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# HALF-YEARLY REPORT 2003

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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the three months ("Quarterly Period") and six months ("Half Yearly Period") ended 30th September, 2003, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") recorded a net profit of approximately HK\$15.3 million and HK\$16.8 million respectively, as compared with a net loss of approximately HK\$10.2 million and HK\$11.4 million for the last corresponding periods. During the same periods, turnover of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$204.1 million and HK\$241.2 million respectively, as compared with approximately HK\$204.1 million and HK\$75.9 million for the previous corresponding periods. Apart from the event production sector which did not have any activity during the periods, the overall performance of the Group had shown significant improvement as compared with the last corresponding periods.

# **OPERATION REVIEW**

# **Music Production and Distribution**

The overall gross profit from this sector increased due to successful costs control. During the Half Yearly Period, the Group released 29 albums *(as compared with 35 albums in the previous corresponding period)*, out of which 27 albums were for the Group's own artistes and two albums were for international labels.

# Film and Television Programme Production and Distribution

In the Half Yearly Period, this business sector contributed approximately HK\$185.9 million to the Group's turnover, and recorded a gross profit of approximately HK\$33.2 million. This was mainly attributable to the release of three films and an Internet drama series during the Half Yearly Period. In particular, the box-office of two films, namely "The Twins Effect" and "The Medallion" was encouraging and the management expected that the distribution of these films would continue to bring positive contribution to the Group.

At the end of the Half Yearly Period, another film was in progress and would be due for release shortly. The management expected the release of the new film would bring in further contributions to the Group.

## Artiste Management

The Group recorded satisfactory performance in this sector during the Half Yearly Period. Income from this sector soared by 28% as compared with the previous corresponding period.

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group recruited seven new artistes in Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China and at the end of the Half Yearly Period, there were 33 artistes under the Group's management.

Recently, a college for performing arts was set up in Beijing. The lessons provided an all-round professional training and education in various fields of performing arts, the related technical arts, and film and television programme production. The management believed with this college not only could broaden the income stream of the Group, but also enable the Group to source talented and promising new artistes.

# **OPERATION REVIEW** (continued)

## **Event Production**

No concert was organised during the Half Yearly Period. Shortly after the Half Yearly Period, a concert was organised by the Group which was well-received by the public and the media. Another concert would be organised at the end of the year. The management expected these concerts to bring satisfactory contribution to the Group.

# CAPITAL STRUCTURE, LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

There was no material change in the Group's sources of fund to finance its operation and capital expenditure, as well as its capital structure as disclosed in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31st March, 2003.

As at 30th September, 2003, the Group's current ratio based on current assets over current liabilities was 1.4 as compared with that of 1.1 in the preceding financial year. Current assets amounted to approximately HK\$335.3 million, comprising 64% of film rights, inventories and record masters, 19% of bank balances and cash held in hand (which were mainly denominated in U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi), and the remaining 17% of trade receivables, Renminbi and other receivables. Current liabilities amounted to approximately HK\$246.6 million, comprising 52% of trade payables, other payables and accrued charges and 48% of unsecured loan from Surplus Way Profits Limited ("Surplus Way"), the substantial shareholder of the Company.

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group successfully repaid the entire amount of secured bank loan through the proceeds received from distribution of a film. As a result of such repayment, the Group's gearing ratio (expressed as a percentage of total liabilities over total assets) improved by 13%, from 83% in the preceding financial year to 70% at the end of the Half Yearly Period.

As at 30th September, 2003, loans from minority shareholders were approximately HK\$2.6 million which were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Reminbi, unsecured, non-interest bearing and had no fixed repayment term. The Group also had unsecured loan from Surplus Way of approximately HK\$118.3 million, which was denominated in Hong Kong dollars with interest at the Hong Kong prime rate and had no fixed repayment term.

Save as disclosed above and trade liabilities, the Group had no other external borrowings at the end of the Half Yearly Period. With the borrowings and bank and cash held in hand mainly denominated in U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Reminbi, the management expected to have no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuation in the coming year.

