15 Trade and Other Receivables

	(Group	Company		
	2000	1999	2000	1999	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Trade receivables (Note a)	1,127	1,446	-	-	
Prepayments and deposits	6,195	6,075	189	187	
Other receivables	1,208	6,890	-	-	
	8,530	14,411	189	187	

(a) The Group does not grant any credit to its customers. As at 31st December 2000 and 1999, all trade receivables are aged within 30 days.

16 Trading Investments

0	Group			
	2000	1999		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Equity securities, at fair value				
Listed in Hong Kong	16,684	23,748		
Listed outside Hong Kong	272,658	323,595		
	289,342	347,343		
Debt securities, at fair value				
Listed outside Hong Kong	78,149	77,532		
Unlisted	-	12,444		
	78,149	89,976		
	367,491	437,319		
	307,491	437,319		

17 Trade and Other Payables

	(Group	Company		
	2000	1999	2000	1999	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Trade payables (Note a) Rental and management	8,933	3,599	-	-	
fee deposits	10,679	10,236	-	-	
Accruals and provisions	21,371	33,447	735	797	
	40,983	47,282	735	797	

(a) At 31st December 2000 and 1999, the aging analysis of the trade payables are as follows:

	G	Group		
	2000	1999		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Within 30 days	7,940	2,696		
31 - 60 days	729	393		
61 - 90 days	264	510		
	8,933	3,599		
18 Share Capital				
	2000	1999		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Authorised:				
60,000,000 shares of HK\$0.10 each	6,000	6,000		
Issued and fully paid: 46,749,799 shares (1999: 46,899,799 shares				
of HK\$0.10 each	4,675	4,690		

During the year, the Company repurchased a total number of 150,000 (1999: 798,500) of its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, all of which were then cancelled. The aggregate price of HK\$937,000 (1999: HK\$5,525,000) paid was charged against retained profits and the nominal value of the shares repurchased of HK\$15,000 (1999: HK\$80,000) was transferred to capital redemption reserve.

19 Reserves

Group

r	Contributed surplus HK\$'000		Investments revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve on consolidation HK\$'000		Retained profits HK\$'000	Statutory reserves HK\$'000		Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January 2000	20,000	169,630	57,203	1,000	76,000	695,743	6,084	1,687	310	1,027,657
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(19,876)	-	-	-	(19,876)
Transfer to statutory reserves of jointly controlled entities Shares repurchased and	-	-	-	-	-	(758)	758	-	-	-
cancelled (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	-	(937)	-	-	15	(922)
Revaluation deficit	-	(48,600)	(35,646)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(84,246)
Exchange translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	806	-	806
Dividends (Note 9)						(4,603)				(4,603)
At 31st December 2000	20,000	121,030	21,557	1,000	76,000	669,569	6,842	2,493	325	918,816
Retained by:										
Company and subsidiaries Jointly controlled entities	s 20,000 -	121,030	21,557	1,000	76,000 -	647,415 22,154	- 6,842	2,493	325	889,820 28,996
At 31st December 2000	20,000	121,030	21,557	1,000	76,000	669,569	6,842	2,493	325	918,816
At 1st January 1999 Profit for the year Transfer to statutory reserves of jointly	20,000	369,230	73,569	1,000	76,000	620,892 106,315	5,808	1,273	230	1,168,002 106,315
controlled entities Shares repurchased and	-	-	-	-	-	(276)	276	-	-	-
cancelled (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,525)	-	-	80	(5,445)
Revaluation deficit Exchange translation	-	(199,600)	(16,366)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(215,966)
differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	414	-	414
Dividends (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	-	(25,663)	-	-	-	(25,663)
At 31st December 1999	20,000	169,630	57,203	1,000	76,000	695,743	6,084	1,687	310	1,027,657
Retained by:										
Company and subsidiaries Jointly controlled entities	s 20,000 -	169,630 -	57,203	1,000	76,000 -	676,525 19,218	- 6,084	1,687	310	1,002,355 25,302
At 31st December 1999	20,000	169,630	57,203	1,000	76,000	695,743	6,084	1,687	310	1,027,657

19 Reserves (con't)

Company

			Capital	
Сс	ontributed	Retained	redemption	
	surplus	profits	reserve	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2000	373,782	41,351	310	415,443
Profit for the year	-	5,002	-	5,002
Shares repurchased				
and cancelled	-	(937)	15	(922)
Dividends (Note 9)	-	(4,603)	-	(4,603)
At 31st December 2000	373,782	40,813	325	414,920
At 1st January 1999	373,782	43,689	230	417,701
Profit for the year	-	28,850	-	28,850
Shares repurchased				
and cancelled	-	(5, 525)	80	(5,445)
Dividends (Note 9)	-	(25,663)	-	(25,663)
At 31st December 1999	373,782	41,351	310	415,443

Pursuant to a group reorganisation in 1989, the Company acquired all the issued shares of Nanyang Cotton Mill Limited ("NCML") in exchange for the Company's new shares issued. The Group's contributed surplus represents the difference between the nominal value of NCML's shares and the nominal value of the Company's shares issued pursuant to the group reorganisation. The Company's contributed surplus represents the difference between the nominal value of the Company's shares issued and the consolidated net assets of NCML acquired under the group reorganisation as at the date of acquisition.

19 Reserves (con't)

Statutory reserves are created in accordance with the terms of the joint venture agreements of jointly controlled entities established in the People's Republic of China and are required to be retained in the accounts of the entities for specific purposes. The statutory reserves at 31st December 2000 comprise statutory surplus reserve of HK\$3,421,000 (1999: HK\$3,042,000) and enterprise development reserve of HK\$3,421,000 (1999: HK\$3,042,000) which are appropriated from the profits of jointly controlled entities.

General reserve arose from transfers from retained profits and has no specific purposes.