CONSOLIDATED **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

Period from 1 April 1999 to 31 July 2000

	Notes	Period from 1 April 1999 to 31 July 2000 <i>HK</i> \$'000	Year ended 31 March 1999 HK\$'000
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	30(a)	(16,449)	(105,409)
OF LIVATING ACTIVITIES	30(a)	(10,443)	(105,409)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		341	1,302
Interest paid		(2,549)	(51,415)
Interest element of finance lease rental payments		(7)	(2,125)
Net cash outflow from returns on			
		(2.245)	(50.020)
investments and servicing of finance		(2,215)	(52,238)
TAX			
Hong Kong profits tax refund/(paid)		749	(1,422)
Overseas tax paid		(89)	(347)
Total tax refund/(paid)		660	(1,769)
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES		/F. O.C.E.\	(50)
Purchases of fixed assets		(5,965)	(59)
Additions to deferred expenditure	20/4)	(14.207)	(22)
Acquisition of subsidiaries Disposal of subsidiaries	30(d) 30(e)	(14,297) 6,383	(119)
Investment in an associate	30(e)	0,303	(784)
Repayment from associates		_	3,576
Repayment from unconsolidated subsidiaries		_	10,273
Effect of elimination of unconsolidated subsidiaries	30(f)	_	(511)
Proceeds from disposal of other investments	33(.)	_	166
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		181,818	119,925
Proceeds from liquidation of an associate		· _ /	39
Movement in pledged bank balances		4,138	416
Net cash inflow from investing activities		172,077	132,900
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		154,073	(26,516)

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NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		154,073	(26,516)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Issue of share capital New bank loans Repayment of bank loans New other loans Repayment of other loans Capital element of finance lease payments New finance lease	30(b)	21,025 — (117,891) 3,339 (49,369) (60) 160	37,084 (138,889) 31,764 (20,688) (4,618)
Net cash outflow from financing activities INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period/year Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net Discharge of bank overdrafts under the schemes of arrangement		(142,796) 11,277 (85,933) (7,590) 82,784	(95,347) (121,863) 20,711 15,218
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD/YEAR		538	(85,934)
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and bank balances Less: Pledged bank balances Bank overdrafts		1,352 (814) 538 - 538	17,595 (4,952) 12,643 (98,577) (85,934)