



China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd.

## 2004 First Quarterly Report

### §1. IMPORTANT NOTES:

*1.1 Board of Directors of China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Company) and directors individually and collectively accept responsibility for the correctness, accuracy and completeness of the contents of this report and confirm that there are no material omissions or errors which would render any statement misleading.*

*1.2 All Directors attended the meeting of the Board and executed voting right.*

*1.3 The first quarterly financial report of 2004 has not been audited.*

*1.4 Chairman of the Board, Mr. Li Jianhong, President of the Company, Mr. Mai Boliang and General Manager of Financial Management Dept., Mr. Jin Jianlong announce: ensure the correctness and completeness of financial report in this report.*

### §2. COMPANY PROFILE

#### 2.1 Basic Information of the Company

|                     |                                                                        |                                                                        |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Short form of stock | CIMC, CIMC-B                                                           |                                                                        |
| Stock code          | 000039, 200039                                                         |                                                                        |
|                     | Secretary of the Board of Directors                                    | Representative in charge of securities affairs                         |
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#### 2.2 Financial Information

##### 2.2.1 Main accounting data and financial indexes

Unit: RMB'000

|                                            | At 31 March 2004                 | At 31 December 2003                                     | Increase/decrease (%)                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total assets                               | <b>12,944,210</b>                | <b>10,258,356</b>                                       | <b>26.18</b>                                                  |
| Total equity (excluding Minority interest) | <b>5,476,314</b>                 | <b>5,295,653</b>                                        | <b>3.41</b>                                                   |
| Equity per share                           | <b>8.69</b>                      | <b>8.40</b>                                             | <b>3.41</b>                                                   |
|                                            | In the report period (Jan.-Mar.) | From year-beginning to end of report period (Jan.-Mar.) | Increase/decrease (%) compared with the same period last year |
| Net cash outflow from operating activities | <b>(1,033,897)</b>               | <b>(1,033,897)</b>                                      | <b>-81.92</b>                                                 |
| Earnings per share                         | <b>0.2866</b>                    | <b>0.2866</b>                                           | <b>36.74</b>                                                  |
| Rate of Return on Equity (%)               | <b>3.30</b>                      | <b>3.30</b>                                             | <b>-8.84</b>                                                  |

**2.2.2 Consolidated income statement for the period ended 31 March 2004** (*Please refer to the Appendix: Consolidated financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2004*)

**2.3 By the end of the report period, the total amount of shareholders is 35,242, including 25,386 shareholders holding A share and 9,856 shareholders holding B share.**

### **§3. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE MANAGEMENT**

#### **3.1 Brief Analysis of the Whole Status of Operating Activities in the Report Period**

In the report period, the Company realized income from main business of RMB **3,907,214,000** and net profit of RMB **180,661,000**, respectively increasing by **38.11%** and **68.91%** compared with the same period last year.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the business of container manufacture of the Group had a larger increase. The import and export of foreign trade of China kept a strong increase trend and the throughput of foreign trade goods of the main ports increased by 114% compared with the same period of last year and the total value of foreign trade increased by 38.2% compared with the same period of last year. Meanwhile, the global shipping industry has an unexampled prosperity and the need of container market is sufficient. Under the background, the order of container business of the Group is full, the trend of production and sale is good and the output and sale amount created the new top in the same period of the previous years. By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the sale amount of the Group's container reached 283,800 TEU, increasing by 19.44% compared with the same period of last year. Among it, the sale amount of dry van container and reefer container respectively reached 262,000 TEU and 18,500 TEU, respectively increasing by 19.25% and 45.67% compared with the same period

of last year.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the price of steel, the main raw material of container, had a rise in large range on the basis of the high level of last year and the average price of steel in our country rose by 40.9% compared with the same period of last year. But the level of container's price in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter also had a rise in a larger range compared with the average price of 2003. Facing the operation environment of sufficient need of container, rise of price of raw material, especially steel and deficient supply, the stratagem of expanding base web distribution implemented by the Group before played its role and the Group could have enough ability to meet the need of customers in the midseason and grasped the opportunity of market; meanwhile, the Group made use of scale advantage, strengthened the resource share, kept good relationship with the suppliers, overcome difficulties and obtained more realistic operating performance.

