

2009 Interim Results Presentation

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- Financial Review
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- Business Outlook & Development Plans

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

HK\$ million



Highlights on accounting treatment:

Equity account method has been adopted for the Group's jointly-controlled entities. Therefore, the reports in 1H08 are restated.

2009 INTERIM RESULTS

Financial Review

OPERATING RESULTS

	1H09	1H08	Change
HK\$ million		(restated)	
Revenue	1,053	741	42.1%
Corn Refined Products	416	-	N/A
•Corn Sweeteners	637	741	(14.0%)
Gross Profit	93	165	(43.7%)
 Corn Refined Products 	29	-	N/A
•Corn Sweeteners	64	165	(61.3%)
Gross Margin	9.0%	22.3%	(13.3%)
•Corn Refined Products	7.0%	-	N/A
•Corn Sweeteners	10.0%	22.3%	(12.3 %)
EBITDA	76	187	(59.1%)
Net Profit	4	141	(97.2%)
•Net Margin	0.4%	19.1%	(18.7%)
Basic Earnings Per Share (HK cents)	0.4	13.5	-
Dividend Per Share – Interim (HK cents)	-	-	-

BALANCE SHEET

HK\$ million	30 Jun 09	31 Dec 08 (restated)	Change
Non-current Assets	1,596	1,635	(2%)
Current Assets	952	1,042	(9%)
Current Liabilities	930	824	13%
Cash and Bank Balances	278	423	(34%)
Shareholder's Equity	1,536	1,526	(1%)
Interest Bearing Borrowings	403*	622	(35%)

* To improve the Group's financial position, a bank loan amounted to HK\$200 million has been repaid before maturity during the Period.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS

HK\$ million	30 Jun 09	31 Dec 08 (restated)
Current Ratio	1.02	1.26
Quick Ratio	0.77	0.97
Gearing Ratio (net debt/equity)	8.1%	13.1%
ROE	0.5%	10.1%
Inventories Turnover Days	45 days	62 days
Trade Receivables Turnover Days	51 days	56 days
Trade Payables Turnover Days	45 days	22 days

* During the Period, financial position has improved through strengthened cash flow management. As a result, gearing ratio ↓, inventory turnover days ↓ and trade payables turnover days ↑.

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REVENUE BREAKDOWN

1H09 Turnover by Products

Revenue (HK\$ million)		1H09	1H08 (restated)	Change
<u>Upstream</u>				
Corn Refined Products		416	-	N/A
<u>Downstream</u>				
Glucose Syrup		174	218	(20%)
Maltose Syrup		187	175	7%
Maltodextrin		73	81	(10%)
Sorbitol		19	46	(58%)
Crystallised Glue	cose	184	221	(17%)
Sub-	total	637	741	(14%)
то	TAL	1,053	741	42%



Maltose

24%

Sorbitol

Maltodextrin

11%

GROSS PROFIT BREAKDOWN

Gross Profit (HK\$ million)	1H09	1H08 (restated)	Change
<u>Upstream</u>			
Corn Refined Products	29	-	N/A
<u>Downstream</u>			
Glucose Syrup	20	48	(57%)
Maltose Syrup	14	36	(61%)
Maltodextrin	6	11	(48%)
Sorbitol	3	12	(75%)
Crystallised Glucose	21	58	(64%)
Sub-total	64	165	(61%)
TOTAL	93	165	(44%)

1H09 Gross Profit by Products



SALES ANALYSIS

	Sales Volume ('000 MT)		Gros	Gross Profit Margin			Utilisation Rate ²		
	1H09	1H08	Change	1H09	1H08	Change	1H09	1H08	Change
<u>Upstream</u>									
Corn Refined Products	207	-	N/A	7%	-	N/A	83%	-	N/A
Downstream									
Glucose Syrup ¹	90	116	(22%)	12%	22%	(10%)	90%	1160/	(269/)
Maltose Syrup	87	72	20%	7%	20%	(13%)	90%	116%	(26%)
Maltodextrin	31	32	(3%)	8%	14%	(6%)	279% ³	325%	(45%)
Sorbitol	6	15	(58%)	16%	26%	(10%)	20%	56%	(36%)
Crystallised Glucose	120	135	(11%)	11%	26%	(15%)	50%	77%	(26%)
Sub-total	334	370	(10%)						
TOTAL	541	370	46%						

In 1H09, approx. 193,000 MT of glucose syrup (1H08: 168,000 MT) was used as feedstock of other corn sweeteners production.

² Due to economic downturn since 2H08, drop in sales volume resulting in lower utilisation rate of the Group's facilities during the Period.

³ Part of the glucose syrup capacity in Shanghai can be switched to produce maltodextrin. Therefore, actual output could exceed the designed capacity of the facility.

