The Directors present to shareholders their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company and of the Group for the year ended 31st March, 2005.

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding while the principal activities of its principal subsidiaries and associate are shown on pages 53 and 54 and note 12 to the financial statements respectively.

The Group's turnover and profit from operations for the year ended 31st March, 2005 analysed by business and geographical segments are set out in note 21 to the financial statements.

## **Results and Appropriations**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31st March, 2005 are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 20. An interim dividend of HK1 cent per share was paid on Friday, 14th January, 2005. The Directors now recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK1 cent per share.

## **Share Capital**

Movements in the Company's share capital during the year are set out in note 19 to the financial statements.

## **Share Option Scheme**

Particulars of the share option scheme to subscribe for shares in the Company during the year are set out in note 26 to the financial statements.

#### Reserves

Movements in reserves during the year are set out in note 20 to the financial statements.

### **Investment Properties**

Movements in investment properties during the year are set out in note 9 to the financial statements.

### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Movements in property, plant and equipment during the year are set out in note 10 to the financial statements.

### Financial Summary

A financial summary of the Group is shown on page 2.

## **Major Customers and Suppliers**

The five largest suppliers accounted for 84% of the Group's purchases for the year whereas the five largest customers accounted for 31% of the Group's sales for the year. The largest supplier and the largest customer accounted for 76% and 11% of the Group's purchases and sales respectively. None of the Directors, their associates nor any shareholder (whom to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) has any interest in the Group's five largest suppliers or five largest customers.

### **Major Properties**

Particulars of the major properties of the Group as at 31st March, 2005 are set out in page 9.

## **Employees and Remuneration Policies**

As at 31st March, 2005, the Group employed approximately 570 full time staff globally. Total staff costs amounted to approximately HK\$79 million for the year ended 31st March, 2005. The remuneration policies are reviewed periodically on the basis of the nature of job, market trend, company performance and individual performance. Other staff benefits include bonuses awarded on a discretionary basis, medical schemes, retirement schemes and employees' share option scheme.

#### **Donations**

During the year, the Group made donations of HK\$439,000 to charitable bodies.

## **Principal Subsidiaries and Associate**

Particulars regarding the principal subsidiaries and associate of the Group are set out in pages 53 and 54 and note 12 to the financial statements respectively.

## **Pre-emptive Rights**

There are no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws although there are no restriction against such rights under the laws in Bermuda where the Company is incorporated.

## Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of listed securities of the Company by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the year.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive Directors**

Dr CHOW Yei Ching (Chairman)

Mr FUNG Pak Kwan (Managing Director)

Mr KUOK Hoi Sang

Mr KAN Ka Hon

Mr CHOW Vee Tsung, Oscar (Appointed on 18th April, 2005)

Miss Lily CHOW

#### **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Mr Shinichi YONEHARA Mr WU King Cheong

Mr KWONG Man Sing (Appointed on 30th September, 2004)

In accordance with the Company's Bye-laws, Messrs Chow Vee Tsung, Oscar and Kwong Man Sing shall retire from office at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for reelection. The Independent Non-Executive Directors are subject to the same retirement requirements as the Executive Directors.

### **Directors' Interests in Contracts**

Messrs CHOW Yei Ching, FUNG Pak Kwan, KUOK Hoi Sang, KAN Ka Hon, CHOW Vee Tsung, Oscar and Shinichi YONEHARA are interested in certain contracts in that they are the Directors and/or have beneficial interests in Chevalier International Holdings Limited ("CIHL"). Details of these contracts are more fully disclosed in the section "Connected Transactions" below.

Save as aforementioned, no other contract of significance to which the Company or its holding company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which a director had a material interest subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

## **Directors' Interests in Competing Business**

During the year, none of the Directors have an interest in any business constituting a competing business to the Group.

