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# Vinda International Holdings Limited 維達國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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# "Healthy lifestyle starts from Vinda"

## FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009	2008	Changes
Revenue (HK\$) Profit attributable to equity holders	2,776,116,529	2,424,044,090	+14.5%
of the Company (HK\$)	397,799,707	165,911,568	+139.8%
Gross profit margin	34.2%	21.2%	+13.0p.p.
Net profit margin	14.3%	6.8%	+7.5p.p.
Earnings per share (HK\$)	44.0 cents	18.4 cents	+139.1%
Dividend per share(HK\$)	12.0 cents	4.6 cents	+160.9%
- interim dividend (paid) (HK\$)	3.0 cents	Nil	
- final dividend (proposed) (HK\$)	9.0 cents	4.6 cents	
Finished goods turnover	36 days	32 days	
Debtors turnover	<b>39 days</b>	32 days	

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### RESULTS

The Board of Vinda International Holdings Limited ("Vinda International" or the "Company") is pleased to present the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2009 (the "Year").

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Audi	ited	
		For the year ended		
		<b>31 Dec</b>		
		2009	2008	
	Note	HK\$	HK\$	
Revenue	4	2,776,116,529	2,424,044,090	
Cost of sales	5	(1,825,317,921)	(1,910,939,233)	
Gross profit		950,798,608	513,104,857	
Selling and marketing costs	5 5	(281,002,421)	(181,765,469)	
Administrative expenses	5	(155,651,477)	(115,367,807)	
Other income and gains - net		8,601,735	4,041,388	
Operating profit		522,746,445	220,012,969	
Finance income		1,829,438	3,268,001	
Finance costs		(29,331,701)	(28,465,727)	
Finance costs - net	6	(27,502,263)	(25,197,726)	
Profit before income tax		495,244,182	194,815,243	
Income tax expense	7	(97,444,475)	(28,903,675)	
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company		397,799,707	165,911,568	
Other comprehensive income Currency translation differences Total comprehensive income		2,494,422	96,467,285	
attributable to equity holders of the Company		400,294,129	262,378,853	
Earnings per share for profit				
attributable to the equity holders of				
the Company during the year				
(expressed in HK\$ per share)				
— basic	8(a)	0.440	0.184	
— diluted	8(b)	0.437	N/A	
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Dividend	9	108,545,003	41,576,718	

# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

		Audited		
		As at 31 I 2009	December 2008	
	Note	2009 HK\$	2008 HK\$	
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		1,825,089,896	1,852,374,329	
Leasehold land and land use rights		158,910,242	117,294,978	
Intangible assets Deferred income tax assets		6,881,218 72,909,571	740,895 47,508,724	
Deterred medine tax assets			47,500,724	
Total non-current assets		2,063,790,927	2,017,918,926	
Current assets				
Inventories		912,068,945	491,755,387	
Trade receivables, other receivables				
and prepayments	10	409,312,796	259,669,018	
Due from related parties		5,458,343	5,300,643	
Pledged bank deposits		760,931	884,454	
Cash and cash equivalents		346,949,107	172,189,258	
Total current assets		1,674,550,122	929,798,760	
Total assets		3,738,341,049	2,947,717,686	
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EQUITY Capital and reserves attributable to				
the Company's equity holders				
Share capital	12	90,464,169	90,384,169	
Share premium	12	838,018,579	834,834,579	
Other reserves				
- Proposed final dividend		81,417,752	41,576,718	
— Others		<u>1,060,007,903</u>	742,291,177	
Total equity		2,069,908,403	1,709,086,643	

# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (continued)**

		Audited As at 31 December		
	Note	As at 51 1 2009 HK\$	2008 <i>HK\$</i>	
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	13	597,739,324	465,875,506	
Deferred government grants		63,467,626	33,127,079	
Deferred income tax liabilities		1,794,270	1,556,700	
Total non-current liabilities		663,001,220	500,559,285	
Current liabilities				
Trade payables, other payables and				
accrued expenses	11	680,034,008	429,879,934	
Due to a related party		1,054,572	568,205	
Borrowings	13	265,483,468	278,411,290	
Current income tax liabilities		58,859,378	29,212,329	
Total current liabilities		<u>1,005,431,426</u>	738,071,758	
Total liabilities		<u>1,668,432,646</u>	<u>1,238,631,043</u>	
Total equity and liabilities		3,738,341,049	2,947,717,686	
Net current assets		669,118,696	191,727,002	
Total assets less current liabilities		2,732,909,623	2,209,645,928	