Together with the cash flow generated by the operation of the Group in its ordinary course of business and its existing loan facility, the management expected the Group to have sufficient working capital for its operation.

# NUMBER AND REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES

As at 30th September, 2003, the Group had 107 employees and total staff costs for the Half Yearly Period was approximately HK\$16.2 million. All employees are under the remuneration policy of fixed monthly salary with discretionary bonus. The Company also has a share option scheme, details of which are set out in the section headed "Share Options and Directors' Right to Acquire Shares" on page 18.

# PROSPECTS

The film and television programme production and distribution sector turned from the red during the Half Yearly Period. The management expected further release of films to make more fruitful return to the Group. In addition, the management will continue to monitor the market trend and take steps to strengthen its position in the entertainment industry.

# RESULTS

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the Quarterly Period and the Half Yearly Period together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2002 as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the three months and six months ended 30th September, 2003

	Notes		nths ended ptember, 2002 (unaudited) HK\$'000		hs ended otember, 2002 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover Other operating income Cost of music production	3&4	204,146 1,729	45,342 1,135	241,160 3,127	75,851 3,709
and distribution Cost of film and television programme production and		(7,797)	(21,765)	(22,489)	(36,778)
distribution Cost of self-organised event		(148,802)	(4,559) (7,413)	(152,713)	(8,744) (7,413)
Distribution costs		(19,226)	(6,705)	(24,891)	(8,516)
Administrative expenses		(13,811)	(15,317)	(25,144)	(27,733)
Profit/(Loss) from operations	5	16,239	(9,282)	19,050	(9,624)
Finance costs Share of results of associate	6	(1,582)	(963)	(2,991)	(1,751)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation Taxation	7	14,657	(10,245)	16,059 —	(11,375)
Profit/(Loss) before minority interests		14,657	(10,245)	16,059	(11,375)
Minority interests		683		694	
Net profit/(loss) for the period		15,340	(10,245)	16,753	(11,375)
Earnings/(Loss) per share – basic	8	5.90 cents	(3.94) cents	6.44 cents	(4.38) cents
- diluted		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET** *At 30th September, 2003*

		30th September, 2003	31st March, 2003
	Notes	(unaudited) HK\$'000	(audited) <i>HK\$</i> '000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment Interests in associate	9	2,415	2,130
Prepayments and other receivables		17,481	22,571
Film rights	9	3,242	3,163
		23,138	27,864
Current assets			054 000
Film rights Inventories and record masters	9	212,454 3,628	351,698 3,358
Trade receivables	10	24,636	17,031
Prepayments and other receivables		31,871	36,057
Bank balances and cash		62,713	78,727
		335,302	486,871
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	11	6,851	9,081
Other payables and accrued charges Amount due to ultimate holding		121,445	118,639
company		118,258	117,780
Secured bank loan	12		177,726
Bank overdrafts			1,081
		246,554	424,307
Net current assets		88,748	62,564
Total assets less current liabilities		111,886	90,428
Minority interests		(1,147)	1,921
Non-current liability			
Loans from minority shareholders		2,632	2,000
Net assets		108,107	90,349
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		2,600	2,600
Reserves		105,507	87,749
Shareholders' funds		108,107	90.349

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** (UNAUDITED) For the six months ended 30th September, 2003

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share C premium HK\$'000	ontributed surplus HK\$'000	Sp reserve HK\$'000	oecial T reserve HK\$'000	ranslation A losses HK\$'000	ccumulated Total HK\$'000
At 1st April, 2002 Exchange differences on translation of overseas operations not recognised in the consolidated	2,600	105,614	91,063	75,000	_	(167,764)	106,513
income statement Net loss for the period					(213)	(11,375)	(213) (11,375)
At 30th September, 2002 Exchange differences on translation of overseas operations not recognised in the consolidated	2,600	105,614	91,063	75,000	(213)	(179,139)	94,925
income statement Net loss for the period					(11)	(4,565)	(11) (4,565)
At 31st March, 2003 Share of reserve by a minority shareholder	2,600	105,614	91,063	75,000	(224)	(183,704)	90,349
of a subsidiary Exchange differences on translation of overseas operations not recognised in the consolidated	_	_	_	_	12	_	12
income statement Net profit for the period					993 	16,753	993 16,753
At 30th September, 2003	2,600	105,614	91,063	75,000	781	(166,951)	108,107

