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Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2009

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China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited  
(Registrant)

Date August 25, 2009

By /s/ Luo Zhuping  
Name: Luo Zhuping  
Title: Company Secretary

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(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
(Stock code: 00670)

MAJOR TRANSACTION  
PURCHASE OF TWENTY AIRBUS A320 SERIES AIRCRAFT

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25 August 2009

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DEFINITIONS

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In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

“Agreement”	means the agreement entered into between the Company and Airbus SAS on 15 June 2009 regarding the purchase of the Aircraft;
“Airbus SAS”	means Airbus SAS, a company created and existing under the laws of France;
“Aircraft”	means twenty brand new Airbus A320 series aircraft (with engines);
“A Shares”	means the ordinary shares issued by the Company, with a RMB denominated par value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in RMB and are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange;
“Board”	means the board of directors of the Company;
“CEA Holding”	means (China Eastern Air Holding Company), a wholly State-owned enterprise and the controlling shareholder of the Company holding approximately 56.08% of its issued share capital as at the Latest Practicable Date;
“CES Global”	mean ( ) (CES Global Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited), a incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, and an indirectly wholly owned subsidiary of CEA Holding and a substantial shareholder of the Company holding approximately 18.57% of its issued share capital as at the Latest Practicable Date;
“Company”	means (China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited), a joint limited company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, whose H shares, A shares and American depositary shares are listed on the Stock Exchange, the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., respectively;
“Directors”	means the directors of the Company;
“Group”	means the Company and its subsidiaries;

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“Enlarged Group”	means the Group after the completion of the proposed absorption of Shanghai Airlines (For details of the proposed absorption of Shanghai Airlines, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 10 July 2009 and the circular of the Company dated 25 August 2009);
“Hong Kong”	means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China;
“H Shares”	means the ordinary shares issued by the Company, with a RMB denominated par value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in a currency other than RMB and are listed on the Stock Exchange;
“Latest Practicable Date”	means 20 August 2009, being the latest practicable date for ascertaining certain information included herein before the printing of this circular;
“Listing Rules”	means the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited;
“PRC”	means the People’s Republic of China;
“PwC”	means PricewaterhouseCoopers;
“RMB”	means renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC;
“SFO”	means the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong);
“Shanghai Airlines”	means (Shanghai Airlines Co., Ltd), a PRC airlines company with its entire shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange;
“Stock Exchange”	means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and
“US\$”	means United States dollar, the lawful currency of the United States of America.

For illustration purpose only, an exchange rate of US\$1.00 to RMB6.83 has been applied. No representation is made that any amount in RMB or US\$ could have been or could be converted at such rate or at any other rate or at all.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

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(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)  
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25 August 2009

To the shareholders of the Company

Dear Sir or Madam,

MAJOR TRANSACTION

PURCHASE OF TWENTY AIRBUS A320 SERIES AIRCRAFT

1. INTRODUCTION

As disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 17 June 2009, the Company entered into the Agreement with Airbus SAS regarding the purchase of twenty Airbus A320 series aircraft (with engines).





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The Agreement constitutes a major transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules.

2. THE PARTIES

The Company is principally engaged in the business of civil aviation.

Airbus SAS, to the Directors' knowledge, is a company incorporated in France and is principally engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling aircraft.

To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief having made all reasonable enquiry, Airbus SAS and its ultimate beneficial owner(s) are third parties independent of the Company and connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, and are not connected persons of the Company.

3. THE AGREEMENT

On 15 June 2009, the Company entered into the Agreement with Airbus SAS regarding the purchase of the Aircraft in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

Based on the information provided by Airbus SAS, the total asset value of the Aircraft, as determined by reference to the relevant catalogue price supplied by Airbus SAS, amounts in aggregate to approximately US\$1.452 billion (approximately RMB9.917 billion).

Consideration

The aircraft basic price of the Aircraft in aggregate is approximately US\$1.452 billion (RMB9.917 billion) based on the relevant price catalog in 2008. Such aircraft basic price comprises the airframe price (which is subject to price escalation by applying a formula), optional features prices and engine price.

The Agreement was negotiated and entered into in accordance with customary business and industry practice, under which Airbus SAS has granted to the Company material price concessions with regard to the Aircraft. These will take the form of credit memoranda which may be used by the Company towards the purchase of the Aircraft or spare parts, goods and services or may be used towards the final delivery invoice payment of the Aircraft. Such credit memoranda were determined after arm's length negotiations between the parties and as a result, the actual consideration for the Aircraft is lower than the aircraft basic price of the Aircraft mentioned above.

Based on such actual consideration under the Agreement, the relevant "percentage ratio" calculated under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules at the material time is above 25% but less than 100%, the Agreement constitutes a major transaction of the Company under the Listing Rules. In respect of the transaction, the Company understands its disclosure obligations normally required under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules, and has therefore on separate occasions raised the issue with Airbus SAS in order to seek its consent to the Company's disclosing certain otherwise required information (including the relevant consideration involved) in the relevant announcements and circulars. Nonetheless, Airbus SAS, for business reasons and from a commercial perspective, did not accede to the Company's request in this respect, and insisted preservation of the confidentiality carried with such information to the extent possible. The Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with the relevant provisions (including Rules 14.58(4) and 14.66(4) of the Listing Rules) under the Listing Rules in respect of the

disclosure of the actual consideration for the Aircraft.

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The price concessions will mainly affect the depreciation of aircraft in the operation cost of the Company. The Company confirms that the extent of the price concessions granted to the Company under the Agreement is comparable with the price concessions that the Company had obtained under its previous agreement entered into in July 2007 with Airbus SAS regarding the purchase of certain Airbus A320 series aircraft. Therefore, the Company believes that there is no material impact of the price concessions obtained under the Agreement on the Company's operating costs taken as a whole.

The Company has also taken into account the current economic environment, the industry performance and the Company's financial position, and considers that the extent of the price concessions granted to the Company under the Agreement are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company.

Payment terms and source of funding

The consideration under the Agreement is payable by cash in US\$ in instalments, and is, as currently contemplated, being funded principally by way of bank loans or other financial arrangements from banking institutions.

Delivery

The Aircraft are expected to be delivered to the Company in stages from 2011 to 2013.

Reasons for and benefits expected to accrue to the Company

The Aircraft are purchased on the basis of the assessment that the business of the Company will have steady and organic growth over the next few years when the global economy Company recovers. Further, the Company believes that, in the next few years, the domestic passenger transport market will develop with a better prospect. The Company therefore expects that the Aircraft to be introduced will satisfy the increasing demand in the domestic short to middle range passenger air-routes. It is also believed that the transaction will enhance the Company's market share and competitiveness in the market segment serving short to middle range passenger air- routes, thereby improving its aviation network coverage and profitability.

The transaction has been approved by the Board and will be approved by the relevant regulatory authority(ies) in the PRC in compliance with the relevant regulatory requirements.

The Directors believe that the terms of the Agreement (including the price concessions under the Agreement) are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company's shareholders as a whole.

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Financial impact of the transaction

As mentioned above, the consideration is being funded principally by way of financial arrangements with banking institutions. The transaction may therefore result in an increase in the Company's debt-to-equity ratio, but is not expected to impact on the Company's cash-flow position or its business operations. Since the consideration under the Agreement is payable by instalments, the purchase of the Aircraft will not add immediate financial burden to the Company. The transaction is not expected to result in any material impact on the earnings, assets and liabilities of the Group.

4. IMPLICATIONS UNDER THE LISTING RULES

The Agreement constitutes a major transaction of the Company under the Listing Rules and is subject to shareholders' approval.

CEA Holding, which holds approximately 56.08% of the issued share capital of the Company, as at the Latest Practicable Date, does not have any interest or benefit under the Agreement. No shareholder (including CEA Holding) would be required to abstain from voting at any shareholders' general meeting, if convened, to approve the Agreement.

The Agreement has accordingly been approved in writing by CEA Holding pursuant to Rule 14.44 of the Listing Rules, and no general meeting is required to be convened.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the appendices to this circular.

By order of the Board

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORPORATION LIMITED  
Luo Zhuping  
Director and Company Secretary

## APPENDIX I

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP

## A. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is a summary of the consolidated financial information of the Group for the three years ended 31 December 2006, 2007 and 2008, as extracted from the relevant annual reports of the Company which are not subject to any qualified opinion, and the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement data of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2008 and 2009 as extracted from the interim result announcement of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2009. The figures for the years ended 31 December 2006 and 2007 have been restated as a result of the changes of accounting policy for property, plant and equipment and the early adoption of IFRIC 13 ‘‘Customer loyalty programmes’’ in the year ended 31 December 2008.

