# Report of the Auditors

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### STYLAND HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 17 to 64 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. However, the preceding auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003 was qualified to the extent that no opinion could be expressed in respect of the carrying values of two unlisted equity long term investments amounted to HK\$26 million and HK\$31 million respectively included as part of the total long term investments of HK\$65.8 million as stated in the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2003.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

# QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM LIMITATION OF AUDIT SCOPE

Except for the effects of any adjustments which might have been found to be necessary in respect of the Group's long term investments referred to above, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 31 March 2004 and of the loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

In respect alone of the limitations on our work relating to the long term investments referred to above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether proper books of account have been kept.

Li, Lai & Cheung Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 21 July 2004