#### **Connected Transactions**

The Group has from time to time conducted transactions with CIHL and its subsidiaries (the "CIHL Group") which are "connected persons" for the purposes of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules"). The Stock Exchange had granted a waiver on 2nd April, 1997 to the Company from strict compliance with the requirements as stipulated in Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules on connected transactions. Pursuant to the waiver, details of the following connected transactions which have been entered into between certain subsidiaries of CIHL and the Group in the ordinary and usual course of business were not required to be disclosed by press notice and/or circular nor is the Company required to obtain prior independent shareholders' approval on each occasion when they arise:

The following properties were leased to the Group by the wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIHL at commercial rates:

Landlord	Date of Agreement	Terms	Premises	Rental for the period (HK\$)
Union Pearl Development Limited	1st January, 2003	2 years commencing from 1st January, 2003	Portion of 20th Floor of Chevalier Commercial Centre, 8 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong	68,584
Peak Gain Limited	1st January, 2003	2 years commencing from 1st January, 2003	Portion of 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Floors of Chevalier Engineering Service Centre, 21 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong	1,605,498

During the year, rentals for the aforesaid two Tenancy Agreements (the "Former Tenancy Agreements") amounting to approximately HK\$1.67 million was paid to CIHL Group.

Announcement was published on 3rd November, 2004 regarding the early termination of the Former Tenancy Agreements with effect from 30th September, 2004 and the new tenancy agreements were entered into with CIHL Group.

During the year ended 31st March, 2005, the Company has in effect the continuing connected transactions set out below which are non-exempt continuing connected transactions under the revised Listing Rules which came into effect on 31st March, 2004 (the "New Listing Rules"). The following new tenancy agreements (the "New Tenancy Agreements") were entered into by Chevalier (OA) Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as tenant with the following subsidiaries of CIHL as landlord(s). Details of the transactions are set out as follows:-

Landlord	Date of Agreement	Terms	Premises	Rental for the period (HK\$)
Winfield Development Limited	30th September, 2004	2 years commencing from 1st October, 2004	Portion of 3rd Floor of Chevalier Warehouse Building, 1 On Fuk Street, On Lok Tsuen, Fanling, New Territories, Hong Kong	300,852
Peak Gain Limited	30th September, 2004	2 years commencing from 1st October, 2004	Portion of 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Floors of Chevalier Engineering Service Centre, 21 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong	1,785,696
Oriental Sharp Limited	30th September, 2004	2 years commencing from 1st October, 2004	Portion of 19th and 22nd Floors of Chevalier Commercial Centre, 8 Wang Hoi Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong	67,740

During the year, rentals for the New Tenancy Agreements amounting to approximately HK\$2.15 million was paid to CIHL Group.

Announcement was published on 3rd November, 2004 regarding the New Tenancy Agreements in accordance with the New Listing Rules. The Transactions were subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under Rule 14A.34 of the New Listing Rules and were exempted from the independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the New Listing Rules. The Company had complied with the reporting and announcement requirements set out in Rules 14A.37 to 14A.40 and Rules 14A.45 to 14A.47 of the New Listing Rules.

All the continuing connected transactions under the Former Tenancy Agreements and the New Tenancy Agreements (the "Transactions") were entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the respective companies after due negotiations on an arm's length basis with reference to the prevailing market conditions.

The Transactions have been reviewed by the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company. The Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company have confirmed that the continuing connected transactions have been entered into:

- in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (i)
- (ii) either on normal commercial terms or, if there are not sufficient comparable transactions to judge whether they are on normal commercial terms, on terms no less favourable to the Group than terms available to/from independent third parties;
- (iii) in accordance with the relevant agreements governing such transactions; and
- (iv) on terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

#### Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests in Securities

As at 31st March, 2005, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company in the share, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations, within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("the SFO"), which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required to be recorded in the register to be kept by the Company pursuant to S352 of the SFO or as otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies ("the Model Code") were as follows:

#### Interests in the Company – Shares (a)

		Number of ordinary shares			
Name of Directors	Capacity	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Total	Approximate percentage of interest (%)
CHOW Yei Ching	Beneficial owner and Interest of controlled corporation	6,815,854	86,994,933*	93,810,787	54.75
FUNG Pak Kwan	Beneficial owner	2,580,000	-	2,580,000	1.5
KUOK Hoi Sang	Beneficial owner	2,400,000	-	2,400,000	1.4
KAN Ka Hon	Beneficial owner	451,200	-	451,200	0.26
Shinichi YONEHARA	Beneficial owner	600	_	600	0.00035

Dr CHOW Yei Ching has notified the Company that under the SFO, he was deemed to be interested in 86,994,933 shares of the Company which were held by CIHL as Dr Chow beneficially owned 144,146,359 shares in CIHL, representing approximately 51,74% of the issued share capital of CIHL. Dr Chow was deemed to be interested in these shares under the SFO and these shares were same as those shares disclosed in the section "Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Securities" below.