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		Audited Attributable to equity holders of the Company Share Share Other			
	Note	capital HK\$	premium HK\$	reservesTotalHK\$HK\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January</b> <b>2008</b> Profit for the year Other comprehensive income		90,384,169 —	834,834,579	541,373,559 1,466,592,307 165,911,568 165,911,568	
<ul> <li>currency translation differences</li> </ul>				96,467,285 96,467,285	
Total comprehensive income for 2008				262,378,853262,378,853	
<b>Transaction with owners</b> Dividends	9			(19,884,517) (19,884,517)	
Balance at 31 December 2008		90,384,169	834,834,579	783,867,895 1,709,086,643	
Balance at 1 January 2009 Profit for the year Other comprehensive income		90,384,169 —	834,834,579	783,867,895 1,709,086,643 397,799,707 397,799,707	
<ul> <li>currency translation differences</li> </ul>				2,494,422 2,494,422	
Total comprehensive income for 2009				400,294,129 400,294,129	
<b>Transaction with owners</b> Employees share option scheme — value of employee					
services — exercise of share		—		26,866,000 26,866,000	
options Dividends	12 9	80,000	3,184,000	(880,000) 2,384,000 (68,722,369) (68,722,369)	
Total transaction with owners for 2009		80,000	3,184,000	(42,736,369) (39,472,369)	
Balance at 31 December 2009		90,464,169	838,018,579	<u>1,141,425,655</u> <u>2,069,908,403</u>	

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Audited For the year ended 31 December 2009 2008 HK\$ HK\$		
Cash flows from operating activities — cash generated from operations — interest paid — income tax paid	400,977,436 (30,790,913) (91,631,155)	441,470,967 (27,615,337) (45,884,441)	
Net cash generated from operating activities	278,555,368	367,971,189	
Cash flows from investing activities — purchase of property, plant and equipment — proceeds from disposal of property, plant and	(107,997,117)	(493,629,296)	
equipment	930,358	40,040	
<ul> <li>payment for leasehold land and land use rights</li> <li>purchase of intangible assets</li> </ul>	(44,663,348) (7,031,941)	(19,816,230) (95,986)	
— interest received	1,829,438	3,268,001	
Net cash used in investing activities Cash flows from financing activities	(156,932,610)	(510,233,471)	
— proceeds from shares issued	2,384,000		
— proceeds from borrowings	1,546,453,411	942,707,308	
- repayments of borrowings	(1,427,517,415)	(876,963,413)	
<ul> <li>decrease in pledged bank deposits</li> <li>dividends paid</li> </ul>	123,523 (68,722,369)	5,822,081 (19,884,517)	
— dividends paid	(00,722,309)	(19,004,317)	
Net cash generated from financing activities	52,721,150	51,681,459	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	174,343,908	(90,580,823)	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	415,941	10,688,600	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	172,189,258	252,081,481	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	346,949,107	172,189,258	

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 1 General Information

Vinda International Holdings Limited (the "Company") was incorporated on 17 August 1999 in the Cayman Islands with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands.

The Company acts as an investment holding company and provides management services to its subsidiaries. The Company and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Group".

The Company's shares have been listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKSE') since 10 July 2007.

The address of its registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollar ("HK\$") unless otherwise stated. These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 7 April 2010.

#### 2 **Basis of preparation**

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 3 Accounting policies

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has adopted the following new and amended HKFRSs as of 1 January 2009:

- HKFRS 7, 'Financial Instruments Disclosures' (amendment) effective 1 January 2009.
- HKAS 1 (revised), 'Presentation of financial statements' effective 1 January 2009.
- HKFRS 2 (amendment), 'Share-based payment' effective 1 January 2009.
- HKAS 23 (revised), 'Borrowing costs' effective from 1 January 2009.
- HKFRS 8, 'Operating segments' effective 1 January 2009.

• The standards, amendments and interpretations noted below had no impact on the Group's operating results, financial position or comprehensive income.

HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 Amendment	Cost of an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate
HKAS 32 Amendment and HKAS 1 Amendment	Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation
HK (IFRIC) 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes
HK (IFRIC) 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate
HK (IFRIC) 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation
HK (IFRIC) 18	Transfers of Assets from Customers (applied for transfers of assets after 1 July 2009)

(b) Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group

The following standards and amendments to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010 or later periods, but the Group has not early adopted them:

#### Effective date

HKAS 24 Revised HKAS 27 Revised	Related Party Disclosures Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	1 January 2011 1 July 2009
HKAS 32 Amendment HKAS 39	Classification of rights issues Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement - Amendments for Eligible	1 February 2010 1 July 2009
HKFRS 1 Amendment HKFRS 2 Amendment	hedged items Presentation of Financial Statements Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment	1 January 2010 1 January 2010
HKFRS 3 Revised HKFRS 9	Transactions Business Combinations Financial Instruments: Classification and	1 July 2009 1 January 2013
HK (IFRIC) 14	measurement Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement	1 January 2011
HK (IFRIC) 17 HK (IFRIC) 19	Distribution of Non-Cash Assets to Owners Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments	1 July 2009 1 July 2010

Those could be relevant to the Group include:

- HKAS 27 (revised), 'Consolidated and separate financial statements', effective from 1 July 2009.
- HKFRS 3 (revised), 'Business combinations' effective from 1 July 2009.

Except for the application of HKAS 27 (revised) and HKFRS 3 (revised), amendments and interpretations as mentioned above is not expected to have a material effect on the Group's operating results, financial position or comprehensive income.

(c) Improvements to HKFRS

Amendments that are relevant to the Group include:

- HKAS 1 (amendment), 'Presentation of financial statements'. The Group and Company will apply HKAS 1 (amendment) from 1 January 2010. It is not expected to have a material impact on the Group's or the Company's financial statements.
- HKAS 36, 'Impairment of Assets' (effective from 1 January 2010). The amendment will not result in a material impact on the Group's or the Company's financial statements.
- HKAS 38 (amendment), 'Intangible Assets' (effective from 1 July 2009). The amendment will not result in a material impact on the Group's or the Company's financial statements.

#### 4 Segment information

The Group is principally engaged in the manufacture and sales of household consumable paper. Revenue is analysed as follows:

	For the year ended		
	31 December		
	2009	2008	
	HK\$	HK\$	
Sales of goods	2,612,936,594	2,283,662,244	
Sales of semi-finished goods and other materials	163,179,935	140,381,846	
Total revenue	2,776,116,529	2,424,044,090	

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the executive committee, which comprises all executive directors and top management. The decision-maker reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources.

Based on these reports, the decision-maker has determined that no business segment information is presented as over 90% of the Group's sales and operating profits are derived from the sales of paper products, which is considered as one business segment with similar risks and returns.

The decision-maker has also determined that no geographical segment information is presented as over 90% of the Group's sales and operating profits are derived within the PRC and over 90% operating assets of the Group are located in the PRC, which is considered as one geographic location with similar risks and returns. The Company is domiciled in Hong Kong. The result of its revenue from third party customers in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other overseas is HK\$2,398,014,521 (2008: HK\$2,052,042,637), HK\$343,736,896 (2008: HK\$333,897,256), HK\$ 34,365,112 (2008: HK\$38,104,197) respectively.

The total of non-current assets other than deferred tax assets were as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Total non-current assets other than deferred tax assets		
- Mainland China	1,962,321,816	1,940,664,710
- Hong Kong and other overseas	28,559,540	29,745,492
Deferred tax assets	72,909,571	47,508,724
Total non-current assets	2,063,790,927	2,017,918,926

#### 5 **Expenses by nature**

	For the y	ear ended	
	31 December		
	2009	2008	
	HK\$	HK\$	
Staff costs	207,777,854	157,276,402	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	114,655,709	93,986,941	
Provision for impairment of property, plant and equipment	_	6,973,472	
Reversal of write-down of inventories	(44,732)	(252,855)	
Provision for impairment of goodwill (Note)	_	2,206,207	
Amortisation of intangible assets	902,001	313,545	
Amortisation of leasehold land and land use rights	3,269,450	3,953,688	
Transportation expenses	111,609,034	89,913,245	
Travel and office expenses	17,478,379	13,017,571	
Auditor's remuneration	5,923,067	5,993,314	
Material costs	1,437,698,791	1,572,555,789	
Provision for impairment of receivables	761,257	1,545,851	
Utilities	166,045,132	130,823,410	
Real estate tax, stamp duty and other taxes	10,885,534	8,194,835	
Advertising costs	30,887,191	14,932,332	
Promotion expense	76,082,161	29,698,490	
Operating lease rental	3,251,358	2,452,474	
Bank charges	5,270,587	5,051,059	
Other expenses	69,519,046	69,436,739	
Total cost of sales, selling and marketing costs and			
administrative expenses	2.261.971.819	2,208,072,509	
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Note: Impairment test of goodwill

The goodwill arose from acquisition of Vinda Household Paper (Australia) Limited and its subsidiary — Vinda Paper (Australia) Pty Ltd. ("Vinda Paper (Australia)") in 2005.