## Results

Expressed in RMB millions

	Year ended 31 December			Six months ended 30 June	
	2006 (Restated)	2007 (Restated)	2008	2008 (Unaudited)	2009 (Unaudited)
Revenues	37,557	42,534	41,073	20,267	17,130
(Loss)/profit before tax	(3,338)	378	(15,256)	(107)	1,012
Income tax	163	(24)	(73)	(45)	16
(Loss)/profit for the year	(3,175)	354	(15,329)	(152)	1,028
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company	(3,035)	379	(15,269)	(175)	985
Minority interests	(140)	(25)	(60)	23	43
	(3,175)	354	(15,329)	(152)	1,028

## Financial Position

Expressed in RMB millions

	As at 31 December			30 June	
	2006 (Restated)	2007 (Restated)	2008	2008 (Unaudited)	2009 (Unaudited)
Total assets	60,739	67,741	73,052	72,840	
Total liabilities	58,052	64,809	85,691	77,410	
	2,687	2,933	(12,639)	(4,570)	
Minority interests	649	572	458	501	
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company	2,038	2,361	(13,097)	(5,071)	

2,687	2,933	(12,639)	(4,570)
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## B. UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

The following are the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group prepared under IFRS for the six months ended 30 June 2009 which are extracted from the interim result announcement of the Company.

Prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income  
For the six months ended 30 June 2009

	Note	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
		2009 RMB'000	Restated 2008 RMB'000
Revenues	4	17,130,451	20,267,185
Other income	5	1,112,871	180,031
Other gains	5	—	220,498
Operating expenses			
Aircraft fuel		(5,121,130)	(8,662,568)
Gain on fair value movements of fuel option contracts	6	2,793,718	451,043
Take-off and landing charges		(2,673,337)	(2,654,302)
Depreciation and amortisation		(2,529,044)	(2,292,718)
Wages, salaries and benefits		(2,270,011)	(2,028,985)
Aircraft maintenance		(1,209,545)	(1,081,840)
Food and beverages		(612,623)	(658,058)
Aircraft operating lease rentals		(1,267,175)	(1,362,399)
Other operating lease rentals		(191,595)	(167,780)
Selling and marketing expenses		(859,817)	(801,723)
Civil aviation infrastructure levies		(426,846)	(373,380)
Ground services and other charges		(130,777)	(78,549)
Office, administrative and other expenses		(1,718,508)	(1,945,791)
Total operating expenses		(16,216,690)	(21,657,050)
Operating profit/(loss)		2,026,632	(989,336)
Finance income	7	145,937	1,960,625
Finance costs	8	(1,130,929)	(1,130,898)
Share of results of associates		(37,397)	45,700
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		8,170	6,869
Profit/(loss) before income tax		1,012,413	(107,040)
Income tax	9	15,446	(44,664)

Profit/(loss) for the period	1,027,859	(151,704)
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	Note	(Unaudited)	
		Six months ended 30 June	
		2009	Restated 2008
		RMB'000	RMB'000
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>			
Fair value movements of available for sale investments held by associates		788	(19,196)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax		55,857	(22,900)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		56,645	(42,096)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>1,084,504</b>	<b>(193,800)</b>
Profit/(loss) attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		984,654	(175,318)
Minority interests		43,205	23,614
		1,027,859	(151,704)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the Company		1,041,299	(217,414)
Minority interests		43,205	23,614
		1,084,504	(193,800)
Earnings/(loss) per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the period			
— Basic and diluted	10	RMB 0.20	RMB (0.04)

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet  
As at 30 June 2009

		(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
	Note		
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets		116,402	164,851
Property, plant and equipment	13	53,351,228	52,678,473
Lease prepayments		983,767	996,521
Advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft	14	5,667,142	6,413,554
Investments in associates		703,710	980,319
Investments in jointly controlled entities		370,502	362,332
Available-for-sale financial assets		61,268	31,268
Other long-term assets		874,585	941,556
Deferred tax assets		110,475	81,947
Derivative assets		—	988
		62,239,079	62,651,809
<b>Current assets</b>			
Flight equipment spare parts		918,384	871,364
Trade receivables	15	1,263,507	1,146,522
Amounts due from related companies		204,757	208,289
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		3,954,369	4,126,219
Cash and cash equivalents		3,796,963	3,451,010
Derivative assets		208	123,010
Non-current assets held for sale		462,700	473,667
		10,600,888	10,400,081
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Sales in advance of carriage		1,119,648	1,013,878
Trade payables and notes payable	16	4,420,470	5,144,858
Amounts due to related companies		476,539	413,126
Other payables and accrued expenses		11,407,689	12,147,175
Current portion of obligations under finance leases	17	2,018,328	1,916,989
Current portion of borrowings	18	22,723,843	26,513,320
Income tax payable		22,285	39,002
Current portion of provision for return check conditions for aircraft under operating leases		333,547	213,830
Derivative liabilities		2,229,316	6,456,075
		44,751,665	53,858,253
Net current liabilities		(34,150,777)	(43,458,172)
Total assets less current liabilities		28,088,302	19,193,637



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	Note	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Obligations under finance leases	17	18,379,006	18,891,910
Borrowings	18	9,851,317	8,588,052
Provision for return check conditions for aircraft under operating leases		1,344,391	1,320,188
Other long-term liabilities		1,264,318	1,320,759
Post-retirement benefit obligations		1,648,420	1,469,124
Deferred tax liabilities		41,139	57,589
Derivative liabilities		129,578	185,524
		32,658,169	31,833,146
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<b>(4,569,867)</b>	<b>(12,639,509)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the Company			
— Share capital	19	7,741,700	4,866,950
— Reserves		(12,812,664)	(17,964,351)
		(5,070,964)	(13,097,401)
Minority interests		501,097	457,892
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>(4,569,867)</b>	<b>(12,639,509)</b>

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Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement  
For the six months ended 30 June 2009

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(563,422)	1,215,900
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(1,840,210)	(2,990,581)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	2,746,009	4,772,018
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	342,377	2,997,337
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	3,451,010	1,655,244
Exchange adjustments	3,576	(34,782)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	3,796,963	4,617,799

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity  
For the six months ended 30 June 2009

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company			Subtotal RMB'000	Minority interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
	Share capital RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000			
Six months ended 30 June 2009 (Unaudited)						
Balance at 1 January 2009	4,866,950	117,911	(18,082,262)	(13,097,401)	457,892	(12,639,509)
Total comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2009	—	56,645	984,654	1,041,299	43,205	1,084,504
Issuance of new shares (Note 19)	2,874,750	4,110,388	—	6,985,138	—	6,985,138
Balance at 30 June 2009	7,741,700	4,284,944	(17,097,608)	(5,070,964)	501,097	(4,569,867)
Six months ended 30 June 2008 (Unaudited)						
Balance at 1 January 2008 (restated, Note 3(b)(i))	4,866,950	307,351	(2,813,730)	2,360,571	571,985	2,932,556
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period ended 30 June 2008	—	(42,096)	(175,318)	(217,414)	23,614	(193,800)
Dividends paid to minority interests in subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(51,700)	(51,700)
Balance at 30 June 2008	4,866,950	265,255	(2,989,048)	2,143,157	543,899	2,687,056

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

## 1. Corporate Information

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “Company”), a joint stock company limited by shares was incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) on 14 April 1995. The address of its registered office is 66 Airport Street, Pudong International Airport, Shanghai, the PRC. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in the operation of civil aviation, including the provision of passenger, cargo, and mail delivery and other extended transportation services.

The Company is majority owned by China Eastern Air Holding Company (“CEA Holding”), a state-owned enterprise incorporated in the PRC.

The Company’s shares are traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, The New York Stock Exchange and The Shanghai Stock Exchange.

This condensed consolidated interim financial information has not been audited.

## 2. Basis of preparation

This unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (the “Current Period”) has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

In preparing the interim financial information, the Directors have given careful consideration to the going concern status of the Group in the context of the Group’s current working capital difficulties.

As at 30 June 2009, the Group’s accumulated losses were approximately RMB17.10 billion; its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately RMB34.15 billion; and total liabilities exceeded total assets by approximately RMB4.57 billion.

Against this background, the Directors have taken active steps to seek additional sources of finance and improve the Group’s liquidity position. As at 30 June 2009, the unutilised banking facilities available to the Group amounted to RMB48.79 billion. On 31 July 2009, a banking credit facility of RMB30 billion obtained by CEA Holding was granted to the Company (see Note 24(c) — “Post balance sheet events” for details). In addition, on 10 July 2009, a resolution to issue new shares to certain strategic investors for a total amount of RMB7 billion was passed by the Board and will be submitted for shareholders’ approval in the coming extraordinary general meeting (see Note 24(a) — “Post balance sheet events” for details).

With the additional credit facilities and proposed new share issue described in the preceding paragraph, and based on history of obtaining necessary financing and its relationships with its bankers and creditors, the Board considers that the Group will be able to obtain sufficient financing to enable it to operate and meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. Accordingly, it is appropriate that the financial information be prepared on a going concern basis and do not

include any adjustments that would be required should the Company and the Group fail to continue as a going concern.

