment has been tough, the demand from Mainland China continued to grow healthily. Down apparel enterprises with strong brand equity enjoy more advantages under the intensive competition and market consolidation. The Group's goal is to maintain down apparel as its core business and offer fashionable down apparel with high quality to consumers by introducing a diverse range of products so as to further strengthen its leading position in the PRC down apparel industry and become a trendsetter. Meanwhile, the Group intends to take advantage of its strong "Bosideng" brand as well as extensive distribution network to develop non-seasonal apparel products, expand its business into the non-down apparel sector, further strengthen its profitability and develop the Group into a diversified and integrated apparel enterprise.

The Group intends to achieve these goals through a business strategy based on the following key aspects:

### **Improving and optimizing retail distribution network of down apparel products**

The Group will further strengthen its retail network by enhancing the quality of its existing points of sale, opening new concessionary stores at modern mid to high-end department stores and establishing new self-operated retail stores in first-tier cities, provincial capitals, and other major cities for brand building purposes. The Group also plans to further enhance its overall store image through the use of standardized modern interior decor and visual merchandising as well as the further upgrading of the ERP system for the collection and analysis of sales data.

### **Development of non-down apparel products to expand business scope**

Following the opening of the first non-seasonal apparel franchised store in Changshu of the Jiangsu Province, the Group will establish more non-seasonal apparel retail stores in first-tier and second-tier cities and continuously implement the significant transformational strategy of introducing non-seasonal products. It is expected that the number of non-seasonal apparel retail stores of the Group will increase to approximately 50 by the end of March 2009. The launch of non-seasonal products will complement the existing product portfolio of the Group and increase the market share and profitability of the Group.

### **Strengthening marketing efforts to further enhance brand value of the Group**

The Group will continue to regularly review its branding strategies and monitor their effectiveness. The Group intends to develop into an integrated and international enterprise and its ultimate goal is to bolster the brand equity and extend the influence of the “Bosideng” brand to other segments in the apparel sector. To penetrate different market segments ahead of other industry players, the Group will continue advertising on prime television channels, renowned publications and magazines and appear in strategic outdoor venues with high pedestrian flow, as well as strengthening the promotion of its flagship image stores in commercial prime areas. It will also continue to sponsor sports and promotional events when suitable opportunities arise and maintain market visibility through fashion shows and trade fairs.

### **Bolstering R&D and design capabilities to increase market competitiveness of products**

The Group will continue to expand and strengthen its research, design and development team while fostering closer collaboration with domestically and internationally renowned research institutions to develop and apply new fabric materials to improve product competitiveness and add value to the brand. The Group also plans to establish a quality inspection centre to ensure every segment in the supply chain complies with quality control standards so as to strengthen its product competitiveness.

### **Enhancing supply chain management and logistics management by upgrading management information system**

The Group plans to further upgrade its management information system in phases, enhance the coverage and analytical functions of its ERP system and extend the operational scope to both upstream and downstream segments of the supply chain within three years. These system upgrades will enable the Group to comprehensively assess the performance of the entire supply chain and to expedite its response to market changes. The Group also intends to improve its quality inspection centre to ensure its adherence to quality control standards at every stage of the supply chain. To facilitate swift response to market changes and timely replenishment of stocks, the Group will strengthen and upgrade its logistics management.

### **Explore expansion opportunities through mergers and acquisitions**

Leveraging its wealth of experience in the down apparel sector and in-depth market understanding, as well as its extensive retail network in the PRC market, the Group will continue to identify opportunities for mergers and acquisitions of medium to high-end apparel brands with good development potential and reputation for broadened brand and product portfolio.



## **SPECIAL DIVIDEND**

To offer a higher reward to the shareholders, the Board has recommended the payment of a special dividend of RMB3.8 cents per ordinary share for the six months ended September 30, 2008. The proposed dividend payment is payable on January 12, 2009 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on January 2, 2009 and in Hong Kong Dollars based on the official exchange rate of Renminbi against Hong Kong Dollars as quoted by the People's Bank of China on December 15, 2008.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from December 30, 2008 to January 2, 2009, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed special dividend payable on January 12, 2009, all duly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Share Registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Rooms 1712-16, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on December 29, 2008.