#### (b) Interests in Associated Corporation - Shares

	Associated corporation	Number of ordinary shares			
Name of Directors		Capacity	Personal interests	Total	Approximate percentage of interest (%)
CHOW Yei Ching	CIHL	Beneficial owner	144,146,359	144,146,359	51.74
FUNG Pak Kwan	CIHL	Beneficial owner	93,479	93,479	0.03
KUOK Hoi Sang	CIHL	Beneficial owner	98,216	98,216	0.04
KAN Ka Hon	CIHL	Beneficial owner	29,040	29,040	0.01
Shinichi YONEHARA	CIHL	Beneficial owner	1,671	1,671	0.0006

Save as disclosed above and in "Share Option Schemes" below, as at 31st March, 2005, so far as is known to the Directors and the chief executives of the Company, no other person has interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he is taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO); or are required, pursuant to S352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein, or are required, pursuant to the Model Code, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### **Share Option Schemes**

A share option scheme of the Company ("the CiTL Scheme") was approved by the shareholders of CIHL and shareholders of the Company on 20th September, 2002. Another share option scheme of CIHL ("the CIHL Scheme") was also approved by the shareholders of CIHL on 20th September, 2002. The CiTL Scheme and the CIHL Scheme fully comply with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. During the year, no share option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the CiTL Scheme and the CIHL Scheme. There was no outstanding option under the CiTL Scheme and the CIHL Scheme at the beginning and at the end of the year.

### **Directors' Service Contracts**

No Director offering for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

### **Management Contracts**

Apart from the management agreement entered into with CIHL Group as set out in note 28(a) to the financial statements, no other contract of significance concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries was entered into or subsisted during the year.

#### **Directors' Biographies**

Executive Directors

Dr CHOW Yei Ching, Chairman, aged 69, is the founder of Chevalier Group. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of CIHL, a public listed company in Hong Kong and a substantial shareholder of the Company. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Van Shung Chong Holdings Limited and Shaw Brothers (Hong Kong) Limited and a Non-Executive Director of Television Broadcasts Limited. In 1995, Dr Chow was awarded with an Honorary Doctor Degree in Business Administration by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and an Honorary University Fellow by The University of Hong Kong. In 1996 and 1997, he was appointed as an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors by Nanjing University and was conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by The University of Hong Kong respectively. Dr Chow also serves actively in a number of educational advisory committees and gives substantial support to the aforementioned two Universities in Hong Kong and The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology in areas of researches and developments. He is also a Consultative Professor of Zhejiang University and a Lecture Professor of Sichuan Union University in the PRC. Dr Chow's enthusiasm in public services is evidenced in his appointment in 2001 as the Vice Patron of The Community Chest in Hong Kong. He was also appointed as the Honorary Consul of The Kingdom of Bahrain in Hong Kong in 2001. He also actively participates in various professional bodies and associations on fraternal and Chinese affairs. To name a few, he is a Standing Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Shanghai, the President of The Japan Society of Hong Kong and the Chairman of the National Taiwan University-HK Alumni Association, etc. In recognition of his contributions to local and overseas societies alike, Dr Chow was awarded honorable decorations from Britain, Belgium, France and Japan. Furthermore, Dr Chow was also awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star from the Government of the HKSAR in 2004. He is the father of Mr Chow Vee Tsung, Oscar and Miss Lily Chow, Executive Directors of the Company. Dr Chow is a director of Chevalier (HK) Limited ("CHK") and Firstland Company Limited ("Firstland") which are the wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIHL and the substantial shareholders of the Company. CHK, Firstland and CIHL have a discloseable interest in the capital of the Company under the SFO.

Mr FUNG Pak Kwan, Managing Director, aged 53, joined Chevalier Group in 1974 and is a Director of CIHL, a public listed company in Hong Kong and a substantial shareholder of the Company. He is the Advisor of the executive committee of the Guangdong Federation of Industry & Commerce and Guangdong Chamber of Commerce. Mr Fung is responsible for Chevalier Group's strategic planning and management of operations of subsidiaries which focus on a wide range of voice and data communication equipment and services, system integrated IT solutions as well as the sale of business machines, computer systems and equipment, telephone systems and relevant after-sales services. He also actively involves in the planning of investment and development projects, environmental engineering, automobile and hotel business in North America of the Chevalier Group. Mr Fung is a director of CHK and Firstland which are the wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIHL and the substantial shareholders of the Company, CHK, Firstland and CIHL have a discloseable interest in the capital of the Company under the SFO.