The impairment charge resulted from the decreased gross margin of Vinda Paper (Australia) in the relevant market. In 2008, the goodwill was fully impaired.

#### 6 Finance income and costs

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2009 HK\$	2008 <i>HK\$</i>
Interest expense - bank borrowings	(29,468,838)	(40,969,724)
Less: Amounts capitalised in property, plant and equipment		36,866
	(29,468,838)	(40,932,858)
Net foreign exchange transaction gain	137,137	12,467,131
Finance costs	(29,331,701)	(28,465,727)
Finance income - interest income on bank deposits	1,829,438	3,268,001
Net finance costs	<u>(27,502,263</u> )	(25,197,726)

#### 7 Income tax expense

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2008: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year. Taxation on profits outside Hong Kong has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the year at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries or cities in which the Group operates.

	For the year ended <b>31</b> December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Current income tax		
- Hong Kong profits tax	19,887,094	7,835,238
- PRC enterprise income tax	102,620,516	34,131,874
Deferred income tax	(25,063,135)	(13,063,437)
	97,444,475	28,903,675

#### 8 Earnings per share

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average numbers of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2009	2008
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (HK\$)	397,799,707	165,911,568
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	904,114,563	903,841,686
Basic earnings per share (HK\$ per share)	0.440	0.184

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all diluted potential ordinary sharers. The Company's potentially dilutive ordinary shares comprised share options.

	For the year ended 31 December 2009 2008	
	2009	2008
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company		
(HK\$)	397,799,707	165,911,568
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue Adjustments for share options	904,114,563 <u>6,074,884</u>	903,841,686
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share	910,189,447	903,841,686
Diluted earnings per share (HK\$ per share)	0.437	0.184

#### 9 **Dividend**

	2009 HK\$	2008 <i>HK\$</i>
Interim dividend paid of UK\$0.02 (2008; pil) per ordinery	ΠΚφ	$\Pi K \phi$
Interim dividend paid of HK\$0.03 (2008: nil) per ordinary share	27,127,251	
Proposed final dividend of HK\$0.09 (2008: HK\$0.046) per		
ordinary share	81,417,752	41,576,718

At a meeting held on 7 April 2010, the Board of Directors proposed a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009 of HK\$0.09 per ordinary share, representing totally HK\$81,417,752. Such dividend is to be approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company. These financial statements do not reflect this dividend payable.

The dividends paid in 2009 and 2008 were HK\$68,722,369 and HK\$19,884,517 respectively.

#### 10 Trade receivables, other receivables and prepayments

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Trade receivables	363,034,124	216,077,878
Less: Provision for impairment of trade receivables	(5,192,658)	(4,788,288)
Trade receivables, net	357,841,466	211,289,590
		211,209,090
Other receivables		
- deductible input value-added tax ("VAT")	9,336,763	9,390,833
- prepaid income tax recoverable	3,190,924	4,420,330
- purchase rebates	17,404,733	10,390,439
- others	10,552,730	15,019,571
- others	10,552,750	15,019,571
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Other receivables, net	40,485,150	39,221,173
Trade and other receivables, net	398,326,616	250,510,763
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Notes receivable	454,287	2,145,811
Prepayments		
- for purchase of raw materials	6,070,148	4,818,501
- others	4,461,745	2,193,943
	409,312,796	259,669,018

The carrying amounts of the trade receivables, other receivables and prepayments are denominated in the following currencies:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
RMB	327,211,382	172,972,153
HK\$	56,752,934	70,024,178
US\$	20,000,860	12,406,376
Other currencies	5,347,620	4,266,311
	409,312,796	259,669,018

As at 31 December 2009 and 2008, the carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other receivables approximated their fair values due to short duration.

Customers are generally granted with credit terms ranging from 30 to 90 days.

