

GROUP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT					
(HK\$ thousand)					
Turnover	255,433	607,220	334,444	196,000	256,715
Profit before taxation	94,252	339,940	70,028	60,676	97,003
Taxation	(12,270)	(27,734)	(8,790)	(7,143)	(8,696)
Profit after taxation	81,982	312,206	61,238	53,533	88,307
Minority interests	(4,951)	(3,307)	(3,482)	(3,100)	(2,839)
Profit attributable to shareholders	77,031	308,899	57,756	50,433	85,468
Retained profits brought forward	227,202	249,317	460,408	460,630	462,159
Profit available for distribution	304,233	558,216	518,164	511,063	547,627
Dividends	(54,916)	(97,808)	(57,534)	(48,904)	(66,164)
Retained profits carried forward	249,317	460,408	460,630	462,159	481,463
Basic earnings per share	HK26.8 cents	HK107.4 cents	HK20.1 cents	HK17.5 cents	HK29.7 cents
BALANCE SHEET					
(HK\$ thousand)					
Fixed assets	3,102,179	2,834,797	2,485,746	2,480,861	2,499,993
Investment securities	5,681	12,160	12,160	13,912	32,915
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(447,610)	32,523	(13,309)	22,654	11,169
	2,660,250	2,879,480	2,484,597	2,517,427	2,544,077
Share capital	261,504	287,669	287,670	287,670	287,670
Reserves	2,174,987	2,105,370	1,751,883	1,751,505	1,792,738
Shareholders' funds	2,436,491	2,393,039	2,039,553	2,039,175	2,080,408
Minority interests	91,759	186,099	86,362	87,613	84,901
Long term liabilities	132,000	281,510	336,000	367,957	356,086
Deferred gain	—	18,832	22,682	22,682	22,682
	2,660,250	2,879,480	2,484,597	2,517,427	2,544,077