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th September, 2003

	Six months ended 30th September, 2003 2002		
	(unaudited) HK\$'000	(unaudited) HK\$'000	
Net cash from (used in) operating activities Net cash (used in) from investing activities Net cash (used in) from financing activities	162,283 (765) (177,230)	(57,468) 247 102,817	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(15,712) 77,646 779	45,596 63,997 (56)	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	62,713	109,537	
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents: Bank balances and cash Bank overdrafts	62,713 	110,435 (898)	
	62,713	109,537	

#### Notes:

#### 1. General and Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The Company is incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in Bermuda under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended). Its shares are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange. The Company's ultimate holding company is Surplus Way, a company which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its principal subsidiaries are engaged in trading and production of audio-visual products, licensing of musical works, film and television programme production, distribution and licensing, provision of management services to artistes and concert management and organisation.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and with the applicable disclosure requirements set out in Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### 2. Principal Accounting Policies

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted in preparing the unaudited consolidated results conform with Statements of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP(s)") issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and are consistent with those followed in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2003, except as described below.

In the current period, the Group has adopted SSAP 12 (Revised) "Income taxes" which is effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st January, 2003. The principal effect of the implementation of SSAP 12 (Revised) is in relation to deferred tax. In previous periods, partial provision was made for deferred tax using the income statement liability method, i.e. a liability was recognised in respect of timing differences arising, except where those timing differences were not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. SSAP 12 (Revised) requires the adoption of a balance sheet liability method, whereby deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, with limited exceptions. In the absence of any specific transitional requirements in SSAP 12 (Revised), the new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. This change in accounting policy has no material effect for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current period's presentation.

	Three mon 30th Sep 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>		Six month 30th Sep 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	otember, 2002
An analysis of the Group's turnover is as follows:				
Music production and distribution – sales of albums – licence income	11,612 4,989 16,601	17,345 7,043 24,388	28,238 12,651 40,889	31,137 16,171 47,308
Production and distribution of film and television programmes and licensing of the corresponding distribution rights		5,345	185,913	8,283
Artiste management fee income	6,590	6,545	14,358	11,179
Event production – gross revenue from self-organised event – share of net income from jointly organised event	_	9,063 1		9,063
		9,064		9,081
	204,146	45,342	241,160	75,851

# 4. Segment Information

An analysis of the Group's business segment on which the Group reports its primary segment information and geographical segment is presented as follows:

# (a) By activity

	Six months ended 30th September, 2003 2002				
	-	Contribution to net profit for the period (unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000		Contribution to net loss for the period (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Music production and distribution Film and television programme production, distribution and	40,889	6,533	47,308	864	
licensing Artiste management Event production	185,913 14,358 —	6,913 7,217 184	8,283 11,179 9,081	(12,480) 3,509 359	
	241,160	20,847	75,851	(7,748)	
Other operating income not allocated to major activities Unallocated corporate expenses		253 (2,050)		709 (2,585)	
Profit/(Loss) from operations Finance costs Share of results of associate		19,050 (2,991)		(9,624) (1,751)	
Profit/(Loss) before taxation Taxation		16,059		(11,375)	
Profit/(Loss) after taxation Minority interests		16,059 694		(11,375)	
Net profit/(loss) for the period		16,753		(11,375)	

# (b) By geographical market

		ths ended ptember, 2002 Turnover (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Greater China		
– Hong Kong	71,353	68,564
<ul> <li>Mainland China</li> </ul>	4,549	2,007
– Taiwan	6,540	2,918
North America	136,507	_
Other areas	22,211	2,362
	241,160	75,851

