### CHINA CERAMICS CO., LTD.

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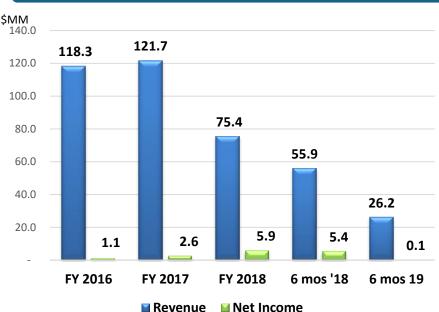
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## **Company Overview**

- Ceramic tile market growth correlates with urbanization & residential construction trends in China
- Production capacity is currently 56.5 million square meters (MSM) of ceramic tiles / year
- Plant utilization for 1H fiscal 2019 was 6.0 MSM / yr.; ramp to greater utilization is pending improved business conditions
- Current Initiative is to enter the Southeast Asia market and develop new products
- 2,000+ tile, color and size combinations enable wide customer choice



### **Revenue and Net Income**

#### Net Income non-cash adjustments to reflect ongoing operations:

FY 2016 for \$34.3 MM of asset write-down, \$11.3 MM for inventory write-down & \$3.5 MM for bad debt expense
FY 2017 for \$5.4 MM asset write-down, \$10.6 MM for bad debt expense & \$0.4 MM reversal of inventory write-down
1H 2018 for \$16.7 MM for bad debt expense
FY 2018 for \$47.9 MM for bad debt expense
1H 2019 for \$28.6 MM for bad debt expense

Founded in 1993; high brand recognition; sold under "Hengda / HD", "Hengdeli / HDL", "TOERTO", "WULIQIAO", and "Pottery Capital of Tang Dynasty" trademarks



## **Equity Snapshot**

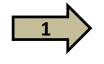
Nasdaq: CCCL	FYE: Dec. 31
Stock Price (9/26/19)	\$0.79
Shares Outstanding	6.0 MM
Market Capitalization	\$4.7 MM
Debt (TTM) (a)	
Revenue (TTM)	\$45.7 MM
Net Income (TTM, as adjusted) (b)	\$ 0.6 MM
EPS (TTM, as adjusted) ((b)	\$0.10
Cash	\$1.4 MM
Price to Earnings Multiple	7.9x

(a) Excludes related party debt of \$5.5 MM; adjusted f'18 \$12.9 MM asset write-down, \$47.9 MM bad debt expense & \$8.5 MM inventory write-down; and 1H '18 bad debt expense of \$16.7 MM & 1H '19 bad debt expense of \$28.6 MM TTM = trailing twelve months

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## **Investment Highlights**



A premier, name-brand manufacturer of thousands of customizable exterior and interior ceramic tiles



Capitalizing upon China's urbanization trend, rising GDP and a high level of real estate ownership in China



A shake-out of smaller competitors who cannot comply with pollution regs could ultimately lead to marketshare gains



Strategic plan to enter the Southeast Asia and develop new products such as new cooling tiles to expand market



Modern plant and R&D enables competitive advantage; glazed brick ceramic tiles for roofing complements current portfolio



Real estate, construction and associated sectors are estimated to comprise 25% of China's GDP



# **China's Macroeconomic Environment**

- The Chinese economy is undergoing a structural change, transitioning from manufacturing to services and from investment to consumption.
- GDP grew by 6.2% in 2Q 2019, slowing from 6.4% in the previous 2 quarters, the lowest growth since 1Q 1992

### China's Annual GDP Growth Rates (% Changes)



Source: tradingeconomics.com, National Bureau of Statistics of China

- Government stimulus measures could propel the Chinese economy above the current consensus of 6.2% GDP growth for the full year of 2019. However, reforms remain important along with efforts to deleverage debt.
- Real estate investment could continue to moderate in 2019 as the Chinese government could enact numerous measures to curb excessive speculation.