3. Accounting policies

Except as described in note 3(a) below, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008, as described therein.

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Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

(a) Standards, amendment and interpretations effective in 2009

The Group has adopted the following new standards and amendments to standards which are relevant to the Group's operations and are mandatory for the financial year beginning 1 January 2009.

.IAS 1 (revised), "Presentation of financial statements". The revised standard prohibits the presentation of items of income and expenses (that is "non-owner changes in equity") in the statement of changes in equity, requiring "non-owner changes in equity" to be presented separately from owner changes in equity. All "non-owner changes in equity" are required to be shown in a performance statement.

Entities can choose whether to present one performance statement (the statement of comprehensive income) or two statements (the income statement and statement of comprehensive income).

The Group has elected to present one performance statement: the statement of comprehensive income. The interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with the revised disclosure requirements.

.IFRS 8, "Operating segments". IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14, "Segment reporting". It requires a "management approach" under which segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes.

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board that makes strategic decisions. The interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with the revised disclosure requirements.

.Amendment to IFRS 7, "Financial instruments: disclosures". The amendment increases the disclosure requirements about fair value measurement and reinforces existing principles for disclosure about liquidity risk. The amendment introduces a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurement disclosures and requires some specific quantitative disclosures for financial instruments in the lowest level in the hierarchy. It also requires entities to provide additional disclosures about the relative reliability of fair value measurements. These disclosures will help to improve comparability between entities about the effects of fair value measurements. In addition, the amendment clarifies and enhances the existing requirements for the disclosure of liquidity risk primarily requiring a separate liquidity risk analysis for derivative and non-derivative financial liabilities. Adoption of the amended standard does not have impact on the disclosure of this interim financial information but the Group will make the relevant additional disclosures, where appropriate, in its financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2009.

The Group has not early adopted new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations which have been issued but are not effective for 2009. The Group is assessing the impact of these new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations but is not yet in a position to state whether any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies or to the presentation of the financial statements will be required.

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Comparatives

(i) Changes of accounting policy in second half year of 2008 which were not reflected in the interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2008

In preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008, the Group has made the following changes of accounting policy which were not reflected in the interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

(1) IFRIC 13, "Customer loyalty programmes" was early adopted by the Group in 2008. IFRIC 13 clarifies that where goods or services are sold together with a customer loyalty incentive (for example, loyalty points or free products), the arrangement is a multiple-element arrangement and the consideration receivable from the customer is allocated between the components of the arrangement using fair values. The Company operates a frequent-flyer programme called "Eastern Miles" (the "programme"). Historically, the incremental cost of providing awards in exchange for redemption of miles earned by members was accrued as an operating cost and a liability in the balance sheet. After the adoption of IFRIC 13, revenue is allocated between the ticket sold and miles earned by members. The portion allocated to miles earned is deferred and recognised when the miles have been redeemed or have expired.

(2) Under IFRS, the Company has the option to use the revaluation model or historical cost model to account for its property, plant and equipment ("PP&E"). Prior to 2008, the Company adopted the revaluation model in accordance with IAS 16 as a result of Chinese regulatory requirements to revalue PP&E in connection with its listing in 1997. In 2008, the Company changed its IFRS accounting policy in respect of PP&E from the revaluation model to the historical cost model. The purposes of the change are set out in the notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

The effect of the adoption of IFRIC 13 and change of accounting policy for PP&E on the consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2008 is set out below:

	2008 as previously presented RMB'000	Effect of adoption of IFRIC 13 RMB'000	Effect of change of accounting policy for PP&E RMB'000	2008 as restated RMB'000
Impact on consolidated statement of comprehensive income				
Consolidated loss for the period	(188,883)	(40,320)	77,499	(151,704)
Loss per share attributable to equity holders of The Company	RMB (0.04)	RMB (0.008)	RMB 0.016	RMB (0.04)
Impact on consolidated balance sheet at 1 January				

2008				
Consolidated net assets	3,612,729	(345,115)	(335,058)	2,932,556
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the Company	3,027,763	(345,115)	(322,077)	2,360,571
Minority interests	584,966	—	(12,981)	571,985

The comparative of this financial information has been restated to reflect the effect of the above changes of accounting policy.

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## (ii) Other reclassification

Where necessary, prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in the Current Period.

## 4. Revenues and segment information

## (a) Revenues

The Group is principally engaged in the operation of civil aviation, including the provision of passenger, cargo, mail delivery and other extended transportation services.

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
	2009 RMB'000	Restated 2008 RMB'000
<b>Revenues</b>		
— Passenger	15,024,026	16,806,864
— Cargo and mail	1,564,178	2,838,951
Ground service income	511,763	609,806
Cargo handling income	138,959	181,122
Commission income	89,112	91,761
Others	241,457	259,108
	17,569,495	20,787,612
Less: Business tax (Note)	(439,044)	(520,427)
	17,130,451	20,267,185

Note: The Group's traffic revenues, commission income, ground service income, cargo handling income and other revenues are subject to PRC business tax levied at rates ranging from 3% to 5%, pursuant to the PRC tax rules and regulations.

## (b) Segment information

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board. The Board reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The Group has two business segments, namely passenger and cargo and logistics, which are structured and managed separately, according to the nature of their operations and the services they provide.

- (1) Passenger business segment includes cargo carried by passenger flights.

(2) Inter-segment transfers or transactions are entered into under normal commercial terms and conditions that would also be available to unrelated third parties.

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The segment results for the six months ended 30 June 2009 are as follows:

	(Unaudited)			
	Passenger RMB'000	Cargo and logistics RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Traffic revenues	15,312,411	858,126	—	16,170,537
Other revenues and operating income	740,273	411,826	110,230	1,262,329
Total segment revenue	16,052,684	1,269,952	110,230	17,432,866
Inter-segment revenue	(227,738)	—	(74,677)	(302,415)
Revenues	15,824,946	1,269,952	35,553	17,130,451
Operating profit/(loss) — segment results	2,243,816	(246,066)	28,882	2,026,632

The segment results for the six months ended 30 June 2008 are as follows:

	(Unaudited)			
	Passenger RMB'000	Cargo and logistics RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Restated				
Traffic revenues	17,471,476	1,682,290	—	19,153,766
Other revenues and operating income	716,753	546,148	131,791	1,394,692
Total segment revenue	18,188,229	2,228,438	131,791	20,548,458
Inter-segment revenue	(204,678)	—	(76,595)	(281,273)
Revenues	17,983,551	2,228,438	55,196	20,267,185
Operating (loss)/profit — segment results	(1,248,089)	217,469	41,284	(989,336)

The Group's two business segments operate in four main geographical areas, even though they are managed on a worldwide basis.

The Group's revenues (net of business tax) by geographical segment are analysed based on the following criteria:

- (1) Traffic revenue from services within the PRC (excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("Hong Kong")) is classified as domestic operations. Traffic revenue from inbound and outbound services between the PRC,

Hong Kong or overseas markets is attributed to the segments based on the origin and destination of each flight segment.

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(2) Revenue from ticket handling services, airport ground services and other miscellaneous services are classified on the basis of where the services are performed.

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	Restated 2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Domestic (the PRC, excluding Hong Kong)	11,819,726	11,413,140
Hong Kong	907,905	1,252,177
Japan	1,294,072	1,726,060
Other countries	3,108,748	5,875,808
Total	17,130,451	20,267,185

5. Other income and other gains

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Other income		
— Refund of civil aviation infrastructure levies (Note (a))	830,622	—
— Other government subsidies (Note (b))	282,249	180,031
	1,112,871	180,031
Other gains		
— Gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	220,498
	1,112,871	400,529

Note:

(a) Pursuant to Cai Jian (2009) No. 4, the civil aviation infrastructure levies collected from PRC domestic airlines for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 would be refunded. The amount for the Current Period represents the refunds of civil aviation infrastructure levies received and receivable by the Group.

(b) Other government subsidies represent (i) subsidies granted by the local government to the Group; and (ii) other subsidies granted by various local municipalities to encourage the Group to operate certain routes to cities where these municipalities are located.

6. Gain on fair value movements of fuel option contracts



In 2008, the Group entered into fuel hedging contracts to reduce the risk of changes in market oil/petroleum prices as a hedge against aircraft fuel costs. The fuel hedging contracts used by the Group are normally structured to include a combination of both put and call options which allow the Group to lock in fuel prices for specified volumes within a price range. In each hedging contract, the call options price at which the Group is effectively entitled to buy fuel will be higher than that at which the counterparty is effectively entitled to sell.

No fuel hedging contract was entered into by the Group for the Current Period, all the opened fuel hedging contracts as at 30 June 2009 are contracts entered into by the Group prior to 2009. None of the fuel hedging contracts entered into by the Group qualified for hedge accounting, the realised and unrealised mark to market gains/(losses) of the fuel hedging contracts during a period are recognised in the profit and loss accounts.

