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### Exhibit 1: 2Q14 economic indicators preview

YoY% or otherwise specified	2Q'14F*	1Q'14
GDP	7.6	7.7
CPI	2.5	2.3
PPI	(1.0)	(2.0)
Exports	5.4	(3.4)
Imports	2.0	1.6
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	85.8	16.6
FAI (YTD%)	17.5	17.6
Industrial production	8.8	8.7
Retail Sales	12.4	12.0
M2	13.4	12.1
New loans (RMB/bn)	2645.5	3014.5
Aggregate financing (RMB/bn)	4402.5	5600.0

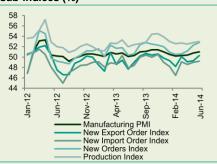
Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 2: June economic indicators preview

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YoY% or otherwise specified	Jun'14F*	May'14					
PMI - Manufacturing	51.0	50.8					
CPI	2.6	2.5					
PPI	(1.0)	(1.4)					
Exports	8.8	7.0					
Imports	7.5	(1.6)					
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	31.4	35.9					
FAI (YTD%)	17.5	17.2					
Industrial production	9.0	8.8					
Retail Sales	12.8	12.5					
M2	13.4	13.4					
New loans (RMB/bn)	1000.0	870.8					
Aggregate financing (RMB/bn)	1,452.5	1,400					

\* Forecast, excluding PMI - Manufacturing Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

## Exhibit 3: China's manufacturing PMI and sub-indices (%)



#### Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

# Upbeat PMI in June sparks further optimism

China's newly released manufacturing PMI for June reached its 6-month high to reach 51.0. This is in line with market expectation (51.0), reinforcing the belief that China's economy is gaining traction. Based on the upbeat data and the government's deployment of mini-stimulus measures, we expect key economic indicators for June will strengthen gradually. Our GDP growth forecast for 2Q14 is set at 7.6% YoY.

**Pricing pressure to remain mild.** With the uptick in economic activities and accelerated growth in food prices, we believe CPI inflation for June would edge up to 2.6% YoY. Continuous improvement in manufacturing PMI signals the start of a restocking cycle that enhances manufacturers' pricing power. Hence, decline in PPI is expected to narrow further to 1.0% YoY for June.

External trade sector demonstrates more recovery signs. Sub-indices of the manufacturing PMI, the New Export Order Index and the New Import Order Index, advanced to 50.3 and 49.2 in June, as opposed to 49.3 and 49.0 in May. This indicates a pick-up in external trade. We anticipate that export and import will grow by 8.8% and 7.5% YoY, while trade balance will reach US\$ 31.4bn for June.

**FAI growth to accelerate.** Improvements in the manufacturing sector are expected to lift growth in FAI, which we believe has already bottomed. Going forward, surging investment in infrastructure and railways will help reverse the downtrend of FAI. Hence, we expect FAI for June is likely to rebound with its YTD growth hitting 17.5% YoY.

Industrial production growth to edge up. Driven by surging manufacturing production bolstered by increased domestic and exports orders, we expect industrial production in June to grow by 9.0% YoY. We believe the rising PMI and narrowing decline in producer prices are good indications that industrial output is likely to increase in the future.

**Retail sales to improve steadily.** Improvement in retail sales are expected to broaden as the economy regains poise. Consumption is trending up, and demand for consumer discretionary and staples will continue to climb. We expect retail sales in June to climb 12.8% YoY.

New loans and aggregate financing will rise, while M2 growth will remain stable. PBOC's targeted liquidity easing in April and June, together with the smaller-than-expected repos conducted in recent weeks, has injected ample liquidity into the banking system and helped stimulate economic activities. We believe monetary indicators for June will improve. New bank loans will rise to RMB 1000bn; aggregate financing will reach RMB 1.45tr~; and M2 growth will maintain stable at 13.4% YoY.



China Economic Indicators														
				20	13						201	14		
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun*
Real GDP (YoY%)		7.5			7.8			7.7			7.4			7.6
Export Growth (YoY%)	1.0	(3.1)	5.1	7.2	(0.3)	5.6	12.7	5.8	10.6	(18.1)	(6.6)	0.9	7.0	8.8
Import Growth (YoY%)	(0.3)	(0.7)	10.9	7.0	7.4	7.6	5.3	6.5	10.0	10.1	(11.3)	0.8	(1.6)	7.5
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	20.4	27.1	17.8	28.5	15.2	31.1	33.8	32.3	31.9	(23.0)	7.7	18.5	35.9	31.4
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.7	13.6	11.8	3	12.2	11.9	12.5	12.8
Industrial Production (YoY%)	9.2	8.9	9.7	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.7	8.6		8.8	8.7	8.8	9.0
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.8	50.1	50.3	51.0	51.1	51.4	51.4	51.0	50.5	50.2	50.3	50.4	50.8	51.0
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	54.3	53.9	54.1	53.9	55.4	56.3	56.0	54.6	53.4	55.0	54.5	54.8	55.5	55.8
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	20.4	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.2	20.1	19.9	19.6	17.9	)	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.5
CPI (YoY%)	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.4	1.8	2.5	2.6
PPI (YoY%)	(2.9)	(2.7)	(2.3)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(2.0)	(2.3)	(2.0)	(1.4)	(1.0)
M2(YoY%)	15.8	14.0	14.5	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.2	13.6	13.2	13.3	12.1	13.2	13.4	13.4
New Lending (RMB/bn)	667.4	860.5	699.9	711.3	787.0	506.1	624.6	482.5	1,320	644.5	1,050	774.7	870.8	1000.0
Aggregate Financing (RMB bn)	1,187.1	1,037.5	819.1	1,584	1,411.3	864	1,226.9	1,232.2	2,580	938.7	2,081.3	1,550	1,400.0	1,452.5

