1. Corporate information

Board of Directors

| Chairman | TIAN Guoli [#] | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| | (appointment effective | | | |
| | from 4 June 2013) | | | |
| Vice Chairmen | LI Lihui# | | | |
| | HE Guangbei | | | |
| Directors | LI Zaohang [#] | | | |
| | ZHOU Zaiqun [#] | | | |
| | CHEN Siqing [#] | | | |
| | GAO Yingxin | | | |
| | FUNG Victor Kwok King* | | | |
| | KOH Beng Seng* | | | |
| | NING Gaoning* | | | |
| | SHAN Weijian* | | | |
| | TUNG Savio Wai-Hok* | | | |
| | TUNG Chee Chen* | | | |
| | (retirement effective | | | |
| | from 28 May 2013) | | | |
| | | | | |

Non-executive Directors

* Independent Non-executive Directors

Senior Management

| Chief Executive | HE Guangbei |
|-------------------------|---|
| Deputy Chief Executive | GAO Yingxin |
| Chief Financial Officer | ZHUO Chengwen |
| Deputy Chief Executive | YEUNG Jason Chi Wai |
| Chief Risk Officer | LI Jiuzhong |
| Chief Operating Officer | LEE Alex Wing Kwai |
| Deputy Chief Executives | ZHU Yanlai (appointment effective from 15 April 2013) HUANG Hong (appointment effective from 1 July 2013) WONG David See Hong (retirement effective from 1 July 2013) |

Company Secretary

CHAN Chun Ying

Registered Office

52nd Floor Bank of China Tower 1 Garden Road Hong Kong

Auditor

Ernst & Young

Share Registrar

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 17M Floor Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East Wan Chai Hong Kong

ADR Depositary Bank

Citibank, N.A. 388 Greenwich Street 14th Floor New York, NY 10013 United States of America

Credit Ratings (Long Term)

| Standard & Poor's | A+ |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Moody's Investors Service | Aa3 |
| Fitch Ratings | А |

Index Constituent

The Company is a constituent of the following indices: Hang Seng Index Series Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series MSCI Index Series FTSE Index Series

Stock Codes

| Ordinary shares: | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| The Stock Exchange of | 2388 |
| Hong Kong Limited | |
| Reuters | 2388.HK |
| Bloomberg | 2388 HK |
| | |
| Level 1 ADR Programme: | |
| CUSIP No. | 096813209 |
| OTC Symbol | BHKLY |

Website

www.bochk.com

2. Dividend and closure of register of members

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.545 per share (2012: HK\$0.545), payable on Friday, 27 September 2013 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Thursday, 19 September 2013.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed, for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend, from Monday, 16 September 2013 to Thursday, 19 September 2013 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, shareholders should ensure that all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, are 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, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 13 September 2013. Shares of the Company will be traded ex-dividend as from Thursday, 12 September 2013.

3. Substantial interests in share capital

The register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO recorded that, as at 30 June 2013, the following parties had the following interests (as defined in the SFO) in the Company set opposite their respective names:

| Name of Corporation | No. of shares of HK\$5.00 each in the Company | % of total issued shares |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Central Huijin | 6,984,274,213 | 66.06% |
| BOC | 6,984,274,213 | 66.06% |
| BOCHKG | 6,984,175,056 | 66.06% |
| BOC (BVI) | 6,984,175,056 | 66.06% |

Notes:

- 1. Following the reorganisation of BOC in August 2004, Central Huijin holds the controlling equity capital of BOC on behalf of the State. Accordingly, for the purpose of the SFO, Central Huijin is deemed to have the same interests in the Company as BOC.
- BOC holds the entire issued share capital of BOCHKG, which in turn holds the entire issued share capital of BOC (BVI). Accordingly, BOC and BOCHKG are deemed to have the same interests in the Company as BOC (BVI) for the purpose of the SFO. BOC (BVI) beneficially held 6,984,175,056 shares of the Company.
- 3. BOC holds the entire issued share capital of BOCI, which in turn holds the entire issued share capital of BOCI Asia Limited and BOCI Financial Products Limited. Accordingly, BOC is deemed to have the same interests in the Company as BOCI Asia Limited and BOCI Financial Products Limited for the purpose of the SFO. BOCI Asia Limited had an interest in 24,479 shares of the Company and an interest in 72,000 shares held under physically settled equity derivatives while BOCI Financial Products Limited had an interest in 2,678 shares of the Company.

All the interests stated above represented long positions. Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013, BOCI Financial Products Limited had an interest in 143,522 shares which represented short positions. BOC and Central Huijin are deemed to be interested in such amount of shares for the purpose of the SFO. Save as disclosed, no other interests or short positions were recorded in the register maintained by the Company under section 336 of the SFO as at 30 June 2013.