Ageing analyses of trade receivables of the Group based on invoice date as at 31 December 2009 and 2008 are as below:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Within 3 months	343,945,639	203,101,401
4 months to 6 months	14,014,678	8,464,321
7 months to 12 months	1,165,507	1,652,545
Over 1 year	3,908,300	2,859,611
	363,034,124	216,077,878

As of 31 December 2009, trade receivables of HK\$13,895,827 (2008:HK\$8,188,189) were past due but not impaired. These relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing analysis of these trade receivables is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
4 months to 6 months	13,189,459	7,346,584
7 months to 12 months	706,368	841,605
	<u>13,895,827</u>	8,188,189

As at 31 December 2009, trade receivables of HK\$19,088,485 (2008: HK\$12,976,477) were impaired. The amount of provision was HK\$5,192,658 as at 31 December 2009 (2008: HK\$4,788,288). The individually impaired receivables mainly relate to customers with different credit ratings. It was assessed that a portion of the receivables is expected to be recovered. The ageing of these receivables is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
4 months to 6 months	14,014,678	8,464,321
7 months to 12 months	1,165,507	1,652,545
Over 1 year	3,908,300	2,859,611
	<u>19,088,485</u>	12,976,477

The Group recognised provision for impairment of trade and other receivables in the administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	For the year ended	
	<b>31 December</b>	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
As at 1 January	(4,788,288)	(4,673,758)
Provision for receivable impairment	(761,257)	(1,545,851)
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	364,833	1,720,153
Exchange differences	(7,946)	(288,832)
As at 31 December	<u>(5,192,658</u> )	(4,788,288)

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amounts of each category of receivable mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security.

#### 11 Trade payables, other payables and accrued expenses

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Trade payables	367,053,331	208,576,180
Notes payable	25,234,441	704,697
Other payables		
- salaries payable	28,261,046	19,909,923
- taxes payable other than income tax	20,865,049	19,388,652
- advances from customers	46,740,834	29,759,211
- payables for property, plant and equipment	28,106,189	50,264,390
- others	62,706,521	47,732,078
Accrued expenses		
- promotion fees	41,698,863	23,707,019
- utility charges	14,664,440	11,242,883
- transportation fees	18,515,668	5,795,130
- advertising fee	10,571,357	860,286
- others	15,616,269	11,939,485
	680,034,008	429,879,934

As at 31 December 2009 and 2008, the carrying amounts of the Group's trade payables, other payables and accrued expenses approximated their fair values.

The carrying amounts of the trade payables, other payables and accrued expenses are denominated in the following currencies:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
RMB	353,453,654	310,998,343
US\$	306,065,267	108,634,278
HK\$	15,682,313	3,340,963
Other currencies	4,832,774	6,906,350
	680,034,008	429,879,934

The credit period granted by the creditors generally ranged from 30 to 90 days. Ageing analysis of trade payables as at 31 December 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$
Within 3 months	327,622,215	181,107,904
4 months to 6 months	18,188,562	15,496,792
7 months to 12 months	15,584,726	2,683,468
1 year to 2 years	3,908,939	7,436,675
2 years to 3 years	1,327,640	99,357
Over 3 years	421,249	1,751,984
	367,053,331	208,576,180

#### 12 Share capital and share premium

		Number of		Amount	
	Number of authorised shares	fully paid	Ordinary shares HK\$	Share premium HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008 Employee share	80,000,000,000	903,841,686	90,384,169	834,834,579	925,218,748
option scheme - exercise of share options		800,000	80,000	3,184,000	3,264,000
At 31 December 2009	80,000,000,000	904,641,686	90,464,169	838,018,579	928,482,748

As at 31 December 2009 and 2008, the par value of authorised and issued ordinary shares is HK\$0.1 per share.

#### 13 Borrowings

	As at 31 December           2009         2008           HK\$         HK\$		
Non-current			
Bank borrowings		112 052 510	
- Secured (Note (a)) - Unsecured		113,853,518	
- Unsecured	596,791,130	350,621,733	
	596,791,130	464,475,251	
Unsecured other borrowings (Note (b))	948,194	1,400,255	
Total non-current borrowings	597,739,324	465,875,506	
Current			
Bank borrowings			
- Secured (Note (a))	—	43,347,885	
- Unsecured	265,029,180	234,156,273	
	265,029,180	277,504,158	
Unsecured other borrowings (Note (b))	454,288	907,132	
Total current borrowings	265,483,468	278,411,290	
Total borrowings	863,222,792	744,286,796	

- (a) As at 31 December 2008, bank borrowings of HK\$157,201,403 were pledged by certain property, plant and equipment of the Group.
- (b) Other borrowings were granted by PRC local governments and are unsecured and interest-free.
- (c) The maturity of borrowings is as follows:

	Bank borrowings As at 31 December		Other borrowings As at 31 December	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Within 1 year	<b>265,029,180</b> 277	,504,158	454,288	907,132
Between 1 and 2 years	<b>300,910,918</b> 81	,026,193	_	453,566
Between 2 and 5 years	<b>295,880,212</b> 383	,449,058	948,194	946,689
	<b>861,820,310</b> 741	,979,409	1,402,482	2,307,387