	Three mon 30th Sep 2003 (unaudited) HK\$'000		Six montl 30th Sep 2003 (unaudited) HK\$'000	otember, 2002
Profit/(Loss) from operations has been arrived at after charging:			·	·
Amortisation of film rights charged to cost of film and television programme production and distribution	d 146,507	4,559	150,224	7,628
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	277	398	533	855

# 6. Finance Costs

Three months ended 30th September,		30th Sep	tember,
			2002 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
615	2,164	1,633	3,839
1,347	963	2,755	1,751
1,962	3,127	4,388	5,590
(380)	(2,164)	(1,397)	(3,839)
1,582	963	2,991	1,751
	30th Sep 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> 615 1,347 1,962 (380)	30th September, 2003         2002           (unaudited)         (unaudited)           (HK\$'000)         HK\$'000           615         2,164           1,347         963           1,962         3,127           (380)         (2,164)	30th September, 2003         30th September, 2003         30th September, 2003           (unaudited)         (unaudited)         (unaudited)           (HK\$'000         HK\$'000         (unaudited)           615         2,164         1,633           1,347         963         2,755           1,962         3,127         4,388           (380)         (2,164)         (1,397)

#### 7. Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for the Half Yearly Period and the corresponding period in 2002 as the estimated assessable profits for both periods were wholly absorbed by tax losses brought forward.

The Group is not subject to taxation in any other jurisdiction in which it operates during the Half Yearly Period and the corresponding period in 2002.

The Group had no share of taxation in the associate during the Half Yearly Period and the corresponding period in 2002.

The Group have no significant deferred taxation in respect of the Half Yearly Period and the corresponding period in 2002. The deferred tax asset relating to tax losses has not been recognised, as it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised.

#### 8. Earnings/(Loss) per Share

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the following unaudited data:

Earnings/(Loss):	Three months ended 30th September,		Six months ended 30th September,	
	<b>2003</b> HK\$'000	<b>2002</b> HK\$'000	<b>2003</b> HK\$'000	<b>2002</b> HK\$'000
Net profit/(loss) for the period and profit/(loss) for the purpose of basic				
earnings/(loss) per share	15,340	(10,245)	16,753	(11,375)

#### Number of shares:

Weighted average number of				
shares for the purpose of				
basic earnings/(loss)				
per share	260,000,000	260,000,000	260,000,000	260,000,000

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share has not been presented for the periods as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares for these periods.

#### 9. Movements in Property, Plant and Equipment and Film Rights

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at a cost of approximately HK\$821,000, disposed of property, plant and equipment with aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$3,000 and spent approximately HK\$9,418,000 on cost of film rights.

#### 10. Trade Receivables

The Group allows credit periods of up to 60 days to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables:

	30th September, 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 st March, 2003 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current Overdue	6,698	9,285
0 – 30 days	8,441	4,476
31 – 60 days	5,357	2,340
61 – 90 days	3,600	496
over 90 days	540	434
	24,636	17,031

#### 11. Trade Payables

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables:

	30th September, 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	31st March, 2003 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Current Overdue	264	3,877
0 - 30 days	2,963	2,339
31 – 60 days	1,862	733
61 – 90 days	765	577
over 90 days	997	1,555
	6,851	9,081

#### 12. Secured Bank Loan

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group repaid the bank loan in the amount of approximately HK\$177,726,000, which bears interest at prevailing market rates.

#### 13. Commitments

#### (a) Operating lease commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rented premises which fall due as follows:

	30th September, 2003 (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31st March, 2003 (audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within one year In the second to fifth year inclusive	2,414	2,475 2,327
	3,546	4,802

The lease payments are fixed and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

#### (b) Other commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group was committed to pay an aggregate sum of approximately HK\$17,737,000 (*At 31st March, 2003: HK\$19,784,000*) and approximately HK\$5,473,000 (*At 31st March, 2003: HK\$6,823,000*) respectively in respect of artiste fees and film production costs.