4. Directors' and Chief Executive's interests in shares, underlying shares and debentures

As at 30 June 2013, the Directors, the Chief Executive and their respective associates had the following interests in the shares and underlying shares of the Company, as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers:

| | Number of shares/underlying shares held | | | | % of | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Name of Director | Personal interests | Family interests | Corporate interests | Other interests | Total | the issued share capital |
| HE Guangbei NING Gaoning | 100,000 - | – 25,000 ^{Note} | - | - | 100,000 25,000 | 0.0009% 0.0002% |
| Total | 100,000 | 25,000 | - | _ | 125,000 | 0.0011% |

Note: Such shares are held by the spouse of Mr. NING Gaoning.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013, none of the Directors or the Chief Executive of the Company or their respective associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers.

5. Changes of information in respect of Directors

In accordance with Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, the changes in information required to be disclosed by Directors pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules after the publication of the Company's Annual Report 2012 on 26 March 2013 up to 29 August 2013 (being the approval date of this Interim Report) are set out below:

Experience including other directorships and major appointments

- (a) Mr. TIAN Guoli has been appointed as the Chairman and Non-executive Director of the Company and BOCHK with effect from 4 June 2013. On the same day, Mr. TIAN has also been appointed as a Director of BOC (BVI) and BOCHKG.
- (b) Mr. HE Guangbei, Chief Executive of the Company, has been appointed as a Deputy Officer of the Finance Committee of the Guangdong's Association for promotion of cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macao with effect from 28 June 2013.
- (c) Dr. FUNG Victor Kwok King, an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, completed his term as the Honorary Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") on 30 June 2013 and continued to chair ICC World Trade Agenda Initiative. Also, Dr. FUNG ceased as a member of the WTO Panel on Defining the Future of Trade when his term expired in April 2013.
- (d) Mr. TUNG Chee Chen retired as an Independent Non-executive Director and ceased to be the Chairman of Nomination and Remuneration Committee and a member of Audit Committee of the Company on 28 May 2013. Following Mr. TUNG Chee Chen's retirement, Mr. TUNG Savio Wai-Hok and Mr. KOH Beng Seng, both are Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company, have been appointed as the Chairman and a member of Nomination and Remuneration Committee respectively.

6. Purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's shares

During the period under review, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares.

7. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists only of Non-executive Directors, the majority of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors. It is chaired by Independent Non-executive Director Mr. SHAN Weijian. Other members include Mr. ZHOU Zaiqun, Dr. FUNG Victor Kwok King, Mr. KOH Beng Seng, Mr. TUNG Chee Chen^{Note} and Mr. TUNG Savio Wai-Hok.

Based on the principle of independence, the Audit Committee assists the Board in monitoring the financial reports, internal control, internal audit and external audit of the Group.

At the request of the Audit Committee of the Company, the Group's external auditor has carried out a review of the interim financial information in accordance with the Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the HKICPA. The Audit Committee has 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 unaudited interim financial reports.

Note: Mr. TUNG Chee Chen retired as an Independent Non-executive Director and ceased to be a member of the Audit Committee with effect from 28 May 2013. The Independent Non-executive Directors nevertheless make up the majority of the Committee members, and the independence of the Committee is not affected by the relevant change.

8. Compliance with the "Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report"

The Company is committed to embracing and enhancing good corporate governance principles and practices. During the period under review, the Company has been in full compliance with all code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report as contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules (the "Corporate Governance Code"). The Company has also complied with nearly all the recommended best practices set out in the Corporate Governance Code throughout the period. For further details, please refer to the section titled "Corporate Governance" contained in the Annual Report 2012 of the Company.

9. Compliance with the Codes for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has established and implemented the "Code for Securities Transactions by Directors" (the "Company's Code") to govern securities transactions by Directors. Terms of the Company's Code are more stringent than the mandatory standards set out in the "Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers" contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"). Apart from the securities of the Company, the Company's Code also applies to the Director's dealings in the securities of BOC which has been listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in June 2006. In this connection, the Company had made specific enquiry of all Directors, who confirmed that they had complied with the standards set out in both the Company's Code and the Model Code throughout the period under review. The Company had undertaken a review of the Company's Code in March 2012. There were no fundamental amendments to the Company's Code and changes were in adaptive nature mainly to refine the Company's Code.

10. Compliance with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules and the Listing Rules

The unaudited interim report complies with the applicable requirements set out in the Banking (Disclosure) Rules under the Banking Ordinance and the applicable disclosure provisions of the Listing Rules.

11. Interim Report

This Interim Report is available in both English and Chinese. A copy prepared in the language different from that in which you have received is available by writing to the Company's Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or email to bochk.ecom@computershare.com.hk.