(d) The effective interest rates at the balance sheet date were as follows:

		Bank borrowings As at 31 December		Other borrowings As at 31 December	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
HK\$	1.42%-2.99%	3.45%-5.92%	_	_	
US\$	1.15% - 2.28%	2.77%-6.10%	_		
RMB	4.05%-5.76%	4.54%-8.47%	0%	0%	

(e) The fair values of the borrowings approximate their fair values, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rate, the effective interest rates (per annum) at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	2009		2008	
	HK\$	RMB	HK\$	RMB
Bank borrowings	<u>2.06%</u>	<u>5.7 %</u>	5.1%	6.9%

(f) The carrying amounts of the borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

	As at 31 I	As at 31 December		
	2009	2008		
	HK\$	HK\$		
RMB	310,317,871	393,508,203		
HK\$	390,652,778	237,625,848		
US\$	<u>162,252,143</u>	113,152,745		
	863,222,792	744,286,796		

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# AN ANALYSIS OF THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Trends of a rapid recovery emerged in the economy of China in 2009 in reaction to the RMB 4 trillion stimulus package promulgated by the Central Government. The country's economy in general maintained relatively high growth, with GDP growing at 8.7% in 2009 from the previous year, while inflation was being kept at low levels. As China accelerates its urbanisaton process, consumer spending continues to grow, creating huge potential for the high-quality household paper industry.

Prices of pulp in the international market, which stayed at relatively low levels between the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009, lowered the production cost for the whole industry. This kept many domestic small-scale paper manufacturers active despite the backdrop of a looming financial crisis. Competition was seen intensifying in the household paper market in China.

In addition, the World Climate Change Summit held in Copenhagen raised the awareness of the public for a "low-carbon lifestyle", fuelling the impetus and opportunities to the manufacturers of high-end household paper that are capable of achieving low energy consumption and pollution.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

2009 was an important year for the Group in the areas of brand enhancement, product structure improvement, market expansion and marketing innovations. During the year, while the global economy was still struggling in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2008, the Group maintained its growth at double-digit levels. Turnover amounted to HK\$2,776,116,529, representing an increase of 14.5% compared with last year. Toilet roll category has continued to be the biggest driver and contributor of increased sales, posting a growth of 15.1% year-on-year. Individual categories, such as soft-envolope facial tissue, has become increasingly popular and registered a year-on-year growth of 47.9%.

During the year, the gross profit margin of the products of the Group reached 34.2% (2008: 21.2%), up 13 percentage points from last year. The improvement could be attributable to the sales promotion campaigns hosted during the year that helped maintain the selling prices at levels only slightly trimmed from those after our price increase initiatives in 2008, and low pulp costs resulting from the successful execution of our procurement strategy.

During the year, the Group won various accolades, including "Top 30 Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Enterprises in China" (全國製獎造紙企業30強) by China Paper Association. Mr. Li Chao Wang, the Chairman of Vinda International, was named an "Outstanding Entrepreneur in Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industry in China". These illustrate the recognition for Vinda International by the society.

# **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

The Group has been adhering to its principle of reinforcing its presence in existing markets while proactively exploring new markets and developing new products to grow hand in hand with business partners. During the year, the Group's "Dual-Brand" strategy and intensified efforts to expand into second- and third-tier cities, have resulted in notable achievements.

As of 2009 year end, there were a total of 125 sales offices and 715 distributors (2008: 91 sales offices and 559 distributors). The opening of image stores under the "Ten Thousand Shops in Over a Hundred Cities" strategy throughout China strengthened the Group's distribution network, which in turn drove sales growth and enhanced the brand image.

Riding on the opportunity arisen from an global outbreak of H1N1 Influenza A, the Group successfully launched its personal health care products and hosted a national community campaign carrying the theme "Clean Your Hands and Care For All (「手」 護健康、關愛你我)" during the year. Various kinds of wet tissue products were also launched in a timely manner and expanded the Group's product range. In the second half of the year, the Group obtained rights to use "Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf" (喜羊羊與灰太狼), the most popular cartoon characters in China, and successfully launched the "Vinda • Pleasant Goat" tissue paper series targeting little children and young fans of comic strips in November 2009. The launch was well received by consumers and generated remarkable sales, successfully increased the contribution of high-margin products to the total turnover. This launch is expected to help improve the Group's product mix and helped integrate its distribution channels.

