| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACTIVITIES | 22 | $\mathbf{1 8 , 1 5 1}$ | 99,896 |
| RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND |  |  |  |
| SERVICING OF FINANCE |  |  |  |
| Interest paid | $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 6 5 )}$ | $(9,517)$ |  |
| Finance charge on obligations under finance |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ leases and hire purchase contracts | $\mathbf{( 1 , 4 0 6 )}$ | $(2,172)$ |  |
| Interest received | $\mathbf{3 , 5 0 5}$ | 1,186 |  |
| Dividend paid | $\mathbf{( 7 , 2 8 4 )}$ | $9,461)$ |  |
| Dividend received from investments in securities | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | 30 |  |

NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND
SERVICING OF FINANCE
$(17,635)$
(19,934)

## TAXATION

| Hong Kong Profits Tax paid | $\mathbf{( 7 , 5 1 8 )}$ | $(1,091)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Overseas tax paid | $\mathbf{( 2 2 0 )}$ | - |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded | - | 946 |
| NET TAX PAID | $\mathbf{( 7 , 7 3 8 )}$ | $(145)$ |

## INVESTING ACTIVITIES

| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | $\mathbf{( 4 1 , 4 0 4 )}$ <br> Increase in pledged bank deposits <br> Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary (net of <br> cash and cash equivalents disposed of) | 23 |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and |  |  |
| $\quad$ equipment | $\mathbf{1 , 3 2 9}$ | - |
| Proceeds from disposal of investments in securities | $\mathbf{5 2 3}$ | - |
| Payment in respect of purchases of <br> $\quad$ subsidiaries in prior year <br> Purchase of investments in securities <br> Purchase of subsidiaries | $\mathbf{4 7 3}$ | 1,317 |

## NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

$(63,927)$
$(29,577)$

## NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW

BEFORE FINANCING
$(71,149)$
50,240

|  | Note | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ \text { HK\$’’000 } \end{array}$ | 1999 HK\$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FINANCING | 25 |  |  |
| Proceeds from issue of shares |  | 69,285 | - |
| New bank loans raised |  | 32,668 | 17,511 |
| New import loans raised |  | 71,677 | - |
| Repayment of import loans |  | $(40,385)$ | - |
| Repayment of bank loans |  | $(26,389)$ | $(21,935)$ |
| Repayment of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts |  | $(11,208)$ | $(23,719)$ |
| Repayment of other loans |  | $(6,121)$ | $(5,345)$ |
| Expenses in connection with the issue of shares |  | $(1,679)$ | - |
| NET CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING |  | 87,848 | $(33,488)$ |
| INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS |  | 16,699 | 16,752 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR |  | $(11,907)$ | $(28,659)$ |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR |  | 4,792 | $(11,907)$ |
| ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS |  |  |  |
| Bank balances and cash Import loans |  | $\begin{aligned} & 102,367 \\ & (47,547) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25,764 \\ (37,671) \end{gathered}$ |
| Short term bank borrowings with less than three months to maturity when raised |  | $(50,028)$ | - |
|  |  | 4,792 | $(11,907)$ |