The progress of the manufacture business of modern road transport vehicle of the Group is realistic. By the end of the 1st quarter, the manufacture business of modern road transport vehicle accumulatively realized sale amount totaling RMB 243 million. Among it, the domestic Shenzhen CIMC Heavy Industries Co., Ltd., Yangzhou Tonghua Special Vehicle Co., Ltd. which was newly listed into the consolidation scope of the financial statement of the Company and Jinan Kogel Special Vehicle Co., Ltd. accumulatively sold the products of road transport vehicle amounting to 2,652 pieces, including CHASSIS of 1,993 pieces, and accumulatively realized sale amount of RMB 217 million. The CHASIS business of the Group in America realized sale amount of RMB 26.12 million.

In Feb. 2004, the eastern factory of Shenzhen CIMC Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. newly-established by the Group is formally put into production and it mainly engages in the production and sale of the products such as all kinds of CHASSIS and special vehicle and its production ability is 15000 pieces each year. The production ability of the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group in America engaging in manufacture and sale business of CHASSIS, Vanguard National Trailer Corporation approaches 10000 pieces and has started the production and sale of CHASSIS and opponents products in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. In Mar. 2004, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, Shenzhen CIMC Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. signed strategic cooperation agreement with Dongfeng Motor Corporation Commercial Vehicle Company. Please refer to the relevant public notice of the Company in Securities Times and Ta Kung Pao dated Mar. 23, 2004 for the details. In Apr. 2004, The wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group added investment totaling RMB 0.1 billion into the biggest manufacture enterprise of CHASSIS inside the country, Zhumadian Huajun Vehicle Co., Ltd. and the Company will hold 51% equity of it. Please refer to the relevant public notice of the Company in Securities Times and Ta Kung Pao dated Apr. 12, 2004 for the details.

In Feb. 2004, the Company signed Cooperation Agreement of Expanding Foreign

Market in Export Buyer Credit with Import & Export Bank of China. Please refer to the relevant public notice of the Company in Securities Times and Ta Kung Pao dated Feb. 13, 2004 for the details. The cooperation is in favor of expanding foreign market of the Company and establishing long-term and stable strategic cooperation relationship among the Company, the bank and customers.

The progress of other businesses of the Group is good.

**3.1.1** Main business industry or product, which occupied 10% of income from main business lines or total profit from main business

☒ Applicable ☐ Inapplicable

*Unit: RMB'000*

| Main industry | Income from main business lines | Expenditure from main business lines | Gross Margin (%) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Containers    | <b>3,589,933</b>                | <b>3,174,479</b>                     | <b>11.57</b>     |

**3.1.2** Characteristic of periodicity and season period of the Company's operation

☒ Applicable ☐ Inapplicable

The production of container has some change with season: generally speaking, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of every year is low season and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is midseason correspondingly.

**3.1.3** Profit structure in the report period (material changes in proportions of profit from main operations, profit from other business, period expense, investment earnings, subsidy income and net income and expenditure of non-operating in total profits than those of the last report period and reasons)

☒ Applicable ☐ Inapplicable

*RMB'000*

| Item                                                                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004 |                                           | In 2003   |                                           | Increase/<br>Decrease |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                | Amount                          | Proportion in<br>profit before tax<br>(%) | Amount    | Proportion in<br>profit before tax<br>(%) |                       |
| Gross profit                                                                   | 450,688                         | 187.76                                    | 1,783,653 | 200.67                                    | -6.43                 |
| Other operating income                                                         | 43,346                          | 18.06                                     | 141,126   | 15.88                                     | 13.73                 |
| Distribution expense,<br>Administration expense and<br>Other operating expense | 246,785                         | 102.81                                    | 1,019,403 | 114.69                                    | -10.36                |
| Profit before tax                                                              | 240,035                         | 100.00                                    | 888,830   | 100.00                                    | —                     |

***Analysis to changes:***

The proportion of other operating income in total profit increased by a relatively great margin over that in 2003, which was due to rise in price of steel and increase in earnings from disposal of junk steel.