In addition, the Group continued its efforts in research and development, focusing on upgrading of the high-end "Blue-Colored Classic Series", going for higher quality and more extensive market promotion efforts in order to reinforce and strengthen the leading position of the Vinda brand.

# GETTING PREPARED FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY EXPANSION

With the new paper manufacturing machine in the production base in Jiangmen commencing production, the production capacity of the Group increased to 320,000 tons in March 2009. In August 2009, the Group established Vinda Paper (Liaoning)

Company Limited (維達紙業(遼寧)有限公司) in Anshan, Liaoning. In early December 2009, procedures for application of environment protection certificates and transfers of land ownership were completed, signaling the successful establishment of the seventh production base of the Group in Northeast China. The "Asterisk Layout" of Vinda Paper's production capacities across the country was since then much improved, making it possible to exploit better economies of scale with further reductions in logistics costs.

The Group plans to further expand its production capacity in 2010. Construction of the fourth phase of the Hubei production base and the first phase of the production base in Anshan, Liaoning commenced in March 2010. When commencing production at the end of 2010, these facilities will add another 50,000 tons of capacity to the Group's total. These will further enhance the Group's overall operation efficiency.

# CONSISTENTLY IMPROVING OPERATION EFFICIENCY

During the year under review, the Group implemented comprehensive production management for safety, environment protection, quality and cost reduction, with emphasis on quality and efficiency enhancement. The Group consolidated its research and development resources and successfully completed over 150 technology improvements. The Group maintained its high product quality and reliability by adopting a flexible system to keep track of product quality on a regular basis. In the area of production cost control, the Group promulgated a set of very stringent targets to lower wastage by 1%, increase accuracy by 0.1 millimeter, enhance material utilization by 0.1 gram and save idle time by 10 minutes.

The Group reviewed regularly its production process to identify room for further improvement. The Group enhanced the production efficiency significantly by revamping production lines, introducing technologically-advanced equipment and establishing comparable efficiency targets. In respect of environment protection, the Group cut its energy consumption by revamping boilers and adjusting production parameters. In addition, it also re-scheduled its production time to enjoy lower electricity tariffs during off-peak hours.

# HUMAN RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

The Group adheres to its human resources strategy of attracting and retaining talents to cater for its business development. The Group organises various types of training, industry forums, technology seminars and internal technology exchange activities every year, with a view to keeping its staff abreast of the latest developments in the industry and cutting edge technologies.

As at 31 December 2009, the Group had 5,351 staff members (2008: 4,379). The higher headcount was a result of establishments of more production facilities and increasing business volume. The remuneration packages of staff are subject to market conditions and individual performance and are reviewed from time to time. During the year, the staff costs of the Group grew steadily. The Group also provides welfare coverages to the staff, including medical insurance, retirement pension, unemployment insurance, maternity insurance, accident injury insurance and provident funds, etc. The Group provides discretionary rewards and bonuses to staff members based on their performance, contribution to the Group and the Group's profitability.

Ms. Zhang Dong Fang was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Company with effect from 22 February 2010. Ms. Zhang has extensive experience in managing multi-national corporations and fast-moving consumer goods businesses. The appointment of Ms. Zhang will reinforce and enhance the Group's business management and add agility to the Group's rapid growth.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The majority of the Group's sales operations and purchase of auxiliary materials are conducted in China and are denominated and settled in RMB, while the majority of key raw materials are imported from overseas and paid in US dollar. As at 31 December 2009, the Group had not entered into any material financial instruments or any contracts for hedging foreign exchange risks.

# SHARE-BASED PAYMENT

As approved by the Board on 24 February 2009, 27,546,000 share options were granted to the directors and certain employees at an exercise price of HK\$2.98 per share. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash. The options are exercisable during the following periods:

- (i) in respect of the options granted to directors, on or after 24 February 2009;
- (ii) in respect of the options granted to employees,
  - (a) up to 20% on or after 24 February 2010;
  - (b) up to further 50% on or after 24 February 2011;
  - (c) all the remaining options on or after 24 February 2012;

and in each case, not later than 23 February 2019.

The whole year non-cash expense is approximately HK\$26,866,000 in connection with the grant of share options in the first half of 2009.

# FUTURE PROSPECTS

In 2010, the Government of China is expected to continue to implement large-scale economic stimulus measures and invest heavily in infrastructure in order to promote domestic consumption. The global economy is expected to continue to recover steadily.