# **China's Real Estate Market Environment**

- Real estate is estimated to be 25% of China's GDP; a healthy real estate sector is important to China's growth.
- Average new home prices in 70 cities rose 8.8% y-o-y in August, the lowest since Oct 2018.
- On a month-over-month basis, prices rose 0.5% in August, the least since a 0.5% rise in February.

### Newly Build China Home Prices (Yr-o-Yr Change)



Source: tradingeconomics.com, National Bureau of Statistics of China

- A series of government curbs to stem speculation and a slowdown in the economy have weighted on China's housing market. Chinese authorities have, from time to time, imposed lending curbs, higher mortgage rates and down payments, a price cap on new developments and restrictions on the number of homes each family can buy.
- Programs to renovate inner city housing stock, and to develop rental homes and affordable housing projects could spur real estate and construction market activity.



### **Urbanization Trend Provides Underpinning** to Real Estate Construction China

- China's total urban population reached 768 million in 2015 vs. 450 million in 2001; according to projections, nearly 70% of the population will live in urban areas by 2035.
- The scale and pace of China's urbanization trend is unprecedented: 219 cities of more than one million and an aggregate urban population nearing 1 billion are projected by 2025,
- Tier I cities are expected to account for only 10% of China's commercial real estate activities by 2020, highlighting the significant development opportunities in Tier II and Tier III cities.





## A Long-Term Trend of Strong Real Estate Growth in China

- The scale of construction in China is immense: the expected future increase in cities is equal to the residential floor space of a number of European cities today
- CCCL believes that sound underlying demand for housing is sustainable throughout the next decade although corrections due to overbuilding could occur
- There are fewer restrictions by municipal governments in Tier II and Tier III cities
- CCCL believes that the land supply in 2019 in Tier II and Tier III cities could rebound and create demand for ceramic tiles
- Central government initiatives stipulate for 36 million new affordable housing units at a cost of nearly \$800 billion
- Renovation and upgrading of existing properties could also spur demand

in Urban Residential		Existing R	esidential
Building Stock (2011-2020)		<u>Buildin</u>	<u>g Stock</u>
1,109		Poland	807
447		Greece	494
396		Portugal	424
389		Sweden	411
350		Czech Rep.	369
279		Romania	366
272		Switzerland	352
271		Hungary	319
265		Austria	318
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a. all data in mm sq. meters

b. Figures are for urban areas within referenced prefecture/municipality.

*c* . Chongqing municipality's unusually large increase partly reflects its large size compared with other prefectures.

<u>Sources</u>: Economist Intelligence Unit; National Bureau of Statistics (China); UNECE



## **Competitive Landscape**

- China's outdoor ceramics tile industry is highly fragmented with hundreds of manufacturers; CCCL estimates its current market share in China to be 5%.
- The Company believes that more than 200 manufacturers are located in Jinjiang, with a combined annual production volume of 70% of China's total production volume
- Others are mainly located in Foshan, Zibo, Linyi, and Dehua, specializing in manufacturing interior wall and floor ceramic tiles
- Competition is based on quality, branding, service and product diversity, CCCL's strengths
  Major competitors include:

  White Rabbit Ceramics
  Foshan Shiwan Yulong Ceramics
  Jinjiang Haoyuan Ceramics
  Jinjiang Wanli Ceramics



### **Key Market Trends**

- China's long-term urbanization trend CCCL is a prime beneficiary
- Government policies support the real estate sector rate cuts, lower down payment requirements and property sales have spurred recent activity
- New products New outdoor ceramic tiles products are "Green", lighter, heat insulating and noise-reducing. The company's production line to manufacture glazed brick ceramic tiles deepens the portfolio even more.
- Potential of Tier II and III Cities CCCL believes that much of the growth in China's GDP is being driven by economic activity in Tier II and Tier III cities.
- Distribution and Direct Sales China's outdoor ceramic tile industry relies heavily on distributors; an estimated 83% of total sales are made through distributors. As competition intensifies, more manufacturers will bid for large projects in an attempt to sell products to real estate developers directly.
- Stricter Environmental Standards Exits by smaller competitors to occur as less well-financed companies cannot comply with stricter environmental regulations.