**3.1.4** Explanation on reason and material change in main operations and its structure compared with the previous year

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.1.5** Explanation on reason and material change in profitability capability of main operations (gross profit ratio) compared with the previous year

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.2** Analysis and explanation on significant events and their influence and solutions

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.3** Particulars about changes in accounting policies, accounting estimate, consolidated scope and significant accounting errors and explanation on reasons

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.4** Relevant explanation on the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee under the situation of being audited and provided “Qualified opinion”

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.5** Estimation on accumulative net profit from the beginning of the year to the end of next report period to be loss probably or the warning of its material change compared with the corresponding period of the last year and explanation on reason

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**3.6** Rolling adjustment to annual business plan or budget ever disclosed

☐ Applicable                      ☒ Inapplicable

**China International Marine Containers (Group) Co., Ltd.**

Apr. 27, 2004

## Consolidated income statement for the period ended 31 March 2004

|                                  | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2004</i> | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2003</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                  | RMB'000                              | RMB'000                              |
| Revenue                          | 3,907,214                            | 2,828,975                            |
| Cost of sales                    | <u>(3,456,526)</u>                   | <u>(2,538,402)</u>                   |
| <b>Gross profit</b>              | 450,688                              | 290,573                              |
| Other operating income           | 43,346                               | 21,023                               |
| Distribution expenses            | (66,167)                             | (74,944)                             |
| Administrative expenses          | (149,173)                            | (65,283)                             |
| Other operating expenses         | <u>(31,445)</u>                      | <u>(10,209)</u>                      |
| <b>Profit from operations</b>    | 247,249                              | 161,160                              |
| Net financing costs              | (13,246)                             | (20,717)                             |
| Income from associates           | <u>6,032</u>                         | <u>1,930</u>                         |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>         | 240,035                              | 142,373                              |
| Income tax expense               | <u>(29,391)</u>                      | <u>(9,027)</u>                       |
| <b>Profit after tax</b>          | 210,644                              | 133,346                              |
| Minority interests               | <u>(29,983)</u>                      | <u>(26,387)</u>                      |
| <b>Net profit for the period</b> | 180,661<br>=====                     | 106,959<br>=====                     |

## Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2004 and 31 December 2003

|                                         | 31 March<br>2004<br>RMB'000 | 31 December<br>2003<br>RMB'000 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                           |                             |                                |
| Property, plant and equipment           | 2,424,872                   | 2,248,866                      |
| Lease prepayments – non-current portion | 282,242                     | 251,434                        |
| Construction in progress                | 421,146                     | 172,435                        |
| Timber concession rights                | 171,374                     | 175,129                        |
| Intangible assets                       | 20,112                      | 9,243                          |
| Interests in associates                 | 81,474                      | 57,555                         |
| Investments in equity securities        | 270,961                     | 274,260                        |
| Long-term receivables                   | 44,822                      | 45,005                         |
| Prepayment for investment               | 47,566                      | 193,008                        |
| Deferred tax assets                     | <u>16,949</u>               | <u>20,205</u>                  |
| <b>Total non-current assets</b>         | 3,781,518<br>-----          | 3,447,140<br>-----             |
| Lease prepayments – current portion     | 9,774                       | 9,572                          |
| Investments in equity securities        | 141,838                     | 168,775                        |
| Properties under development            | 71,186                      | 62,162                         |
| Completed properties for sale           | 60,027                      | 61,074                         |
| Inventories                             | 2,372,330                   | 1,350,628                      |
| Trade and other receivables             | 6,042,726                   | 4,452,401                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | <u>464,811</u>              | <u>706,604</u>                 |
| <b>Total current assets</b>             | 9,162,692<br>-----          | 6,811,216<br>-----             |
| <b>Total assets</b>                     | 12,944,210<br>=====         | 10,258,356<br>=====            |