#### 14. Related Party Transactions

During the Half Yearly Period, the Group had transactions with related parties as follows:

	30th Sej 2003	(unaudited)
Advertising and promotion expenses paid	475	410
Car park rentals paid	69	59
Corporate secretarial fee paid	160	59
Fees paid for back office support services (including accounting, tax and financial services, internal auditing, human resources and administrative services)	174	71
Fees paid for other professional services (including information technology, legal and		
secretarial services)	344	634
Interest paid to ultimate holding company	2,755	1,751
Management fees and air-conditioning charges paid	348	202
Operating lease rentals paid	1,084	778

Certain directors and substantial shareholders of the Company have beneficial or deemed interests in the above related parties.

# DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid during the Half Yearly Period. The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Half Yearly Period (2002: Nil).

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES

As at 30th September, 2003, the interests and short positions of the directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of 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 under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and GEM of the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules were as follows:

# (a) Long position in shares in the Company

Name of director	Nature of interests	Type and number of shares held	Percentage holding
Ms. Luk Siu Man, Semon ("Ms. Semon Luk") <i>(Note</i>	Family )	192,182,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	73.92%

Note: The shares were registered in the name of Surplus Way. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth Limited ("Jumbo Wealth") on trust for The A & A Unit Trust. The A & A Unit Trust was a unit trust under The Albert Yeung Discretionary Trust ("Trust"), a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Yeung Sau Shing, Albert ("Mr. Albert Yeung"). Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the 192,182,000 shares held by Surplus Way. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk, spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company, was also deemed to be interested in the above 192,182,000 shares held by Surplus Way.

# (b) Long positions in shares in associated corporations

Name of associated corporation	Capacity/ Nature of interests	Type and number of shares held	Percentage holding
Surplus Way (Note 1)	Family	1 ordinary share of US\$1.00 each	100%
Jumbo Wealth (Note 1)	Family	1 ordinary share of US\$1.00 each	100%
Charron Holdings Limited ("Charron") <i>(Note 2)</i>	Family	1 ordinary share of US\$1.00 each	100%
Emperor International Holdings Limited ("Emperor International") (Note 2)	Family	64,567,475 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	74.79%

Notes:

- Surplus Way was the registered owner of 192,182,000 shares, representing 73.92% of the total issued share capital of the Company. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A & A Unit Trust. The A & A Unit Trust was a unit trust under the Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the share capital of Surplus Way and held the entire issued share capital of Jumbo Wealth on trust for GZ Trust Corporation ("GZ Trust") as trustee of the Trust. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk, spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company, was also deemed to be interested in the share capital of Surplus Way and Jumbo Wealth respectively.
- 2. Charron was the registered owner of 64,567,475 shares in Emperor International. The entire issued share capital of Charron was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A & A Unit Trust. By virtue of the respective interests of The A & A Unit Trust in Surplus Way and Charron, both Charron and Emperor International were associated corporations of the Company. The entire issued share capital of Jumbo Wealth was held by GZ Trust on trust for the Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the share capital of Charron and Emperor International respectively. By virtue of the aforesaid interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk, spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and director of the Company, was also deemed to be interested in the share capital of Charron and Emperor International respectively.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September, 2003, none of the directors or chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in shares, underlying shares or debentures in the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and GEM of the Stock Exchange pursuant to the minimum standards of dealing by directors of the Company as referred to in Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules.

# SHARE OPTIONS AND DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES

On 30th November, 2000, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Employee Share Option Scheme") which will expire on 30th November, 2010 for the primary purpose of providing incentives to the participants. Under the Employee Share Option Scheme, the Company may grant options to full-time employees, including any executive directors of the Company or its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company. The subscription price for the shares will be a price determined by the directors of the Company, but may not be less than the higher of the closing price of the shares on GEM of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant of the option, the average of the closing price of the shares on GEM of the shares on GEM of the stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option or the nominal value of the shares. An offer for the grant of options must be accepted within 21 days from the date of the offer and a nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the grant of options.