**World Economic/Financial Indicators** 

<sup>\*</sup> Forecast, excluding PMI - Manufacturing

	Equity Indi	ces	
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E
	U.S.		
DJIA	16,956.07	0.62	15.86
S&P 500	1,973.32	0.63	18.08
NASDAQ	4,458.65	1.38	35.58
MSCI US	1,888.35	0.67	18.51
	Europe		
FTSE 100	6,821.33	0.94	19.65
DAX	9,930.00	1.17	18.42
CAC40	4,460.67	0.53	26.12
IBEX 35	11,022.50	0.57	23.76
FTSE MIB	21,591.41	1.27	323.9
Stoxx 600	345.84	1.13	22.03
MSCI UK	2,006.38	0.69	19.70
MSCI France	125.03	0.54	26.56
MSCI Germany	131.93	0.85	18.54
MSCI Italy	62.51	1.25	N/A
	Asia		
NIKKEI 225	15,369.9	7 1.82	20.20
S&P/ASX 200	5,455.4	0.19	19.39
HSI	23,549.6	2 1.41	11.00
HSCEI	10,448.1	7 1.36	7.66
CSI300	2,170.8	7 0.96	9.97
SSE Composite	2,059.4	2 1.12	10.04
SZSE Composite	1,106.9	4 1.84	27.83
MSCI China	61.5	6 0.28	9.44

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MSCI

Hong Kong

MSCI Japan

Global Commodities						
	Unit Price		Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)		
	Ene	rgy				
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	105.41	(0.31)	202,156		
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	112.17	(1.00)	195,901		
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	4.45	0.86	55,902		
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	70.35	N/A	N/A		
	Basic N	/letals				
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,854.25	0.24	28,252		
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,884.00	(0.05)	28,354		
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	7,038.50	1.04	11,769		
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	7,020.00	1.08	48,964		
TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>	USD	94.20	(0.74)	N/A		
	Precious	Metals				
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,326.40	0.48	124,957		
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	21.07	(0.30)	45,739		
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,508.70	1.92	12,619		
Agricultural Products						
CBOT Corn	USD/bu	421.50	(5.76)	124,579		
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	571.00	(3.83)	53,736		
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	17.76	(3.06)	70,165		
CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	1,149.25	(6.41)	112,844		

Bond Yields 8	& Key Ra	
	Yield (%)	Chg. WTD (Bps)
US Fed Fund Rate	0.25	0.00
US Prime Rate	3.25	0.00
US Discount Window	0.75	0.00
US Treasury (1 Mth)	0.0152	0.51
US Treasury (5 Yr)	1.6545	1.64
US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.5521	1.81
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.5610	(0.30)
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	4.0900	2.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.15	(10.0)
1-Month LIBOR	0.1552	0.37
3 Month LIBOR	0.2318	(0.28)
O/N SHIBOR	3.0200	13.50
1-mth SHIBOR	4.8910	(12.1)
3-mth HIBOR	0.3829	0.57
Corporate Bonds	(Moody	s)
Aaa	4.15	(2.00)
Baa	4.71	(3.00)

Currency								
	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-Mth
Spot Rate	1.3664	1.7148	0.9457	101.52	0.8886	6.2091	7.7503	6.2280
Chg. WTD (%)	0.11	0.66	0.32	(0.10)	0.25	0.14	0.01	0.07

#### Note:

- Data sources: Bloomberg Finance LP, National Bureau of Statistics of China, ABCIS (updated on date of report)
- Australia Newcastle Steam
   Coal Spot fob is the Australia
   Newcastle 6700 kc GAD fob
   Steam Coal Spot price
   published by McCloskey
   TSI CFR China Iron Ore
- TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index is calculated with the 62% Fe specification, spot price



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ Market return rate
Hold	Market return – 6% ≤ Stock return < Market return rate
Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2009-2013

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

#### Definition of share price risk

Rating	Definition
Very high	2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
High	1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6
Medium	1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5
Low	180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0

We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

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