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	7. Finance income	
	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	Restated 2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Exchange gains, net (Note)	16,425	1,891,422
Interest income	52,937	55,572
Gains/(losses) arising from fair value movements of forward foreign exchange contracts	76,575	13,631
	145,937	1,960,625

Note: The exchange gains primarily related to the retranslation of the Group's foreign currency denominated borrowings and obligations under finance leases at period end rates.

	8. Finance costs	
	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest relating to obligations under finance leases	264,002	337,358
Interest on loans from banks, financial institutions and other payables	930,204	932,259
Losses arising from fair value movements of interest rate swaps	59,060	35,687
	1,253,266	1,305,304
Less: amounts capitalised into advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft (Note 14)	(122,337)	(174,406)
	1,130,929	1,130,898

Interest capitalised for the Current Period is based on average interest rate of 4.58% (2008 : 5.82%) per annum.

## 9. Income tax

Income tax is (credited)/charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as follows:

(Unaudited)	
Six months ended 30 June	
2009	2008
RMB'000	RMB'000

Provision for PRC income tax	29,532	46,103
Deferred taxation	(44,978)	(1,439)
	(15,446)	44,664

Prior to 2008, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries (the “Pudong Subsidiaries”) located in Pudong District, Shanghai, were entitled to a reduced rate of 15% pursuant to the preferential tax policy in Pudong, Shanghai. Under the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China (the “New CIT Law”) which was approved by the National People’s Congress on 16 March 2007 and became effective from 1 January 2008, the Company and the Pudong Subsidiaries are entitled to enjoy a transitional period to gradually increase the applicable corporate income tax rate to 25% in coming five years. For the year ending 31 December 2009, the corporate income tax rate applicable to the Company and the Pudong Subsidiaries is 20% (2008 : 18%). Other subsidiaries of the Company, except for those incorporated in Hong Kong and being subject to the Hong Kong corporate income tax rate of 16.5% (2008 : 16.5%), are generally subject to the PRC standard corporate tax rate of 25% (2008 : 25%) under the New CIT Law.

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The Group operates international flights to overseas destinations. There was no material overseas taxation for the six months ended 30 June 2009, as there are double tax treaties between the PRC and the corresponding jurisdictions (including Hong Kong) relating to aviation businesses.

## 10. Earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the unaudited consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of RMB984,654,000 (2008 : loss of RMB175,318,000) and the weighted average number of shares of 4,954,304,000 (2008 : 4,866,950,000) in issue during the period.

The Company has no potentially dilutive option or other instruments relating to ordinary shares.

## 11. Dividend

The Board of the Company does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2009 (2008 : Nil).

## 12. Profit appropriation

No appropriation to the statutory reserves has been made during the six months ended 30 June 2009. Such appropriations will be made at year end in accordance with the PRC regulations and the Articles of Association of individual group companies.

## 13. Property, plant and equipment

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June 2009		
	Aircraft, engines and flight equipment RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amounts at 1 January 2009	47,759,942	4,918,531	52,678,473
Transfers from advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft (Note 14)	1,009,795	—	1,009,795
Additions through sales and finance lease back	590,253	—	590,253
Other additions	1,870,709	262,521	2,133,230
Depreciation charged for the period	(2,211,713)	(249,770)	(2,461,483)
Disposals	(590,253)	(8,787)	(599,040)
Carrying amounts at 30 June 2009	48,428,733	4,922,495	53,351,228



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	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 June 2008		
	Aircraft, engines and flight equipment RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Restated			
Carrying amounts at 1 January 2008	42,758,022	4,511,732	47,269,754
Transfers			
from advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft (Note 14)	883,151	—	883,151
Other additions	1,702,237	295,368	1,997,605
Depreciation charged for the period	(1,977,548)	(248,847)	(2,226,395)
Disposals	(78,920)	(31,636)	(110,556)
Carrying amounts at 30 June 2008	43,286,942	4,526,617	47,813,559

## 14. Advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft

	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	30 June 2009 RMB'000	30 June 2008 RMB'000
At beginning of period	6,413,554	6,695,573
Additions	141,046	3,439,877
Interest capitalised (Note 8)	122,337	174,406
Transfers to property, plant and equipment (Note 13)	(1,009,795)	(883,151)
At end of period	5,667,142	9,426,705

## 15. Trade receivables

The credit terms given to trade customers are determined on an individual basis, with credit periods generally ranging from half a month to two months.

The aging analysis of trade receivables is as follows:

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2009 RMB'000	31 December 2008 RMB'000
Within 90 days	1,233,809	1,088,951

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91 to 180 days	11,541	24,282
181 to 365 days	17,212	30,451
Over 365 days	106,420	103,919
	1,368,982	1,247,603
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	(105,475)	(101,081)
Trade receivables	1,263,507	1,146,522

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## 16. Trade payables and notes payable

The aging analysis of trade payables and notes payable is as follows:

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
Within 90 days	2,537,978	3,310,710
91 to 180 days	1,483,059	1,249,400
181 to 365 days	126,822	267,785
Over 365 days	272,611	316,963
	4,420,470	5,144,858

## 17. Obligations under finance leases

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
Within one year	2,018,328	1,916,989
In the second year	2,116,774	2,016,172
In the third to fifth year inclusive	6,711,864	6,203,330
After the fifth year	9,550,368	10,672,408
Total	20,397,334	20,808,899
Less: amount repayable within one year	(2,018,328)	(1,916,989)
Long-term portion	18,379,006	18,891,910

## 18. Borrowings

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
Long-term bank borrowings		
— Secured	4,997,694	4,483,950
— Unsecured	11,158,408	11,143,593
	16,156,102	15,627,543



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Less: current portion	(6,304,785)	(7,039,491)
Non-current portion	9,851,317	8,588,052
Short-term bank borrowings	16,419,058	19,473,829

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19.	Share capital	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June	31 December
	2009	2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Registered, issued and fully paid of RMB1.00 each		
A Shares		
— Listed shares with trading moratorium held by CEA Holding and employees (Note (b))	4,341,375	2,904,000
— Listed shares without trading moratorium	396,000	396,000
H Shares (Note (b))	3,004,325	1,566,950
	7,741,700	4,866,950

## Notes:

(a) Pursuant to articles 49 and 50 of the Company's Articles of Association, each of the restricted shares, the listed A Shares and the listed H Shares are all registered ordinary shares and carry equal rights.

(b) On 5 June 2009, China Securities Regulatory Commission (the "CSRC") approved the Company's application for non-public issue of 1,437,375,000 A Shares at nominal value of RMB1.00 each. CEA Holding subscribed for all the shares under this issue and undertook that it would not transfer the subscribed A Shares within 36 months from the completion date of the issue. The issue price was RMB3.87 per share and the total proceed of RMB5,562,641,000 (the "Proceeds of A Shares") from the issue was received by the Company in June 2009 and verified by a PRC Certified Public Accountants firm.

On 19 May 2009, CSRC approved the Company's application for additional issue of 1,437,375,000 H Shares at nominal value of RMB1.00 each. CES Global Holding (Hong Kong) Limited ("CES Global"), a wholly owned Hong Kong incorporated subsidiary of CEA Holding, subscribed for all the shares under this issue and undertook that it would not transfer the subscribed H Shares within 36 months from the completion date of the issue. The issue price was HKD1.13 per share and the total proceed of HKD1,630,342,000, equivalent to RMB1,437,375,000 (the "Proceeds of H Shares") from the issue was received by the Company in June 2009 and verified by a PRC Certified Public Accountants firm.

The total amount of the aforementioned Proceeds of A Shares and Proceeds of H Shares were RMB7,00,016,000, after deducting the share issue expenses of RMB14,878,000 for the share issues, the net proceeds raised from the above share issues amounted to RMB6,985,138,000, of which RMB2,874,750,000 is recorded as share capital and the remaining RMB4,110,388,000 is recorded as share premium.

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## 20. Commitments

## (a) Capital commitments

The Group had the following capital commitments:

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009 RMB'000	(Audited) 31 December 2008 RMB'000
Authorised and contracted for:		
— Aircraft, engines and flight equipment	62,127,225	52,533,736
— Other property, plant and equipment	90,681	130,180
	62,217,906	52,663,916
Authorised but not contracted for:		
— Other property, plant and equipment	4,200,991	5,235,712
	66,418,897	57,899,628

## (b) Operating lease commitments

The Group had commitments under operating leases to pay future minimum lease rentals as follows:

	(Unaudited) 30 June 2009		(Audited) 31 December 2008	
	Aircraft, engines and flight equipment RMB'000	Land and buildings RMB'000	Aircraft, engines and flight equipment RMB'000	Land and buildings RMB'000
Within one year	2,430,019	255,483	2,671,355	202,540
In the second year	1,933,677	143,537	2,330,080	124,643
In the third to fifth year inclusive	4,100,844	337,770	4,598,624	325,423
After the fifth year	3,576,329	2,462,209	4,100,560	2,398,361
	12,040,869	3,198,999	13,700,619	3,050,967

## 21. Related party transactions

The Group is controlled by CEA Holding, which owns approximately 74.64% of the Company's shares as at 30 June 2009 (2008 : 59.67%). The aviation industry in the PRC is administrated by the CAAC. CEA Holding and accordingly

the Group are ultimately controlled by the PRC government, which also controls a significant portion of the productive assets and entities in the PRC (collectively referred as the “SOEs”).

