

CLOSURE OF REGISTER

The Register of Members will be closed from 18th April, 2006 to 21st April, 2006, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. The record date for the interim dividend is at the close of business on 21st April, 2006.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend, shareholders should ensure that all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, are lodged with the Company's Registrars, Standard Registrars Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong by not later than 4:30 p.m. on 13th April, 2006.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the interim period, the Company repurchased 82,304,000 ordinary shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at an aggregate consideration of HK\$740,981,867. The repurchases were effected by the Directors for the enhancement of shareholders' value. Details of the repurchases are as follows:

Month of the repurchases	Total number of the ordinary shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share <i>HK\$</i>	Lowest price paid per share <i>HK\$</i>	Aggregate consideration <i>HK\$</i>
July 2005	8,474,000	9.35	7.90	76,185,865
August 2005	16,266,000	9.30	8.80	147,504,790
October 2005	39,888,000	9.70	8.55	364,402,166
November 2005	14,260,000	8.70	8.05	120,500,912
December 2005	3,416,000	9.55	9.35	32,388,134
	<u>82,304,000</u>			<u>740,981,867</u>

Out of 82,304,000 shares repurchased, 81,210,000 shares were cancelled on delivery of the share certificates during the interim period while the remaining 1,094,000 shares repurchased on 29th December, 2005 were cancelled on delivery of the share certificates subsequent to the interim period. 1,466,000 ordinary shares repurchased in the last financial year ended 30th June, 2005 were cancelled during the interim period. The nominal value of HK\$82,676,000 of all the shares cancelled during the interim period was credited to capital redemption reserve and the relevant aggregate consideration of HK\$742,768,393 was paid out from the Company's retained profits.

Apart from the above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company during the interim period.