## Consolidated balance sheet (continued) as at 31 March 2004 and 31 December 2003

|                                                             | 31 March<br>2004<br>RMB'000 | 31 December<br>2003<br>RMB'000 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Equity</b>                                               |                             |                                |
| Share capital                                               | 630,302                     | 630,302                        |
| Reserves                                                    | <u>4,846,012</u>            | <u>4,665,351</u>               |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                         | 5,476,314<br>-----          | 5,295,653<br>-----             |
| <b>Minority interests</b>                                   | 731,472<br>-----            | 659,804<br>-----               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                          |                             |                                |
| <b>Non-current liability</b>                                |                             |                                |
| Interest-bearing bank loans                                 | 440,084<br>-----            | 422,084<br>-----               |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                                  |                             |                                |
| Interest-bearing bank loans                                 | 1,738,033                   | 512,326                        |
| Non interest-bearing bank loan                              | 29,670                      | 29,670                         |
| Trade and other payables                                    | 4,069,650                   | 2,906,130                      |
| Provision                                                   | 397,874                     | 383,846                        |
| Taxation                                                    | <u>61,113</u>               | <u>48,843</u>                  |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>                            | 6,296,340<br>=====          | 3,880,815<br>=====             |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                    | 6,736,424<br>=====          | 4,302,899<br>=====             |
| <b>Total equity, minority interests<br/>and liabilities</b> | 12,944,210<br>=====         | 10,258,356<br>=====            |

## Consolidated cash flow statement for the period ended 31 March 2004

|                                                           | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2004</i> | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2003</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                           | RMB'000                              | RMB'000                              |
| <b>Net profit for the period</b>                          | 180,661                              | 106,959                              |
| Depreciation                                              | 66,892                               | 33,362                               |
| Impairment losses                                         | -                                    | 251                                  |
| Amortisation of goodwill                                  | 3,397                                | 4,078                                |
| Amortisation of other intangible assets                   | 363                                  | 58                                   |
| Amortisation of negative goodwill of associates           | (64)                                 | (64)                                 |
| Loss on sales of property, plant and equipment            | 403                                  | 1,804                                |
| Interest income                                           | (3,561)                              | (4,809)                              |
| Interest expenses                                         | 11,595                               | 23,910                               |
| Gain on disposal of investment securities                 | (21,894)                             | -                                    |
| Amortisation of timber concession rights                  | 1,603                                | 1,603                                |
| Impairment losses on timber concession rights             | 2,152                                | -                                    |
| Income from associates                                    | (6,032)                              | (1,930)                              |
| Income tax expenses                                       | 29,391                               | 9,027                                |
| Minority interests                                        | <u>29,983</u>                        | <u>26,387</u>                        |
| <b>Operating profit before changes in working capital</b> | 294,889                              | 200,636                              |
| Decrease/(increase) in lease prepayments                  | 2,075                                | (5,903)                              |
| Decrease in long-term receivables                         | 183                                  | 7,606                                |
| Increase in trade and other receivables                   | (1,154,465)                          | (741,437)                            |
| Increase in inventories                                   | (897,802)                            | (202,691)                            |
| Increase in trade and other payables                      | 732,658                              | 204,523                              |
| Increase in provision                                     | 14,028                               | 8,828                                |
| Increase in properties under development                  | (9,025)                              | (40,254)                             |
| Decrease in completed properties for sale                 | <u>1,047</u>                         | <u>3,607</u>                         |
| Cash used in operations                                   | (1,016,412)                          | (565,085)                            |
| PRC income tax paid                                       | <u>(17,485)</u>                      | <u>(9,607)</u>                       |
| <b>Cash outflow from operating activities</b>             | <u>(1,033,897)</u>                   | <u>(574,692)</u>                     |