Mr KUOK Hoi Sang, Director, aged 55, joined Chevalier Group in 1972 and is the Managing Director of CIHL, a public listed company in Hong Kong and a substantial shareholder of the Company. He is the President of The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association in Hong Kong, the Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong – China Branch of The International Association of Elevator Engineers and a Registered Lift and Escalator Engineer in Hong Kong. He is a member of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Guangzhou. Mr Kuok has extensive experience in business development and is responsible for the strategic planning and management of the operations of lifts and escalators, building construction, building materials and supplies, aluminium works, electrical and mechanical services, civil engineering, property development as well as investment projects of the Chevalier Group. Mr Kuok is a director of CHK and Firstland which are the wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIHL and the substantial shareholders of the Company. CHK, Firstland and CIHL have a discloseable interest in the capital of the Company under the SFO.

Mr KAN Ka Hon, Director and Company Secretary, aged 54, joined Chevalier Group in 1986 and is a Director and Company Secretary of CIHL, a public listed company in Hong Kong and a substantial shareholder of the Company. He is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Victory City International Holdings Limited and Asia Alliance Holdings Limited. He is responsible for management of the Chevalier Group's accounting and treasury, corporate finance, investment, pension fund and company secretarial activities. Mr Kan holds a Bachelor Degree in Science from The University of Hong Kong and is a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the U.K. and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr Kan is a director of CHK and Firstland which are the wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIHL and the substantial shareholders of the Company. CHK, Firstland and CIHL have a discloseable interest in the capital of the Company under the SFO.

Mr CHOW Vee Tsung, Oscar, Director, aged 31, joined Chevalier Group in 2000 and is a Director of CIHL, a public listed company in Hong Kong and a substantial shareholder of the Company. He is responsible for the pipe technologies business, building services business and investments of the Chevalier Group. Mr Chow holds a degree in Master of Engineering from the University of Oxford, U.K. He is currently the Chairman of the Industry and Technology Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, a council member of the Hong Kong Productivity Council and the Internet Professionals Association, an Advisory council of The Better Hong Kong Foundation, a registered manager of Yan Chai Hospital No.2 Secondary School and an Honorary Chairman of the Taiwan Business Association (HK) Ltd. He is the son of Dr Chow Yei Ching, the Chairman of the Company and is also a brother of Ms Lily Chow, an Executive Director of the Company. Dr Chow Yei Ching is a director of CHK and Firstland which are the whollyowned subsidiaries of CIHL and the substantial shareholders of the Company. CHK, Firstland and CIHL have a discloseable interest in the capital of the Company under the SFO.

Miss Lily CHOW, Director, aged 42, joined Chevalier Group in 1990. She is responsible for strategic planning and business development of the Group. She is also a member of Guangdong Provincial Committee of Chinese People's Consultative Conference, Committee of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and Overseas of the Zhejing Provincial Committee of Chinese People's Political Conference and Shanghai Women's Federation Committee. She holds a Bachelor Degree and is the daughter of Dr CHOW Yei Ching, the Chairman of the Company and is also a sister of Mr Chow Vee Tsung, Oscar, an Executive Director of the Company.

#### Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr Shinichi YONEHARA, aged 54, was appointed to the Board in 2001. He is a graduate of Keio University, Japan. Mr Yonehara joined Mitsui & Co., Ltd in 1974 and retired in January 2001. He was appointed General Manager for Machinery Division of Mitsui & Company (Hong Kong) Limited from 1983 to 1992. Mr Yonehara is well-experienced in aircraft, telecommunications and IT businesses.

Mr WU King Cheong, aged 54, was appointed to the Board in October, 2002. He is an Executive Director of Lee Cheong Gold Dealers Limited. He is also a Councillor of the Eastern District Council of the HKSAR, Assistant Treasurer of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Member of Statistics Advisory Board of the HKSAR and Member of Hong Kong Housing Authority, as well as the Honorary Permanent President of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society and the Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Yau Lee Holdings Limited, Henderson Land Development Company Limited, Henderson Investment Limited, Miramar Hotel and Investment Co., Ltd. and Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, all of which are companies listed on the Stock Exchange.