### **Core Competitive Advantages**

- Experienced management and a culture of hard work and success
- Premier brand repeat winner of "Asia's 500 Most Valuable Brands" award among many other awards and certifications
- R&D the 20 person team develops new products and an energy recycling system that reuses excess heat and energy that saves up to 20% of cost
- Manufacturing that is modern and efficient: ISO certified, international manufacturing equipment utilized where nearly all projects are built to order
- Enhanced marketing and sales abetted by a state-of-the-art product showroom that emphasizes CCCL's superior capabilities. Additional enhancements of the Hengda Exhibition Hall which should drive sales to a potentially consolidating large property sector.
- New subsidiary formed to transact with large entities such as China State Decoration Group Co., Ltd.



### **Comprehensive Product Suite**

### The company has over 2,000 size and color combinations



A wide array of standardized and made-to-order products



### Modern Plants Ensure High Quality and Superior Range of Products

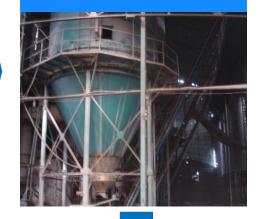
#### Raw Material Inspecting



### **Mixing & Grinding**



#### **Spray Drying**



### Firing



Glazing





Plant's ISO 9001:2000 accreditation signifies high quality control processes



- 91% of products sold to 20 exclusive domestic distributors  $\geq$
- 4% of products sold directly to larger real estate developers via own sales force
- The top ten customers have purchased from CCCL for over 10 years each
- We estimate that the top ten customers represented 47% of total sales in 2018  $\geq$
- Sales in Tier II and Tier III cities account for approximately 81% of domestic sales  $\geq$
- Ongoing contracts with large property developers in China include Evergrande, China Resources Land, China SCE Property, China National Real Estate Development Group, Poly Real Estate, Wanda Group, Sany Group and Green Town





### **Sales Process**



- Excellent communication between our sales force and distributors avoids overlapping of sales
- Distributors required to make monthly reports on customer requirements
- Provide installation instructions and collect after-sales feedback by our sales force
- Seeking new highly-qualified distributors to expand geographic reach

### We typically book sales within 2-3 months of delivery



## **Selected Hengda Projects**

Chengdu Kanjun Garden



210,000 sq. meters

Hangzhou Redbud Garden



53,000 sq. meters

China Resources Land Limited Lanxi Town



100,000 sq. meters

Xiamen Blue Gulf Peninsula



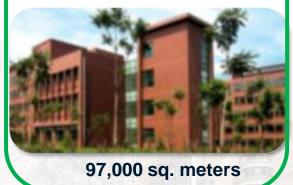
133,000 sq. meters

### The 11th National Games Village



95,000 sq. meters

Shenyang Institute of Aeronautical Engineering





## **Stable Supplier Base**

- Dyes, clay and energy are the major raw materials for tile production, accounting for a substantial portion of our COGS
- Over 10 years' cooperation with key suppliers ensures on-time supply and reasonably stable pricing
- > All raw materials are inspected on delivery for quality control

Raw Material	% of COGS	# of Suppliers
Dyes	20	8
Coal and gas	11	2
Clay	17	9
Glazing	3	4



Capex in 2017

## **Plant Expansion and Capital Expenditures**

<b>PLANT EXPANSION</b> (in Millions of Square Meters, or MSM)	Cumulative		
	Hengda	Hengdali	Total
Total 2010 Capacity	28	10	38
Total 2011 Capacity	42	14	56
Total 2012 Capacity	42	30	72
Current Plant Capacity	27.7	28.8 (a)	56.5 (a)
Capacity Currently Being Utilized (a)	3.2	2.8	6.0
(a) Production capacity has been reduced due to two old furnaces at the Hengda facility in July of 2018 and the leasing out of 10 MSM of production capacity at the Hengdali facility.			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (in MM)	Hengda	Hengdali	Total
Capex in 2011	\$ 23.9 M	\$ 44.6 M	\$ 68.5 M
Capex in 2012	\$ 3.0 M	Nil	\$ 3.0 M
Capex in 2013	\$ 7.4 M	\$ 8.4 M	\$ 15.8 M
Capex in 2015	\$ 1.6 M	\$ 23.0 M	\$ 24.6 M

Nil

\$ 0.9 M

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### 1) Market Share Gain as a Result of the Industry Shake-Out of the Last 2 Years

A significant number of competitors could exit the space due to a tougher competitive environment and new energy guidelines.