(a) Related party transactions

The Group sells air tickets through sales agents and is therefore likely to have extensive transactions with other state-controlled enterprises, and the employees and their close family members of SOEs while such employees are on corporate business. These transactions are carried out on normal commercial terms that are consistently applied to all of the Group’s customers. Due to the large volume and the pervasiveness of these transactions, management is unable to determine the aggregate amount of the transactions for disclosure. Therefore, retail transactions with these related parties are not disclosed herein. The Directors of the Company believe that meaningful related party disclosures on these retail transactions have been adequately made.

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During the Current Period, the Group has entered into the following major transactions with the related parties:

Nature of transactions	Related party	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
		2009 RMB'000	2008 RMB'000
(i) With CEA Holding or companies directly or indirectly held by CEA Holding:			
Interest income on deposits at an average rate of 0.36% (2008 : 0.36%) per annum	Eastern Air Group Finance Co., Ltd (“EAGF”)*	11,282	11,965
Interest expense on loans at rate of 4.61% (2008 : 4.87%) per annum	EAGF*	124,334	11,978
Entrusted short-term loan from CEA Holding through EAGF at interest rate of 4.37% per annum and repayable within 6 months	CEA Holding and EAGF*	5,550,000	
Automobile maintenance fee	CEA Development Co. Ltd	13,566	14,886
Land and building rental	CEA Holding	27,570	27,700
Handling charges of 0.1% to 2% for the purchase of aircraft, flight spare parts, other property, plant and flight equipment	Eastern Aviation Import & Export Co., Ltd (“EAIEC”)*	21,256	20,462
Equipment manufacturing and maintenance	Shanghai Eastern Aviation Equipment Manufacturing Corporation	4,320	4,656
Ticket reservation service charges for utilisation of computer reservation system	Travel Sky Technology Limited***	129,433	115,581

Repairs and maintenance expense for aircraft and engines	Shanghai Eastern Union Aviation Wheels & Brakes Overhaul Engineering Co., Ltd (“Wheels & Brakes”)**	29,808	29,296
	Shanghai Technologies Aerospace Co., Ltd (“STA”)**	59,808	50,664
Supply of food and beverages	Shanghai Eastern Air Catering Co., Ltd (“SEAC”)***	115,534	77,078
	Qingdao Eastern Air Catering Investment Co., Ltd.***	12,287	13,104
	Xian Eastern Air Catering Investment Co., Ltd.***	18,529	18,300

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Nature of transactions	Related party	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
		2009 RMB'000	2008 RMB'000
	Yunnan Eastern Air Catering Investment Co., Ltd.***	8,246	20,038
Advertising expense	Eastern Aviation Advertising Services Co., Ltd (“CAASC”)*	638	2,682
Commission expense on air tickets sold on behalf of the Group	Shanghai Dongmei Aviation Travel Co., Ltd (“SDATC”)*	82	5,133
	Shanghai Tourism (HK) Co., Ltd***	52	2,370
(ii)	With CAAC and its affiliates:		
Civil aviation infrastructure levies paid	CAAC	426,846	373,380
Aircraft insurance premium paid through CAAC which entered into the insurance policy on behalf of the Group	CAAC	67,569	77,311
(iii)	With other state-controlled enterprises:		
Take-off and landing fees charges	State-controlled airports	1,615,974	1,285,297
Purchase of aircraft fuel	State-controlled fuel suppliers	4,462,944	6,353,798
Interest income on deposits at an average rate of 0.36% (2008 : 0.72%) per annum	State-controlled banks	15,795	8,081

Interest expense on loans at an average rate of 5.40% (2008 : 5.72%) per annum	State-controlled banks	706,357	827,886
Commission expense on air tickets sold on behalf of the Group	Other PRC airlines	21,209	35,018
Supply of food and beverages	Other state-controlled enterprises	226,160	198,353



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(b)	Balances with related parties	
	(i)	Amounts due from related companies
Company	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
EAIEC*	189,017	181,788
Other related companies	15,740	26,501
	204,757	208,289

All the amounts due from related companies are trade in nature, interest free and payable within normal credit terms given to trade customers.

(ii)	Amounts due to related companies	
Company	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
EAIEC*	(365,001)	(241,560)
CEA Holding	(84,813)	(69,497)
SEAC***	(6,688)	(46,580)
Other related companies	(20,037)	(55,489)
	(476,539)	(413,126)

Except for amount due to CEA Holding, which is reimbursement in nature, all other amounts due to related companies are trade in nature, interest free and payable within normal credit terms given by trade creditors.

(iii) Short-term deposits and short-term loans with EAGF, a 25% associate of the Group

	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Included in "Prepayments, Deposits and Other Receivables" are short-term deposits with an average interest rate of 0.4% (2008 : 0.4%) per annum	707,309	1,202,892
	945,151	295,181

Included in “Borrowings” are short-term loans with an average interest rate of 4.4% (2008 : 4.3%) per annum

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(iv)	State-controlled banks and other financial institutions	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		30 June 2009 RMB'000	31 December 2008 RMB'000
	Included in "Cash and Cash Equivalents" are bank deposits with an average interest rate of 0.4% (2008: 0.4%) per annum	2,612,384	1,762,245
	Included in "Borrowings" are long-term loans with an average interest rate of 5.0% (2008: 5.3%) per annum	14,945,495	14,577,150
(c)	Guarantees by holding company		

Certain unsecured bank borrowings of the Group totaling of RMB457 million (2008 : RMB357 million) were guaranteed by CEA Holding (Note 18). No bank borrowing of the Company was guaranteed by CEA Holding as at 30 June 2009 (2008 : Nil).

Notes:

\*EAGF is a 25% associate of the Group. SDATC is a 27.16% associate of the Group, CAASC and EAIEC are both 45% associates of the Group.

\*\* Wheels & Brakes and STA are 40% and 51% jointly controlled entities of the Group respectively.

\*\*\* These companies are related companies of the Group as they are either, directly or indirectly, controlled by, under the joint control or significant influence of CEA Holding.

## 22. Seasonality

The civil aviation industry is subject to seasonal fluctuations, with peak demand during the holiday season in the second half of the year. As such, the revenues and results of the Group in the first half of the year are generally lower than those in the second half of the year.

## 23. Contingent liabilities

In 2005, the family members of certain victims in the aircraft (the aircraft was then owned and operated by China Eastern Air Yunnan Company) accident, which occurred in Baotou on 21 November 2004, sued the Company in a U.S. court for compensation. On 5 July 2007, pursuant to several conditions with which the Company has complied, the Superior Court of the State of California ordered the action stayed on the grounds of forum non convenience for the purpose of permitting proceedings in the PRC. On 20 February 2008, the plaintiffs filed a motion with the Superior Court of the State of California to lift the stay, but the motion was rejected by the court on 6 May 2008. The plaintiffs filed a second motion to lift the stay on 10 July 2008. On 27 August 2008, the Superior Court of the State of California rejected the motion of the plaintiffs again. After the case entered the procedures on appeal in the California Court of Appeal, the Court of Appeal of California issued an opinion on 26 February 2009, dismissing the appeal of

the plaintiffs and affirming the original order. On 16 March 2009, the Chinese counsel of the plaintiff sued the Company on behalf of the family members of victims in the Beijing No. 2 Intermediate People's Court. The case is under the filing procedure and no official summons from the court has been received by the Company. The management of the Group believes that even if there would be a negative outcome for this case, it will not have an adverse effect on the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

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## 24. Post balance sheet events

## (a) Specific mandates in relation to issuance of new A Shares and new H Shares

On 10 July 2009, the Board resolved to convene an extraordinary shareholders' meeting and the class meetings of the holders of A Shares of the Company ("A Shares") and H Shares of the Company ("H Shares") respectively on 7 September 2009 for the grant of (i) an A Share Specific Mandate to the Board to issue not more than 1,350,000,000 new A Shares to not more than 10 specific investors (subject to the maximum number as permitted by PRC laws and regulations at the time of the issuance) including CEA Holding, at the subscription price of not less than RMB4.75 per A Share; and (ii) a H Share Specific Mandate to the Board to issue not more than 490,000,000 new H Shares to CES Global, at the subscription price of not less than HK\$1.40 per H Share.