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

For the six months ended September 30, 2008, the Company had repurchased 123,418,000 of its shares on the Stock Exchange at an aggregate consideration of HK\$147,232,448.80 before expenses. Details of the share repurchases are as follows:

<b>Month of repurchases</b>	<b>Number of shares repurchased</b>	<b>Highest price paid per share</b> <i>HK\$</i>	<b>Lowest price paid per share</b> <i>HK\$</i>	<b>Aggregate consideration paid</b> <i>HK\$</i>
April 2008	4,942,000	1.48	1.44	7,267,797.40
May 2008	15,568,000	1.48	1.42	22,712,692.60
June 2008	37,216,000	1.48	1.35	52,708,606.00
September 2008	<u>65,692,000</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>0.87</u>	<u>64,543,352.80</u>
Total	<u>123,418,000</u>	<u>1.48</u>	<u>0.87</u>	<u>147,232,448.80</u>

The repurchased shares were cancelled on delivery of the share certificates during the reporting period. The Directors are of the view that such repurchases have the effect of enhancing the earnings per share of the Group and would benefit the shareholders as a whole. Depending on the market circumstances, the Company may undertake further share repurchases as the Directors may consider to be appropriate.

## **CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Directors are of the opinion that the Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (“Code”), as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules as of September 30, 2008, except for Code provision A.2.1, which provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer (“CEO”) should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Board will also continue to review and monitor the practices of the Company for the purpose of complying with the Code and maintaining a high standard of corporate governance practices of the Company.

Mr. Gao Dekang is the Chairman and CEO of the Company and the founder of the Group. The Board believes that it is necessary to vest the roles of Chairman and CEO in the same person due to its unique role, Mr. Gao Dekang’s experience and established market reputation in China’s down apparel industry, and the importance of Mr. Gao Dekang in the strategic development of the Company. This dual role provides strong and consistent market leadership and is critical for efficient business planning and decisions of the Company. As all major decisions are made in consultation with members of the Board and the relevant Board committees, and there are four independent non-executive directors on the Board offering independent perspectives, the Board is therefore of the view that there are adequate safeguards in place to ensure sufficient balance of powers within the Board.

## **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of the Listed issuers (“Model Code”) set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding Directors’ securities transactions. Specific enquiry has been made to all Directors, and the Directors have confirmed that they have complied with all relevant requirements as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended September 30, 2008.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee has been established by the Company on September 15, 2007 with written terms of reference pursuant to Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and paragraph C3 of the Code, whose primary duties are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control procedures of the Group, nominate and monitor external auditors, and perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board. The unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended September 30, 2008 (including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Company and financial reporting matters) have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, in conjunction with KPMG, the Company's external auditors. Such review does not constitute an audit on the basis of review conducted by KPMG. The unmodified review report issued by KPMG will be set out in the interim report of the Company. As at the date of this announcement, the Audit Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ngai Wai Fung (Chairman), Mr. Dong Binggen and Mr. Jiang Hengjie.

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The remuneration committee of the Company (the "Remuneration Committee") has been established by the Company on September 15, 2007 with written terms of reference pursuant to paragraph B1 of the Code, whose primary duties are to evaluate the performance and make recommendations on the remuneration packages of the directors and senior management, and evaluate and make recommendations on the retirement scheme and performance assessment system and bonus and commission policies. The Remuneration Committee consists of five members, comprising three independent non-executive directors, one non-executive director and one executive director (namely Mr. Gao Dekang (Chairman), Mr. Shen Jingwu, Mr. Dong Binggen, Mr. Jiang Hengjie and Mr. Wang Yao).

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") has been established by the Company on September 15, 2007 with written terms of reference pursuant to paragraph A.4.5 of the Code, which primary functions are to make recommendations to the Board regarding candidates to fill vacancies on the Board. The Nomination Committee consists of three members, comprising two independent non-executive Directors and one executive director (namely Mr. Gao Dekang (Chairman), Mr. Dong Binggen and Mr. Jiang Hengjie).

## **PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY**

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange and the Company's website (<http://company.bosideng.com>). The interim report for the six months ended September 30, 2008 containing all the information required by Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company and published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company in due course.

### **APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to our shareholders, distributors, customers and business partners for their continued support, and to our employees for their dedication and hard work.

By order of the Board  
**Bosideng International Holdings Limited**  
**Gao Dekang**  
*Chairman and CEO*

Hong Kong, December 15, 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Gao Dekang, Ms. Mei Dong, Ms. Gao Miaoqin, Dr. Kong Shengyuan, Ms. Huang Qiaolian and Ms. Wang Yunlei, the non-executive Director is Mr. Shen Jingwu, and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Dong Binggen, Mr. Jiang Hengjie, Mr. Wang Yao and Mr. Ngai Wai Fung.*