In terms of prices of raw materials, it is expected that the pulp market will hit a record high due to the earthquake in Chile and the recovery of the global economy before retreating modestly. Hence, the Group may face rising pulp prices. The Group will raise the selling prices of its products as needed and improve the operation efficiency to mitigate the impact from the increase in raw material costs.

In 2010, the Group will concentrate on the following areas:

- 1. To adhere to the overall operation strategy to enhance brand positioning, refine product structure and continue to extend its coverage, strengthening brand building and brand development strategy. Moreover, the Group will focus on adjusting its product structure and intensify the promotion of high-margin products, including tissue, facial tissue, wet tissue, high end toilet tissue paper rolls, in order to increase their contribution to the total turnover. The Group will further expand its distribution channels to penetrate deeper into inner areas. The Group strives to extend its distribution coverage to 80% of the country's rural areas within three years.
- 2. To develop more environment-friendly products and promote green industry by progressively launching environment-friendly products made from sugarcane pulp and bamboo pulp.
- 3. To establish targets going for high quality, low consumption and high efficiency and consistently reducing production costs.
- 4. To intensify efforts in product research and development and engage more resources in product research and development in order to enhance the quality of the Group's products.
- 5. To invest further in information technology infrastructure, improve business platform and exploit synergies so as to establish an efficient and shared information platform for the management of supply chain, production, sales, finance and logistics.

## FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved to propose to shareholders the distribution of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2009 at HK9.0 cents (2008: HK4.6 cents) totaling HK\$81,417,752, subject to approval by shareholders at the annual general meeting (the "AGM") on 14 May 2010. If so approved by shareholders, it is expected that the final dividend will be paid on or around 14 June 2010 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of member of the Company on 11 May 2010.

## **CLOSE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 11 May 2010 to 13 May 2010 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to establish entitlement to the final dividend to be approved at the AGM (and payable on or around 14 June 2010), all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712—1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 pm on 10 May 2010 for registration of transfer.

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

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the year. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to maintain a high standard of corporate governance practices by emphasizing a quality board of directors, sound internal control, transparency and accountability to all of the shareholders of the Company.

The Company has complied with the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") except for deviations from provision A.2.1 of the Code, which stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Li Chao Wang was both the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer for the financial year ended 31 December 2009. On 22 February 2010, Ms. Zhang Dong Fang was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

## MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code for dealing in securities of the Company by the directors of the Company. The Company has made specific enquiry of all its directors regarding any non-compliance with the Model Code. All the directors of the Company confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code since the Listing Date.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as its code for dealing in securities of the Company by the directors of the Company. The Company has made specific enquiry of all its directors regarding any non-compliance with the Model Code. All the directors of the Company confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code for the year ended 31 December 2009.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee comprising three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Kam Robert and Mr. Hui Chin Tong Godfrey and Mr. Tsui King Fai. The chairman of the audit committee is Mr. Kam Robert.

The Audit Committee reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Company's remuneration committee has three members comprising two independent non-executive directors, namely Dr. Cao Zhen Lei and Mr. Tsui King Fai, and a non-executive director Mr. Leung Ping Chung Hermann. The chairman of the remuneration committee is Dr. Cao Zhen Lei. The principal duty of the remuneration committee is to regularly monitor the remuneration of all the directors and senior management to ensure that levels of their remuneration and compensation are appropriate.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Company's nomination committee has three members comprising two independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Hui Chin Tong Godfrey and Mr. Tsui King Fai, and an executive director Mr. Li Chao Wang. The chairman of the nomination committee is Mr. Hui Chin Tong Godfrey. The principal duty of the nomination committee is to consider and recommend to the Board suitable, qualified persons to become the directors and is responsible for reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board on a regular basis.

## PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

This announcement is published on the websites of the Company (http://www.vindapaper.com) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (http://www.hkexnews.hk). The 2009 annual report of the Company will be dispatched to the shareholders and available on the same websites in due course.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Board, I extend my gratitude to all our staff for their hard work and dedication.

By Order of the Board Vinda International Holdings Limited Li Chao Wang Chairman

Hong Kong, 7 April 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. LI Chao Wang, Ms. YU Yi Fang, Ms. ZHANG DongFang and Mr. DONG Yi Ping; the non-executive Directors are Mr. LEUNG Ping Chung Hermann, Mr. Johann Christoph MICHALSKI and Mr. CHIU Bun; and the independent non-executive Directors are Dr. CAO Zhen Lei, Mr. KAM Robert, Mr. HUI Chin Tong, Godfrey and Mr. TSUI King Fai.