## (b) Proposed absorption of Shanghai Airlines through exchange of shares

On 10 July 2009, the Company entered into an agreement with Shanghai Airlines Co., Ltd ("Shanghai Airlines") in relation to a proposed absorption of Shanghai Airlines through share exchanges at the rate of 1.3 A Shares in exchange of 1 share of Shanghai Airlines (i.e. in aggregate a maximum of 1,694,838,860 A Shares in exchange of 1,303,722,200 shares of Shanghai Airlines). A separate extraordinary shareholders' meeting and respective class meetings will be convened to approve the proposed absorption (the "Absorption Proposal").

Upon full implementation of the terms of the Absorption Proposal, after the approvals by the shareholders of the Company and Shanghai Airlines, together with the requisite consents and approvals from the relevant government authorities has been obtained, all the assets, business, staff and rights of Shanghai Airlines, including but not limited to all operating licence, registration and filing and route operating rights, will be absorbed into and all the liabilities of Shanghai Airlines will be assumed by the Company or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company to be used to absorb all the assets and assume all the liabilities of Shanghai Airlines.

## (c) Additional credit facilities

On 31 July 2009, the Company was granted by CEA Holding to use a four year credit facility of RMB30 billion that CEA Holding obtained from China Development Bank.

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## C. AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Set out below are the audited consolidated financial statements and notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008, which are extracted from pages 112 to 264 of the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Consolidated Income Statement  
(Prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards)  
For the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
Revenues	5	41,072,557	42,533,893
Other operating income	6	405,163	487,562
Other gains	6	267,084	—
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Aircraft fuel		(18,488,242)	(15,117,147)
(Loss)/gain on fair value movements of financial derivatives	8	(6,400,992)	83,965
Take-off and landing charges		(5,279,590)	(5,174,183)
Depreciation and amortisation		(4,781,562)	(4,719,735)
Wages, salaries and benefits	9	(4,545,312)	(4,327,397)
Aircraft maintenance		(3,272,981)	(2,392,039)
Impairment losses	10	(2,976,678)	(227,456)
Food and beverages		(1,321,268)	(1,230,754)
Aircraft operating lease rentals		(2,734,802)	(2,850,873)
Other operating lease rentals		(369,236)	(292,844)
Selling and marketing expenses		(1,562,945)	(1,805,342)
Civil aviation infrastructure levies		(769,849)	(781,613)
Ground services and other charges		(268,873)	(224,466)
Office, administrative and other expenses		(4,055,679)	(3,833,938)
Total operating expenses		(56,828,009)	(42,893,822)
Operating (loss)/profit	11	(15,083,205)	127,633
Finance income	12	2,061,625	2,140,457
Finance costs	13	(2,328,147)	(1,978,550)
Share of results of associates	23	69,668	58,312
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	24	24,050	30,086
(Loss)/profit before income tax		(15,256,009)	377,938

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Income tax	14	(73,916)	(23,763)
(Loss)/profit for the year		(15,329,925)	354,175

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	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		(15,268,532)	378,568
Minority interests		(61,393)	(24,393)
		(15,329,925)	354,175
(Loss)/earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the year			
— basic and diluted	17	RMB (3.14)	RMB 0.08

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## Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards)

As at 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets	18	164,851	1,244,706
Property, plant and equipment	19	52,678,473	47,269,754
Lease prepayments	20	996,521	967,497
Advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft	21	6,413,554	6,695,573
Investments in associates	23	980,319	601,119
Investments in jointly controlled entities	24	362,332	336,966
Available-for-sale financial assets		31,268	53,236
Other long-term assets	25	941,556	660,751
Deferred tax assets	35	81,947	113,211
Derivative assets	38	988	6,077
		62,651,809	57,948,890
<b>Current assets</b>			
Flight equipment spare parts		871,364	1,124,936
Trade receivables	26	1,146,522	2,096,007
Amounts due from related companies	44	208,289	65,455
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	27	4,126,219	2,555,649
Cash and cash equivalents	28	3,451,010	1,655,244
Derivative assets	38	123,010	89,470
Non-current assets held for sale	41	473,667	2,205,450
		10,400,081	9,792,211
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Sales in advance of carriage		1,013,878	1,211,209
Trade payables and notes payable	29	5,144,858	3,137,880
Amounts due to related companies	44	413,126	671,593
Other payables and accrued expenses	30	12,147,175	9,591,245
Current portion of obligations under finance leases	31	1,916,989	2,545,223
Current portion of borrowings	32	26,513,320	18,494,521
Income tax payable		39,002	90,867
Current portion of provision for aircraft overhaul expenses	33	213,830	—
Derivative liabilities	38	6,456,075	20,238
Liabilities directly associated with non-current assets held for sale	41	—	127,239
		53,858,253	35,890,015

Net current liabilities	(43,458,172)	(26,097,804)
Total assets less current liabilities	19,193,637	31,851,086

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	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Obligations under finance leases	31	18,891,910	13,906,987
Borrowings	32	8,588,052	11,369,307
Provision for aircraft overhaul expenses	33	1,320,188	956,910
Other long-term liabilities	34	1,320,759	1,242,697
Deferred tax liabilities	35	57,589	50,369
Post-retirement benefit obligations	36(b)	1,469,124	1,370,702
Derivative liabilities	38	185,524	21,558
		31,833,146	28,918,530
<b>Net (liabilities)/assets</b>		<b>(12,639,509)</b>	<b>2,932,556</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the Company			
Share capital	39	4,866,950	4,866,950
Reserves	40	(17,964,351)	(2,506,379)
		(13,097,401)	2,360,571
Minority interests		457,892	571,985
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>(12,639,509)</b>	<b>2,932,556</b>

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## Company's Balance Sheet

(Prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards)

As at 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets	18	164,579	939,674
Property, plant and equipment	19	44,512,840	38,580,747
Lease prepayments	20	420,272	425,136
Advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft	21	6,413,554	6,695,573
Investments in subsidiaries	22	2,523,715	2,473,716
Investments in associates	23	762,058	377,872
Investments in jointly controlled entities	24	301,802	301,802
Available-for-sale financial assets		15,520	37,487
Other long-term assets	25	765,351	498,849
Derivative assets	38	988	6,077
		55,880,679	50,336,933
<b>Current assets</b>			
Flight equipment spare parts		707,587	864,204
Trade receivables	26	750,495	1,375,156
Amounts due from related companies	44	1,518,341	1,618,332
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	27	3,706,776	2,150,609
Cash and cash equivalents	28	2,361,941	1,040,897
Derivative assets	38	123,010	89,470
Non-current assets held for sale	41	473,667	764,120
		9,641,817	7,902,788
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Sales in advance of carriage		1,013,878	1,211,209
Trade payables and notes payable	29	4,747,230	2,662,716
Amounts due to related companies	44	695,803	777,422
Other payables and accrued expenses	30	10,486,958	8,304,694
Current portion of obligations under finance leases	31	1,715,062	2,316,781
Current portion of borrowings	32	24,063,433	15,943,774
Current portion of provision for aircraft overhaul expenses	33	139,710	—
Derivative liabilities	38	6,456,075	20,238
Liabilities directly associated with non-current assets held for sale	41	—	127,239
		49,318,149	31,364,073
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<b>(39,676,332)</b>	<b>(23,461,285)</b>

Total assets less current liabilities	16,204,347	26,875,648
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	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000 (Restated) (Note 2(b))
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Obligations under finance leases	31	16,814,109	11,455,722
Borrowings	32	7,045,080	9,650,583
Provision for aircraft overhaul expenses	33	1,028,980	737,371
Other long-term liabilities	34	1,235,953	1,159,773
Post-retirement benefit obligations	36(b)	1,286,878	1,195,070
Derivative liabilities	38	185,524	21,558
		27,596,524	24,220,077
Net (liabilities)/assets		(11,392,177)	2,655,571
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the Company</b>			
Share capital	39	4,866,950	4,866,950
Reserves	40	(16,259,127)	(2,211,379)
Total equity		(11,392,177)	2,655,571

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## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

(Prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards)

For the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 RMB'000	2007 RMB'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	42(a)	2,942,466	3,142,834
Income tax paid		(86,931)	(62,549)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		2,855,535	3,080,285
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Additions of property, plant and equipment		(1,289,350)	(1,592,310)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,856,358	70,681
Acquisition of land use rights		(53,117)	—
Advanced payments on acquisition of aircraft		(3,603,824)	(3,737,079)
Refunds of advanced payments upon deliveries of aircraft		2,422,252	3,064,580
Repayment of other payables (instalment payment for acquisition of an airline business)		(30,000)	(30,000)
Interest received		90,635	96,849
Dividend received		29,679	22,367
Capital injections in a jointly controlled entity		—	(92,416)
Capital injections in associates		(384,186)	—
Proceeds from disposal of interest in an associate		3,698	—
Proceeds on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		32,972	—
Proceeds from disposal of interest in a subsidiary		—	441,002
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(924,883)	(1,756,326)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from draw down of short-term bank loans		25,403,301	18,464,695
Repayments of short-term bank loans		(19,986,723)	(16,020,304)
Proceeds from draw down of long-term bank loans		4,748,071	3,383,349
Repayments of long-term bank loans		(3,922,593)	(2,985,480)
Principal repayments of finance lease obligations		(2,593,656)	(2,974,718)
Payments of restricted bank deposit		(1,365,116)	—
Interest paid		(2,741,980)	(2,240,721)
Refunds of deposits pledged for finance leases upon maturities		419,604	779,646
Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries		(52,700)	(46,400)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(91,792)	(1,639,933)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,838,860	(315,974)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		1,655,244	1,987,486
Exchange adjustments		(43,094)	(16,268)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		3,451,010	1,655,244