2) Leverage Customization Capabilities due to Modernized Plant Efficiencies

Enables accessibility to the company's customized and innovative product offerings

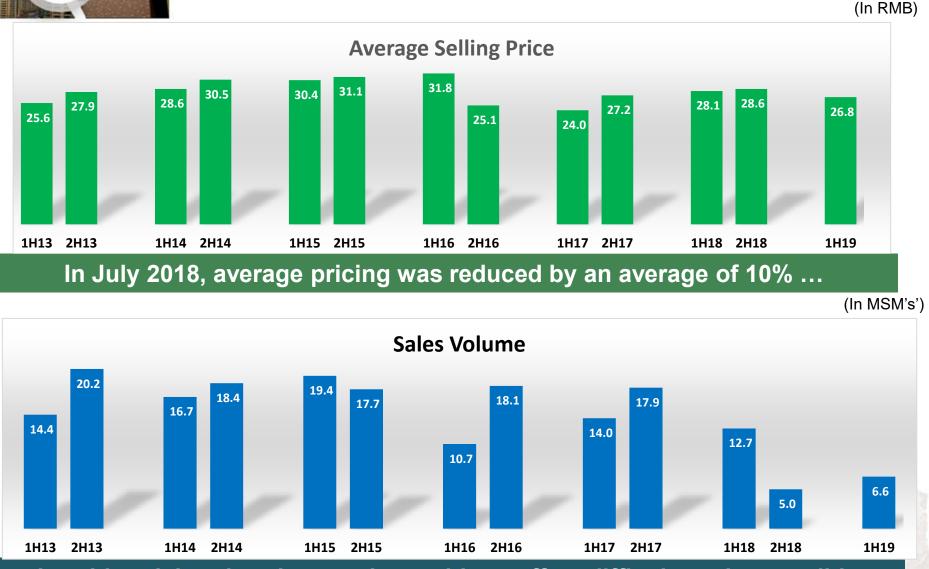
**3) Penetrate New Markets using Tier II and Tier III Marketing Experience** *Urbanization coupled with demographic changes will remain compelling domestic trends for years to come* 

4) Focus on Expanding Market with Bolstered R&D to Create New Products Announced intention to enter the Southeast Asia market and new products such as the new cooling ceramic tile help to create a competitive advantage.

5) Capitalize Upon Expected Consolidation Among Large Property Developers The company's deep product platform, modern manufacturing capabilities and strong balance sheet enable it to optimally service larger customers



## **Sales Volume and ASP Metrics**



... but this pricing drop has not been able to offset difficult market conditions 21



### **Strong Balance Sheet**

	As of Dec. 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2019	
(USD, in millions)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	
Cash	1.38	1.56	
Debt			
Total Working Capital	12.5	40.1	
Shareholders' Equity	12.2	40.1	
Inventory Turnover	122	117	
Trade Receivables Turnov	ver 134	233	
Trade Payables Turnover	32	26	



## **Capital Markets: Key Differentiators**

#### Management

- New CEO is well-steeped in operations, working closely with founder
- CFO an English-speaking CPA formerly at Deloitte Touche
- Resilient and well-funded as able to access capital

#### Transparency

- Corporate, disclosure and regulatory best practices
  - Regular investor communications via earnings calls, non-deal road shows, conferences

Measures that Build Confidence in the US Capital Markets

### **Oversight**

- Independent Board directors with prominent business backgrounds
  - Audit, nomination and compensation committees provide oversight
    - Auditor Centurion ZD CPA is a highly acknowledged and well-known auditor

