CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2004 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2004 \$′000	2003 \$'000
Operating activities			
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation Adjustments for:		243,924	182,676
– Depreciation		83,580	81,686
– Amortisation of intangible assets		1,622	2,173
– Amortisation of goodwill		1,682	1,682
– Finance costs		5,245	2,913
– Dividend income		(541)	(377)
– Interest income		(11,406)	(18,822)
 Realised losses/(gains) on disposal of 			
non-trading securities		188	(4,884)
 Profit on disposals of fixed assets 		(1,602)	(43)
 Profit on disposal of associate 		(4,858)	_
– Share of loss of associate		_	11,706
Effect of foreign exchange rates		1,501	2,400
Operating profit before changes in working capital		319,335	261,110
Increase in amount due from associate		-	(742)
Decrease/(increase) in trading securities		8,054	(14,078)
Increase in inventories		(75,176)	(39,165)
Increase in trade and other receivables		(249,860)	(6,616)
Increase in trade and other payables		147,041	67,688
Cash generated from operations		149,394	268,197
Tax paid		(6.744)	(24.227)
– Hong Kong profits tax paid		(6,744) (9,518)	(34,327)
– Overseas tax paid		(9,518)	(5,619)
Net cash from operating activities		133,132	228,251
Investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		4,815	986
Payment for purchase of fixed assets		(83,843)	(98,847)
Payment for purchase of patent rights		-	(30,845)
Proceeds from disposal of associate		9,348	_
Proceeds from disposal of non-trading securities		206,895	133,424
Purchase of non-trading securities		(93,089)	(77,497)
Dividends received		541	377
Interest received		12,734	19,877
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		57,401	(52,525)

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2004 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2004	2003
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Financing activities			
New bank loans		46,367	22,845
Repayment of bank loans		(19,653)	(7,331)
Interest paid		(5,245)	(2,913)
Proceeds on issue of shares		809	2,746
Dividends paid		(76,586)	(117,081)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders		(4,056)	(2,125)
Net cash used in financing activities		(58,364)	(103,859)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		132,169	71,867
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		534,884	460,875
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		2,341	2,142
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	20	669,394	534,884

Note to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

(a) Major non cash transactions

During the year shares were issued as a result of scrip dividends.