## Consolidated cash flow statement (continued) for the period ended 31 March 2004

|                                                                                   | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2004<br/>RMB'000</i> | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2003<br/>RMB'000</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Investing activities</b>                                                       |                                                  |                                                  |
| Interest received                                                                 | 3,561                                            | 4,809                                            |
| Payment for property, plant and equipment                                         | (39,345)                                         | (12,512)                                         |
| Payment for construction in progress                                              | (254,730)                                        | (109,040)                                        |
| Payment for intangible assets                                                     | (928)                                            | -                                                |
| Payment for acquisition of associates                                             | (7,035)                                          | -                                                |
| Prepayment for investments                                                        | (45,579)                                         | -                                                |
| Payment for acquisition of minority shareholdings                                 | -                                                | (26,910)                                         |
| Payment for acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired                     | (34,749)                                         | -                                                |
| Dividend received                                                                 | 108                                              | -                                                |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment and construction in progress | 2,939                                            | 5,946                                            |
| Proceeds from disposal of partial interest in subsidiary                          | 1,738                                            | -                                                |
| Proceeds from sales of equity securities                                          | 48,831                                           | -                                                |
| Repayment of advance to minority shareholders                                     | -                                                | 2,951                                            |
| Advance to minority shareholders                                                  | <u>(4,527)</u>                                   | <u>-</u>                                         |
| <b>Cash outflow from investing activities</b>                                     | <u>(329,716)</u>                                 | <u>(134,756)</u>                                 |

## Consolidated cash flow statement (continued) for the period ended 31 March 2004

|                                                      | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2004<br/>RMB'000</i> | <i>January to<br/>March<br/>2003<br/>RMB'000</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Financing activities</b>                          |                                                  |                                                  |
| Interest paid                                        | (4,518)                                          | (22,656)                                         |
| Proceeds from bank loans                             | 2,366,595                                        | 2,839,691                                        |
| Repayment of bank loans                              | (1,239,576)                                      | (1,753,517)                                      |
| Proceeds from Receivables Framework agreement        | -                                                | 9,530                                            |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders              | <u>(681)</u>                                     | <u>(39,310)</u>                                  |
| <b>Cash inflow from financing activities</b>         | 1,121,820                                        | 1,033,738                                        |
|                                                      | <u>=====</u>                                     | <u>=====</u>                                     |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (241,793)                                        | 324,290                                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January               | <u>706,604</u>                                   | <u>381,937</u>                                   |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March</b>         | 464,811                                          | 706,227                                          |
|                                                      | <u>=====</u>                                     | <u>=====</u>                                     |

## Reconciliation of the Group's consolidated results and net assets prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and the PRC Accounting Rules and Regulations

|                                                         | <i>Profit<br/>attributable to<br/>shareholders for<br/>the period ended<br/>31 March<br/>2004<br/>RMB'000</i> | <i>Net assets at<br/>31 March<br/>2004<br/>RMB'000</i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Prepared under the PRC Accounting Rules and Regulations | 184,695                                                                                                       | 5,484,538                                              |
| Adjustments to align with IFRS:                         |                                                                                                               |                                                        |
| (i) Adjustment to minority interests                    | 120                                                                                                           | 8,755                                                  |
| (ii) Adjustment to deferred tax assets                  | (3,256)                                                                                                       | 16,946                                                 |
| (iii) Adjustment to goodwill and negative goodwill      | (302)                                                                                                         | (60,780)                                               |
| (iv) Adjustment to interest capitalisation              | 1,989                                                                                                         | 14,927                                                 |
| (v) Others                                              | <u>(2,585)</u>                                                                                                | <u>11,928</u>                                          |
| Prepared under IFRS                                     | 180,661<br>=====                                                                                              | 5,476,314<br>=====                                     |