The directors herein present their report together with the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 December 2005.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. Details of the principal activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 18 to the financial statements. There were no changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Group's profit for the year ended 31 December 2005 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 26 to 102.

The directors recommend the payment of final and special dividends of 1 Hong Kong cent and 2 Hong Kong cents, respectively, in respect of the year.

#### **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A summary of the published results and assets, liabilities and minority interests of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the audited financial statements and restated/reclassified as appropriate, is set out on page 104. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

#### **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment, and investment properties of the Group during the year are set out in notes 14 and 15 to the financial statements, respectively. Further details of the Group's investment properties are set out on page 103.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS**

Details of movements in the share capital and share options of the Company during the year are set out in notes 31 and 32 to the financial statements.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda, being the jurisdiction in which the Company is incorporated, which would obliged the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

#### PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the year, the Company repurchased certain of its shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and these shares were subsequently cancelled by the Company. The share repurchase has enhanced the net asset value per share and the earnings per share, which the directors believe is in the best interests of the Company and the shareholders. Further details of these transactions are set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

Except as disclosed above, neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

#### RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 33(b) to the financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity, respectively.

#### **DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

At 31 December 2005, the Company's reserves available for distribution, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, amounted to HK\$58,311,000. In addition, the Company's share premium account, in the amount of HK\$237,310,000 may be distributed in the form of fully paid bonus shares.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

In the year under review, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for 38.0% of the total sales for the year and sales to the largest customer included therein amounted to 13.6%. Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 58.9% of the total purchases for the year and purchases from the largest suppliers included therein amounted to 40.5%.

None of the directors of the Company or any of their associates or any shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any beneficial interest in the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive directors:**

Ng Cheung Shing *(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)* Leung King San, Sunny Ma Mok Hoi

#### Independent non-executive directors:

Ha Shu Tong Lee Kwok On, Matthew Ting Leung Huel, Stephen

In accordance with bye-law 87 of the Company's bye-laws, Ng Cheung Shing and Ha Shu Tong will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The independent non-executive directors have not been appointed for a specific term, but are subject to retirement by rotation pursuant to the Company's bye-laws.

The Company has received annual confirmations of independence from Ha Shu Tong, Lee Kwok On, Matthew, and Ting Leung Huel, Stephen, and as at the date of this report still considers them to be independent.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES**

Biographical details of the directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out on pages 8 to 10 of the annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Each of the executive directors has entered into a service contract with the Company since 1 April 1998. These service contracts will continue until terminated by either party by serving to the other party a written notice of not less than three months prior to the effective date of termination. As of the date of this report, no termination notice by either party had been received.

Apart from the foregoing, no directors proposed 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.

#### **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

The directors' fees are subject to shareholders' approval at general meetings. Other emoluments are determined by the Company's board of directors with reference to directors' duties, responsibilities and performance and the results of the Group. In addition, the directors' remuneration is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee annually.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

No director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES**

As at 31 December 2005, the interests of the directors in the share capital and underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, were as follows:

#### Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company:

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			Number of shares held, capacity and nature of interest			
Name of director	Note	Directly beneficially owned	Through controlled corporation	Total	Company's issued share capital	
Ng Cheung Shing Leung King San, Sunny Ma Mok Hoi	(a)	2,032,000 810,000 209,000	110,000,000  -	112,032,000 810,000 209,000	41.57 0.30 0.08	
		3,051,000	110,000,000	113,051,000	41.95	

The interests of the directors in the share options of the Company are separately disclosed in note 32 to the financial statements.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES (continued)

#### Long positions in shares of associated corporations:

				Number o and ca and na	Percentage of the associated	
Name of director	Name of associated corporation	Relationship with the Company	Class of shares	Directly beneficially owned	Through controlled corporation	corporation's issued shares capital
Ng Cheung Shing	Computer And Technologies International Limited	Company's subsidiary	Non-voting deferred	1,750,000	3,250,000 (note b)	N/A
Ma Mok Hoi	Maxfair Technology Holdings Limited	Company's subsidiary	Ordinary	25	-	25

Notes:

(a) The 110,000,000 shares were held by Chao Lien Technologies Limited ("Chao Lien"). Mr. Ng Cheung Shing was entitled to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at general meetings of C.S. (BVI) Limited which, in turn, was entitled to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at general meetings of Chao Lien. Accordingly, Mr. Ng Cheung Shing was deemed, under the SFO, to be interested in all shares held by Chao Lien.

(b) The 3,250,000 non-voting deferred shares were held by Chao Lien.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2005, none of the directors had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers.

#### **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

Apart from the share option scheme disclosures in note 32 to the financial statements, at no time during the year were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

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# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2005, the following interests of 5% or more of the issued share capital and share options of the Company were recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

#### Long positions:

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Name of shareholder of the Company	Notes	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital	Number of share options held
Chao Lien Technologies Limited	(a)	Directly beneficially owned	110,000,000	40.8	_
C.S. (BVI) Limited	(a)	Through a controlled corporation	110,000,000	40.8	_
Puttney Investments Limited ("PIL")	(b)	Directly beneficially owned	29,148,938	10.8	_
Hutchison International Limited ("HIL")	(b)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	_
Hutchison Whampoa Limited ("HWL")	(b)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	_
Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited ("CKH")	(b), (c)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	_

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES (continued)

Name of shareholder of the Company	Notes	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital	Number of share options held
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited ("TUT1")	(b), (c)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	-
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited ("TDT1")	(b), (c)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	-
Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited ("TDT2")	(b), (c)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	-
Li Ka-Shing	(b), (c)	Through a controlled corporation	29,148,938	10.8	-
Hui Yau Man		Directly beneficially owned	26,782,000	9.9	-

Notes:

- (a) The interest was also disclosed as an interest of Mr. Ng Cheung Shing in the section "Directors' interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares" of this report.
- (b) PIL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HIL, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HWL. By virtue of the SFO, HWL and HIL were deemed to be interested in the 29,148,938 shares of the Company held by PIL.
- (c) Li Ka-Shing Unity Holdings Limited ("TUHL"), of which each of Li Ka-Shing, Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, and Li Tzar Kai, Richard, is interested in one-third of the entire issued share capital, owns the entire issued share capital of TUT1. TUT1 as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust, together with certain companies which TUT1 as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of more than one-third of the voting power at their general meetings, hold more than one-third of the issued share capital of CKH. Subsidiaries of CKH are entitled to exercise or control the exercise of more than one-third of the voting power at the general meetings of HWL.

In addition, TUHL also owns the entire issued share capital of TDT1 as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust ("DT1") and TDT2 as trustee of another discretionary trust ("DT2"). Each of TDT1 and TDT2 holds units in The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust.

By virtue of the SFO, each of Li Ka-Shing, being the settlor and being regarded as a founder of DT1 and DT2, TDT1, TDT2, TUT1 and CKH were deemed to be interested in the 29,148,938 shares of the Company held by PIL.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES (continued)

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2005, no person, other than the directors of the Company, whose interests are set out in the section "Directors' interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares" above, had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

#### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors, at least 25% of the Company's total issued share capital was held by the public as at the date of this report.

#### **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young retire and a resolution for their reappointment as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**Ng Cheung Shing** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong 20 April 2006