PERFORMANCE OF JOINT VENTURE



OUTLOOK

Sugar price rebound \rightarrow expect HFCS price to pick up

Recovery of consumer market → expects orders to be gradually normalised and stabilised in 2H09

REDUCING RELIANCE ON PARENT GROUP



OPERATING COST STRUCTURE

	1H09	1H08
Raw Material	74.3%	79.9%
Utilities	10.9%	7.2%
Labour	0.6%	0.7%
Depreciation	4.7%	3.6%
Production Overhead	2.5%	1.3%
Selling and Distribution Expenses	4.3%	4.0%
Administrative Expenses	2.7%	3.3%

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Business Outlook & Development Plans



UPSTREAM: RAW MATERIAL – CORN



- Positive outlook on corn refinery: price recovery since mid-March
- Government subsidies on corn purchase: RMB 150/MT from Aug to Nov 2009
 → equivalent to 8 10% discount

SUGAR PRICE IN CHINA



- Source: www.ec-sugar.com
- Sugar price rebounded from its lowest (RMB 2,900/MT) to RMB 4,500/MT, expect such increase to be sustainable throughout 2009 and 2010
- → Global cane sugar supply ↓ → optimistic outlook on
 - 1) sugar / corn sweeteners prices
 - 2) sugar / corn sweeteners demand

CAPACITY EXPANSION OVERVIEW

Designed Capacity (mtpa)	2009	2010	2011
Upstream			
Corn Starch	420,000	420,000	420,000
Other Corn Refined Products	180,000	180,000	180,000
Downstream			
Glucose/Maltose Syrup	820,000	820,000	820,000
Maltodextrin	20,000	20,000	60,000
HFCS ¹	120,000	120,000	220,000
Sorbitol	60,000	60,000	60,000
Crystallised Glucose	240,000 ²	240,000	340,000
TOTAL	1,860,000	1,860,000	2,100,000

¹ JV total capacity: 120,000 mtpa.

² The 40,000 mtpa crystallised glucose production line in Changchun to be completed by end of 3Q09 will add up the Group's total crystallised glucose capacity to 240,000 mtpa.

FUTURE EXPANSION

 With brighter industry outlook, the management is considering resuming the postponed projects in 2010

Resume Expansion Plan: Growth drivers in coming years

Location	Major Product(s)	Designed Capacity (mtpa)	In	Expected vestment \$ million)	Construction Commence (Tentative)	Construction Complete (Tentative)
	2010		2010 2011		(Tentative)	
Jinzhou	Crystallised Glucose	100,000	100	50	2Q/2010	2Q/2011
Jinzhou	Maltodextrin	40,000	30	20	2Q/2010	2Q/2011
Jinzhou	HFCS	100,000	10	90	4Q/2010	4Q/2011
		TOTAL INVESTMENT	140	160		

 Source of funding: internal resources, bank borrowings and other alternatives in capital market

SALES & MARKETING

- Continue to increase the Group's market share domestically and overseas
- ✤ Exports to turnover: approx. 6% (1H08: approx. 5%);
- Export volume: approx. 31,000 MT (1H08: approx. 11,000 MT)

 \rightarrow Target: 20% exports to turnover



RETAIL BUSINESS

Retail Business Update

◆ Retail Brand Building
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is introduced to end users

Food Related Products JV
 → further tapped into retail market

Development Plans

- Continue to explore
 packaged sweeteners
 products retail market
- ➤ Expanding sales channels of food products into retail market in China
 → via supermarket chains targeting to ↑ sales spots to 600

FOOD RELATED BUSINESS



- Well-established sales channels: working with various supermarket chains including Metro, Wal-Mart, Sam's and Jusco
- Current number of sales spots in the PRC: currently approx. 300 spots across 70 cities (targeting to increase to 600 sales spot by the end of 2010)
- To secure raw material supply, the JV will expand further upstream: purchase of beef cattle and cattle fattening
- Turnover target: 8-10% of the Group's turnover in 2012

BUSINESS OUTLOOK HIGHLIGHTS

- Economic revival → demand in domestic and overseas market ↑
- Improved utilisation of the Group's existing and new production facilities
- ➡ Rebound of sugar price → optimistic outlook on corn sweeteners prices and demand
- Capacity Expansion → future growth driver in coming years
- New profit contributor from new business line

Company Profile

CORPORATE MILESTONES



CORPORATE STRUCTURE



DIVERSIFIED PRODUCT MIX



GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE

Changchun Production Facilities

- Production area of about 107,500 sq m
- Located in China's Golden Corn Belt
- Abundant supply of the major production
 <u>MATERIAL</u> at competitive cost

Jinzhou Production Facilities

- Production area of about 370,000 sq m
- Located in China's Golden Corn Belt
- Abundant supply of the major production <u>MATERIAL</u> at competitive cost
- A major traffic hub (next to a deep sea port)

Shanghai Production Facilities

- Production area of about 30,000 sq m
- Access to <u>CUSTOMERS</u> a number of large food and beverage producers in the Yangtze River Delta
- A major traffic hub

Cost Advantage	Changchun	Jinzhou	Shanghai
Corn	$\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}$
Coal	$\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}$
Transportation	$\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$





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