### **Additional Measures**

- Paid semi-annual dividends in 2013 and 2014.
- Company insiders have purchased shares from time to time
- US-based investor relations firm



## Management Team

Meishuang Huang Chair & Chief Executive Officer	<ul> <li>Formerly Assistant to CEO Jiadong Huang, the founder of the Company</li> <li>6 years of experience in the Company's Treasury department</li> <li>Bachelor's in Business administration from JiMei University and postgraduate diploma from the Executive Development Program of Xiamen University</li> </ul>
Edmund Hen CFO	<ul> <li>Former CFO of a Sichuan switchgear manufacturer and accountant for Dickson Concepts Ltd., a publicly-listed Hong Kong company</li> <li>Formerly at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and a variety of accounting firms</li> <li>Bachelor Degree from University of East Anglia, United Kingdom</li> <li>Associate member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants</li> </ul>
Peizhi Su Sales Deputy GM	<ul> <li>&gt; Over 10 years of experience in the China ceramic tile industry</li> <li>&gt; Established a national sales network of distributors and property developers</li> <li>&gt; Also a Director of the Company</li> </ul>
Weifeng Su General Legal Counsel & Secretary	<ul> <li>Lawyer at Fujian Minrong Law Firm from 2005 to 2007</li> <li>Graduated from the School of Law of Xiamen University</li> <li>Also a Director of the Company</li> </ul>



## **Board of Directors**

Meishuang Huang Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Liu Jun Independent Member

- > Formerly Assistant to CEO Jiadong Huang, the founder of the Company
- > 6 years of experience in the Company's Treasury department
- Bachelor's in Business administration from JiMei University and postgraduate diploma from the Executive Development Program of Xiamen University
- Expertise in acquisitions, strategic planning and deal structuring, and serves as a consultant and advisor to several finance companies in China
- > Senior. Manager of Dashang Group, a large retail chain in northeast China
- > Bachelor's in Business Admin. from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics

Roy Tan Choon Kang Independent Member

- Previously CFO of Fuse Enterprises, a digital and mining company and previously Managing Partner of One Tree Partners, asset management company
- > Commenced career at the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation.
- > Joint MBA degree from National University of Singapore and Columbia University



## **Board of Directors (continued)**

Shen Cheng Liang Independent Member

- > Ceramics production expert with over 30 years of experience
- Previously Senior Production Engineer and General Manager at Fujian Yiyan Ceramics where he worked for 30 years.
- > Bachelor's degree in material physics from Jingdezhen Ceramics College

Alex Ng Man Shek Independent Member

- Served as corporate secretary of Nova Lifestyle (Nasdaq: NVFY) and COO of a NVFY subsidiary
- » Worked in various companies in Hong Kong, Canada and China
- Bachelor's degree from York University, Canada



- > China Ceramics is a strong competitor in a highly fragmented space
- > Plant capacity ready to utilize in a positive market environment
- Sustainable advantages due to capacity expansion, R&D, exclusive distributor relationships and world-class brands
- Construction materials industry expected to benefit from China's urbanization and construction trends
- Government policies are intent upon promoting urbanization to grow domestic GDP which should spur real estate development long-term
- Geographical location is optimal for supplier network
- > 2019 plan is to strategically market given challenging market conditions with additional focus on new markets to generate diversified and sustainable cash flow



### **Corporate History**

Founded in 1993 as a manufacturer of outdoor ceramic tiles in Jinjiang, Fujian Province Received the certification of ISO9002, ISO9001 and ISO14001 in 1999; Gradually built up brand reputation

Introduced state-of-theart equipment from abroad; developed plans to expand Hengda's capacity

Named a Top Growing Enterprise by China Building Materials Association

Acquired Hengdali facility in Jan.'10;

Total annual manufacturing capacity of both Hengda & Hengdali currently 72 million square meters Listed on NASDAQ (CCCL) in November 2010 Owns 4 patents with right to use 11 more. Continuously focusing on R&D for environmentalfriendly products

Completed merger with SPAC (CHAC) in November 2009



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