For the six months ended 31st December, 2005

Six	mo	onths	ended
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	2004 (unaudited) HK\$'000	2005 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Net cash from operating activities	655,860	764,893
Net cash from investing activities: Acquisition of held-to-maturity debt securities Redemption and disposal of	(301,119)	_
held-to-maturity debt securities	1,089,446	733,677
Interest received from held-to-maturity debt securities	64,711	25,825
Increase in pledged bank deposits	(94,088)	(139,839)
Other investing cashflows	(21,777)	2,748
	737,173	622,411
Net cash used in financing activities		
Interest paid	(79,563)	(117,173)
Repayment of bank and other loans	(82,628)	(181,415)
Dividends paid to:		
- equity holders of the Company	(360,303)	(368,310)
- a minority shareholder of a subsidiary	(7,339)	(6,452)
Other financing cashflows	21,309	(23,170)
	(508,524)	(696,520)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	884,509	690,784
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	386,645	1,725,461
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(570)	68,982
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period Bank balances and cash 1,270,584		2,485,227