The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Employee Share Option Scheme may not (when aggregated with shares subject to any other share option schemes) exceed in nominal amount 30% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time. An option may be exercised at any time during a period to be determined and notified by the directors of the Company to each grantee, which period may not expire earlier than three years and later than ten years from the date of grant of options subject to the provisions for early termination thereof.

The Company had not granted any option under the Employee Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

As at 30th September, 2003, the Company had not granted any right to subscribe for equity or debt securities of the Company to any director or chief executive of the Company or to their spouse or children under 18 years of age.

# INTERESTS DISCLOSABLE UNDER THE SFO AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

So far as known to the directors of the Company, as at 30th September, 2003, the persons (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

## Long position in shares in the Company

Name	Capacity/ Nature of interests	Type and number of shares held	Percentage holding
Surplus Way <i>(Note)</i>	Beneficial	192,182,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	73.92%
Jumbo Wealth (Note)	Trustee	192,182,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	73.92%
GZ Trust <i>(Note)</i>	Trustee	192,182,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	73.92%
Mr. Albert Yeung (Note)	Founder of Trust	192,182,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	73.92%

Note: The shares were registered in the name of Surplus Way. The entire issued share capital of Surplus Way was held by Jumbo Wealth on trust for The A & A Unit Trust. The A & A Unit Trust was a unit trust under the Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung. Mr. Albert Yeung, as founder of the Trust, was deemed to be interested in the 192,182,000 shares held by Surplus Way and held the entire issued share capital of Jumbo Wealth on trust for GZ Trust as trustee of the Trust. The above shares were the same shares as set out under Section (a) of "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares" above.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September, 2003, the directors of the Company were not aware of any other persons (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures in the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

# **COMPETING INTERESTS**

Dr. Chan Kong Sang, Jackie ("Dr. Jackie Chan"), a non-executive director of the Company, is also a director and shareholder of Climbing High Productions Limited, Jackie & Willie Productions Limited, Jackie & Willie Enterprises Limited and Filmtech Lighting Services Limited and he is a director of Tai Wui Motion Pictures Company Limited (together referred as the "Movies Companies"), the business of which involves production and distribution of movies. Accordingly, the business of the Movies Companies may constitute competition with the business of the Group. The directors of the Company consider that since Dr. Jackie Chan is a non-executive director of the Company and will not exert management control over the Group, Dr. Jackie Chan's interest in the business of the Movies Companies will not materially affect the Group's business.

The Trust, a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Albert Yeung, a management shareholder of the Company indirectly held 50% of the shareholding of JCE Movies Limited (formerly known as JC Emperor Movies Limited) ("JCE"), a company engaged in the production and distribution of movies. By virtue of the said interests of Mr. Albert Yeung, Ms. Semon Luk, spouse of Mr. Albert Yeung and a non-executive director of the Company, is also deemed to be interested in the said shareholding held by Mr. Albert Yeung. Accordingly, the business of JCE may constitute competition with the business of the Group. The directors of the Company consider that since Ms. Semon Luk is a non-executive director of the Company and will not exert management control over the Group, the aforesaid interest in the business of JCE will not materially affect the Group's business.

Save as disclosed above, the directors of the Company believe that none of the directors or the management shareholders of the Company (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which causes or may cause significant competition with the business of the Group.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

An audit committee was established on 30th November, 2000 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.23 to 5.25 of the GEM Listing Rules. The two independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely, Mr. Wong Ching Yue and Mr. Tso Hon Sai, Bosco have been appointed as the members of the audit committee.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied throughout the Half Yearly Period with the board practices and procedures as set out in Rules 5.28 to 5.39 of the GEM Listing Rules, except that full board meeting was not held every three months.

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

During the Half Yearly Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

By Order of the Board Luk Siu Man, Semon Chairperson

Hong Kong, 12th November, 2003