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity  
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For the year ended 31 December 2008

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company			Subtotal RMB'000	Minority interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
	Share capital RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000			
Balance at 1 January 2007 as previously presented	4,866,950	1,282,877	(3,334,930)	2,814,897	661,746	3,476,643
Effect of early adoption of IFRIC 13 (Note 2(b)(i))	—	—	(362,606)	(362,606)	—	(362,606)
Effect of change of accounting policy on property, plant and equipment (Note 2(b)(ii))	—	(490,688)	76,430	(414,258)	(12,981)	(427,239)
Balance at 1 January 2007 as restated	4,866,950	792,189	(3,621,106)	2,038,033	648,765	2,686,798
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	—	(78,197)	—	(78,197)	—	(78,197)
Fair value movements of available for sale investments held by associates (Note 23)	—	22,167	—	22,167	—	22,167
Net income recognised directly in equity	—	(56,030)	—	(56,030)	—	(56,030)
Profit/(loss) for the year	—	—	378,568	378,568	(24,393)	354,175
Total recognised income and expense for 2007	—	(56,030)	378,568	322,538	(24,393)	298,145
Dividend paid to minority interests in subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(46,400)	(46,400)

Disposal of a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	(5,987)	(5,987)
Adjustment to statutory and discretionary reserves	—	(428,808)	428,808	—	—	—
	—	(428,808)	428,808	—	(52,387)	(52,387)
Balance at 31 December 2007	4,866,950	307,351	(2,813,730)	2,360,571	571,985	2,932,556
Balance at 1 January 2008, as previously presented	4,866,950	798,039	(2,637,226)	3,027,763	584,966	3,612,729
Effect of early adoption of IFRIC 13 (Note 2(b)(i))	—	—	(345,115)	(345,115)	—	(345,115)
Effect of change of accounting policy on property, plant and equipment (Note 2(b)(ii))	—	(490,688)	168,611	(322,077)	(12,981)	(335,058)
Balance at 1 January 2008, as restated	4,866,950	307,351	(2,813,730)	2,360,571	571,985	2,932,556
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	—	(170,360)	—	(170,360)	—	(170,360)
Fair value movements of available for sale investments held by associates (Note 23)	—	(19,080)	—	(19,080)	—	(19,080)
Net loss recognised directly in equity	—	(189,440)	—	(189,440)	—	(189,440)
Loss for the year	—	—	(15,268,532)	(15,268,532)	(61,393)	(15,329,925)
Total recognised income and expense for 2008	—	(189,440)	(15,268,532)	(15,457,972)	(61,393)	(15,519,365)
Dividend paid to minority interests in subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(52,700)	(52,700)
	—	—	—	—	(52,700)	(52,700)
	4,866,950	117,911	(18,082,262)	(13,097,401)	457,892	(12,639,509)

Balance at 31  
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1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “Company”), a joint stock company limited by shares was incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) on 14 April 1995. The address of its registered office is 66 Airport Street, Pudong International Airport, Shanghai, the PRC. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in the operation of civil aviation, including the provision of passenger, cargo, and mail delivery and other extended transportation services.

The Company is majority owned by China Eastern Air Holding Company (“CEA Holding”), a state-owned enterprise incorporated in the PRC.

The Company’s shares are traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, The New York Stock Exchange and The Shanghai Stock Exchange.

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 15 April 2009.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors have given careful consideration to the going concern status of the Group in the context of the Group’s current working capital difficulties.

The Group’s accumulated losses were approximately RMB18.08 billion as at 31 December 2008; its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately RMB43.46 billion; and total liabilities exceeded total assets by approximately RMB12.64 billion.

Against this background, the directors have taken active steps to seek additional sources of finance and improve the Group's liquidity position. At 31 December 2008, the Group had total credit facilities of RMB13.5 billion from certain banks. Since 31 December 2008, the Company has successfully obtained additional credit facilities in an aggregate amount of RMB36 billion from certain banks and financial institutions (see Note 47 — "Post balance sheet events" for details). The directors believe that, based on experience to date, it is likely that these facilities will be rolled over in future years if required. In addition, a resolution to issue additional shares to China Eastern Air Holding Company ("CEA Holding"), the Company's shareholder, and CES Global Holding (Hong Kong) Limited ("CES Global"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CEA Holding, for a total amount of RMB7 billion was approved in the extraordinary general meetings held on 26 February 2009 (see Note 47 — "Post balance sheet events" for details).

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With the additional credit facilities and approved capital injection described in the preceding paragraph, and based on the Group's history of obtaining finance and its relationships with its bankers and creditors, the Board of Directors considers that the Group will be able to obtain sufficient financing to enable it to operate and meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. Accordingly, it is appropriate that these financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis and do not include any adjustments that would be required should the Company and the Group fail to continue as a going concern.

## (i) Standards, amendment and interpretations effective in 2008

.IFRIC 14, 'IAS 19 — The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction', provides guidance on assessing the limit in IAS 19 on the amount of the surplus that can be recognised as an asset. It also explains how the pension asset or liability may be affected by a statutory or contractual minimum funding requirement. This interpretation does not have any impact on the Group's financial statements, as the Group has a pension deficit and is not subject to any minimum funding requirements.

.IFRIC 11, 'IFRS 2 — Group and treasury share transactions', provides guidance on whether share-based transactions involving treasury shares or involving group entities (for example, options over a parent's shares) should be accounted for as equity-settled or cash-settled share-based payment transactions in the stand-alone accounts of the parent and group companies. This interpretation does not have an impact on the Group's financial statements.

(ii) Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and which are relevant for the Group's operations

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 or later periods, but the Group has not early adopted them:

.IAS 1 (Revised), 'Presentation of financial statements' (effective from 1 January 2009). The revised standard will prohibit the presentation of items of income and expenses (that is, 'non-owner changes in equity') in the statement of changes in equity, requiring 'non-owner changes in equity' to be presented separately from owner changes in equity. All non-owner changes in equity will be required to be shown in a performance statement, but entities can choose whether to present one performance statement (the statement of comprehensive income) or two statements (the consolidated income statement and statement of comprehensive income). Where entities restate or reclassify comparative information, they will be required to present a restated balance sheet as at the beginning comparative period in addition to the current requirement to present balance sheets at the end of the current period and comparative period. The Group will apply IAS (Revised) from 1 January 2009. It is likely that both the consolidated income statement and statement of comprehensive income will be presented as performance statements.

.IFRS 8, 'Operating segments' (effective from 1 January 2009). IFRS replaces IAS 14 and aligns segment reporting with the requirements of the US standard SFAS 131, 'Disclosures about segments of an enterprise and related information'. The new standard requires a 'management approach', under which segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes. The Group will apply IFRS 8 from 1 January 2009, The expected impact is still being assessed in detail by management.

IAS 27 (Revised) “Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements” (effective from annual period beginning on or after 1 July 2009). The amendment requires non-controlling interests (i.e. minority interests) to be presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent. Total comprehensive income must be attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. Changes in a parent’s ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in the loss of control are accounted for within equity. When control of a subsidiary is lost, the assets and liabilities and related equity components of the former subsidiary are derecognised. Any gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained in the former subsidiary is measured at its fair value at the date when control is lost. The Group will apply IAS 27 (Revised) from 1 January 2010.

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.IFRS 3 (Revised) “Business Combinations” (effective for business combinations with acquisition date on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009). The amendment may bring more transactions into acquisition accounting as combinations by contract alone and combinations of mutual entities are brought into the scope of the standard and the definition of a business has been amended slightly. It now states that the elements are ‘capable of being conducted’ rather than ‘are conducted and managed’. It requires considerations (including contingent consideration), each identifiable asset and liability to be measured at its acquisition-date fair value, except leases and insurance contracts, reacquired right, indemnification assets as well as some assets and liabilities required to be measured in accordance with other IFRSs. They are income taxes, employee benefits, share-based payment and non current assets held for sale and discontinued operations. Any non-controlling interest in an acquiree is measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest’s proportionate share of the acquiree’s net identifiable assets. All acquisition related cost should be expensed. The Group will apply IFRS 3 (Revised) prospectively to all business combinations from 1 January 2010.