Mr KWONG Man Sing, aged 59, was appointed to the Board in 2004. He is a professional accountant and also holds a Bachelor degree of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering of University of Toronto. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Mr Kwong was with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Certified Public Accountants for more than 32 years, of which he was an audit partner since 1980 until he retired from the firm on 30th June 2002.

#### **Retirement Schemes**

The Company and its Hong Kong subsidiaries were participating companies in the Chevalier Group Staff Provident Fund Scheme ("the Scheme") as defined in the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance which is a defined contribution retirement scheme. The Scheme was granted exemption from Mandatory Provident Fund regulations by the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority and shall not open to new members starting from 1st December, 2000. Certain of the Company's overseas subsidiaries contribute to their local government's central pension plans for their employees. Contributions to the Scheme are made by both the employers and the employees at the rate of 3.5% to 16% on the employees' salaries.

Pursuant to Government legislation, Bank Consortium Trust Company Limited was selected by the Group as an alternative Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") service provider for employees of the Group who ioin the Group from 1st December, 2000. The MPF is available to the employees aged 18 to 65 and with at least 60 days of service under the employment of the Group in Hong Kong. Contributions are made by the Group at 5% based on the staff's relevant income at a maximum of HK\$20,000 per month. The benefits are required by law to be preserved until the retirement age of 65.

The Group's total contributions to these schemes charged to the consolidated income statement during the year amounted to HK\$3,917,000 against which the forfeited contributions amounting to HK\$206,000 have been deducted. There were forfeited contributions amounting to HK\$70,000 available at the year end date for the reduction of future employer's contributions.

#### Substantial Shareholders' Interests in Securities

As at 31st March, 2005, so far as is known to the Directors and the chief executives of the Company, the interests and short positions of the persons or corporations in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which have been disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under S336 of the SFO were as follows:

Substantial Shareholders	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of interest (%)
CHOW Yei Ching	93,810,787 (Notes 1 and 3)	54.75
MIYAKAWA Michiko	93,810,787 (Notes 2 and 3)	54.75
CIHL	86,994,933 (Note 3)	50.77
СНК	13,471,200 (Note 3)	7.86
Firstland	13,471,200 (Note 3)	7.86

#### Notes:

- 1. Under the SFO, these shares were held by Dr Chow as (i) personal interests of 6,815,854, (ii) corporate interests of 86,994,933 in which Dr Chow was deemed to be interested.
- 2. Under Part XV of the SFO, Ms Miyakawa Michiko, the spouse of Dr Chow, was deemed to be interested in the same parcel of 93,810,787 shares held by Dr Chow.
- These shares were held as interest of controlled corporation through Firstland, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CHK. CHK is a company incorporated in Hong Kong and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIHL. CIHL is a company incorporated in Bermuda. Under Part XV of the SFO, CHK, CIHL, Dr Chow and his spouse were deemed to be interested in 13,471,200 shares.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st March, 2005, so far as is known to the Directors and the chief executives of the Company, no other person has interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations which were required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under S336 of the SFO, or, were directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company.

## **Arrangement for Acquisition of Shares or Debentures**

Except for the share option schemes adopted by the Company and its associated corporations, at no time during the year was the Company or its holding company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee, which was established pursuant to the requirements of Rules 3.21 of the Listing Rules, comprises Messrs Shinichi YONEHARA, WU King Cheong and KWONG Man Sing (who was appointed on 30th September, 2004), all the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, met twice in the year. During the meetings, the Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the connected transactions, interim and annual reports of the Group, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, the auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2005.

### **Corporate Governance**

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied throughout the year ended 31st March, 2005 with the guidelines for the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, which was still in force prior to 1st January, 2005 and remains applicable to the year under review, save and except that all the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for any specific terms but they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("the Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. All directors of the Company confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code for the year ended 31st March, 2005.

The Company has received, from each of the Independent Non-Executive Directors, a written confirmation of their respective independence to the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all the Independent Non-Executive Directors are independent.

## **Sufficiency of Public Float**

According to the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Board, the percentage of the Company's share which are in the hands of the public exceeds 25% of the Company's total number of issued shares as at 25th July, 2005, the latest practicable date to ascertain such information prior to the issue of this annual report.

#### **Auditors**

The financial statements for the year have been audited by Messrs Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu who will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

**CHOW Yei Ching** 

Hong Kong, 13th July, 2005