This Interim Report is also available (in both English and Chinese) on the Company's website at www.bochk.com and the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkexnews.hk. You are encouraged to access the Interim Report and other corporate communications of the Company through these websites in lieu of receiving printed copies to help protect the environment. We believe that it is also the most efficient and convenient method of communication with our shareholders.

If you have any queries about how to obtain copies of this Interim Report or how to access those corporate communications on the Company's website, please call the Company's hotline at (852) 2846 2700.

12. Reconciliation between HKFRSs vs IFRS/CAS

The Company understands that BOC, an intermediate holding company as well as controlling shareholder of the Company, will prepare and disclose consolidated financial information in accordance with IFRS and CAS for which the Company and its subsidiaries will form part of the interim financial information. CAS is the new set of PRC accounting standards that has been effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007 for companies publicly listed in PRC. The requirements of CAS have substantially converged with HKFRSs and IFRS.

The consolidated financial information of "BOC Hong Kong Group" for the periods disclosed by BOC in its interim financial information is not the same as the consolidated financial information of the Group for the periods published by the Company pursuant to applicable laws and regulations in Hong Kong. There are two reasons for this.

First, the definitions of "BOC Hong Kong Group" (as adopted by BOC for the purpose of its own financial disclosure) and "Group" (as adopted by the Company in preparing and presenting its consolidated financial information) are different: "BOC Hong Kong Group" refers to BOCHKG and its subsidiaries, whereas "Group" refers to the Company and its subsidiaries (see the below organisation chart). Though there is difference in definitions between "BOC Hong Kong Group" and "Group", their financial results for the periods presented are substantially the same. This is because BOCHKG and BOC (BVI) are holding companies only and have no substantive operations of their own.



12. Reconciliation between HKFRSs vs IFRS/CAS (continued)

Second, the Group has prepared its interim financial information in accordance with HK GAAP prior to 1 January 2005 and as from 1 January 2005 onwards in accordance with HKFRSs; whereas the consolidated financial information reported to BOC is prepared in accordance with IFRS and CAS respectively. Despite the fact that HKFRSs have converged with IFRS, there is a timing difference in the initial adoption of HKFRSs and IFRS by the Group and by BOC respectively.

The Board considers that the best way to ensure that shareholders and the investing public understand the material differences between the consolidated financial information of the Group published by the Company on the one hand, and the consolidated financial information of BOC Hong Kong Group disclosed by BOC in its interim financial information on the other hand, is to present reconciliations of the profit after tax/net assets of the Group prepared under HKFRSs to the profit after tax/net assets of the Group prepared under IFRS and CAS respectively for the periods presented.

The major differences between HKFRSs and IFRS/CAS, which arise from the difference in measurement basis in IFRS or CAS and the timing difference in the initial adoption of HKFRSs and IFRS relate to the following:

- restatement of carrying value of bank premises; and
- deferred taxation impact arising from the above different measurement basis.

(a) Restatement of carrying value of bank premises

The Company has elected for a revaluation model rather than cost model to account for bank premises and investment properties under HKFRSs. On the contrary, BOC has elected for the cost model for bank premises and revaluation model for investment properties under IFRS and CAS. Therefore, adjustments have been made to the carrying value of bank premises as well as to re-calculate the depreciation charge and disposal gain/loss under IFRS and CAS.

(b) Deferred tax adjustments

These represent the deferred tax effect of the aforesaid adjustments.

The difference in classification and measurement of certain investment securities under HKFRSs and IFRS due to the different timing in first adoption of HKFRSs and IFRS by the Group and BOC are vanished as those investment securities were all matured before 31 December 2012.

12. Reconciliation between HKFRSs vs IFRS/CAS (continued) Profit after tax/net assets reconciliation HKFRSs vs IFRS/CAS

| | Profit a | fter tax | Net assets | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|--|
| | Half-year | Half-year | | | |
| | ended | ended | | | |
| | 30 June | 30 June | At 30 June | At 31 December | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | |
| | HK \$ ′m | HK\$'m | HK\$'m | HK\$'m | |
| Profit after tax/net assets of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited prepared under HKFRSs | 11,657 | 11,649 | 155,702 | 155,074 | |
| Add: IFRS/CAS adjustments Re-measurement of carrying | | | | | |
| value of treasury products Restatement of carrying | - | (8) | - | - | |
| value of bank premises | 354 | 343 | (36,265) | (35,148) | |
| Deferred tax adjustments | (43) | (33) | 5,990 | 5,798 | |
| Profit after tax/net assets of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited | | | | | |
| prepared under IFRS/CAS | 11,968 | 11,951 | 125,427 | 125,724 | |