.IAS 36 (Amendment), ‘Impairment of assets’ (effective from 1 January 2009). The amendment is part of the IASB’s annual improvements project published in May 2008. Where fair value less costs to sell is calculated on the basis of discounted cash flows, disclosures equivalent to those for value-in-use calculation should be made. The Group will apply the IAS 36 (Amendment) and provide the required disclosure where applicable for impairment tests from 1 January 2009.

.IAS 38 (Amendment), ‘Intangible assets’ (effective from 1 January 2009). The amendment is part of the IASB’s annual improvements project published in May 2008. A prepayment may only be recognised in the event that payment has been made in advance of obtaining right of access to goods or receipt of services. The Group will apply the IAS 38 (Amendment) from 1 January 2009, but it is not expected to have any impact on the Group’s financial statements.

.IAS 19 (Amendment), ‘Employee benefits’ (effective from 1 January 2009). The amendment is part of the IASB’s annual improvements project published in May 2008. The amendment clarifies that a plan amendment that results in a change in the extent to which benefit promises are affected by future salary increases is a curtailment, while an amendment that changes benefits attributable to past service gives rise to a negative past service cost if it results in a reduction in the present value of the defined benefit obligation. The definition of return on plan assets has been amended to state that plan administration costs are deducted in the calculation of return on plan assets only to the extent that such costs have been excluded from measurement of the defined benefit obligation. The distinction between short term and long term employee benefits will be based on whether benefits are due to be settled within or after 12 months of employee service being rendered. IAS 37, ‘Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets’, requires contingent liabilities to be disclosed, not recognised. IAS 19 has been amended to be consistent. The Group will apply the IAS 19 (Amendment) from 1 January 2009. The expected impact is still being assessed in detail by management.

.IFRS 7 (Amendment), ‘Financial instruments: Disclosure’ (effective from 1 January 2009). The amendment forms part of the IASB’s response to the financial crisis aims at improving transparency and enhance accounting guidance. The amendment increases the disclosure requirements about fair value measurement and reinforces existing principles for disclosure about liquidity risk. The amendment introduces a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurement disclosure and requires some specific quantitative disclosures for financial instruments in the lowest level in the hierarchy. In addition, the amendment clarifies and enhances existing requirements for the disclosure of liquidity risk primarily requiring a separate liquidity risk analysis for derivative and non-derivative financial liabilities. The Group will apply the IFRS 7 (Amendment) and provide the required disclosure, where applicable, prospectively from 1



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## (b) Changes of accounting policy

## (i) Early adoption of IFRIC 13, 'Customer loyalty programmes'

IFRIC 13, 'Customer loyalty programmes' was early adopted by the Group in 2008. IFRIC 13 clarifies that where goods or services are sold together with a customer loyalty incentive (for example, loyalty points or free products), the arrangement is a multiple-element arrangement and the consideration receivable from the customer is allocated between the components of the arrangement using fair values. The Company operates a frequent-flyer programme called 'Eastern Miles' (the 'programme'). Historically, the incremental cost of providing awards in exchange for redemption of miles earned by members was accrued as an operating cost and a liability in the balance sheet. After the adoption of IFRIC 13, revenue is allocated between the ticket sold and miles earned by members. The portion allocated to miles earned is deferred and recognised when the miles have been redeemed or have expired.

This change in accounting policy has been accounted for retrospectively, and the comparative financial statements have also been restated. The effect of the change is set out in Note 2(b)(iii).

The Group's consolidated loss for the year ended 31 December 2008 and consolidated net liabilities at 31 December 2008 would have decreased by RMB25 million and RMB320 million respectively if the previous policies had still been applied in 2008.

## (ii) Change of accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

Under IFRS, the Company has the option to use the revaluation model or historical cost model to account for its property, plant and equipment ('PP&E'). Previously, the Company adopted the revaluation model in accordance with IAS 16 as a result of Chinese regulatory requirements to revalue PP&E in connection with its listing in 1997. Under PRC Accounting Standards, the one time revaluation for listing purposes was treated as deemed cost and the historical cost model was adopted subsequent to the initial revaluation. In 2008, the Company changed its IFRS accounting policy in respect of PP&E from the revaluation model to the historical cost model. Whilst this change was made primarily to increase the relevance of financial data to the users of the financial statements and for the reasons set out below, management also made reference to Interpretation 2 of Chinese Accounting Standards ('CAS') issued by the Ministry of Finance in August 2008 which aims to drive the elimination of differences between IFRS and CAS. The change was made after taking into consideration the following factors:

.the alignment of the Group's accounting policy with industry peers — management considers that the historical cost model will improve comparability of certain financial performance data and results of operations of the Group with other airlines. Very few of the leading global airlines currently use the valuation model and valuation data is not generally used in airline industry analysis that is made available to stakeholders or internally by management.

.increased comparability between finance and operating leased aircraft — depreciation cost of a finance leased aircraft is based on revalued amount whereas operating lease payments are based on cost and aircraft held under operating leases are not recognised as assets subject to valuation. Management therefore consider that the change to the cost model increases the level of consistency in accounting for aircraft which are not distinguished from an operational perspective.

the high degree of subjectivity and risk of cyclical volatility associated with external valuation and second hand aircraft fair values — the market value of second hand aircraft can be volatile and is influenced by transactions in global markets that may have little relevance to the operating environment in China. When purchasing or financing aircraft under finance leases, management intend to use these aircraft in the business for the remainder of their useful lives. Management do not believe that financial statements that reflect, often subjective, movements in second hand values provide meaningful information to investors.

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This change in accounting policy has been accounted for retrospectively, and the comparative financial statements have also been restated. The effect of the change is not considered material to the financial statements but is set out in Note 2(b)(iii).

The Group's consolidated loss for the year ended 31 December 2008 and consolidated net liabilities at 31 December 2008 would have increased by RMB216 million and decreased by RMB119 million respectively if the previous policies had still been applied in 2008.

(iii)	Impact on prior year balances			
	2007 as previously presented RMB'000	Effect of adoption of IFRIC 13 RMB'000	Effect of change of accounting policy for PP&E RMB'000	2007 as restated RMB'000
<b>Impact on consolidated income statements</b>				
Consolidated profit for the year	244,503	17,491	92,181	354,175
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company	RMB 0.06	RMB 0.003	RMB 0.02	RMB 0.08
<b>Impact on consolidated balance sheet</b>				
Consolidated net assets	3,612,729	(345,115)	(335,058)	2,932,556
Capital and reserves attributable to the equity holders of the Company	3,027,763	(345,115)	(322,077)	2,360,571
Minority interests	584,966	—	(12,981)	571,985

(c)

Consolidation

The Group's consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and all of its subsidiaries made up to 31 December.

(i)

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group, including those acquired from holding companies. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest.

The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the consolidated income statement.

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Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

In the Company's balance sheet, the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

(ii) Transactions with minority interests

The Group applies a policy of treating transactions with minority interests as transactions with parties external to the Group. Disposals to minority interests result in gains and losses for the Group that are recorded in the consolidated income statement. Purchases from minority interests result in goodwill, being the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary.

(iii) Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The Group's investments in associates includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition.

The Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Dilution gains and losses in associates are recognised in the consolidated income statement.

In the Company's balance sheet, the investments in associates are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses (Note 2(n)). The results of associates are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

(iv) Jointly controlled entities

A jointly controlled entity is an entity in which the Group has joint control over its economic activity established under a contractual arrangement. The Group's investments in jointly controlled entities includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition.

The Group's interests in jointly controlled entities are accounted for by the equity method of accounting based on the audited financial statements or management accounts of the jointly controlled entities. The Group's share of its jointly controlled entities' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements is adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in a jointly controlled entity equals or exceeds its interest in that entity, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the jointly controlled entity.

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The Group recognises the portion of gains or losses on the sale of assets by the Group to the joint venture that it is attributable to the other venturers. The Group does not recognise its share of profits or losses from the joint venture that result from the Group's purchase of assets from the joint venture until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, a loss on the transaction is recognised immediately if the loss provides evidence of a reduction in the net realisable value of current assets, or an impairment loss.

In the Company's balance sheet, the investments in jointly controlled entities are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses. The results of jointly controlled entities are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

## (d) Segmental reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

## (e) Foreign currency translation

## (i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Chinese Renminbi ("RMB"), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

## (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges or qualifying net investment hedges.

## (f) Revenue recognition and sales in advance of carriage

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and the provision of services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown net of business and value-added taxes, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group.

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities as described below. The amount of revenue is not considered to be reliably measurable until all contingencies relating to the sale have been resolved. The Group bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.



(i) Traffic revenues

Passenger, cargo and mail revenues are recognised as traffic revenues when the transportation services are provided. The value of sold but unused tickets is recognised as sales in advance of carriage (“SIAC”).

(ii) Commission income

Commission income represents amounts earned from other carriers in respect of sales made by the Group on their behalf, and is recognised in the income statement upon ticket sales.

