

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

A summary of the results of the Group and of its assets and liabilities for the last five financial period/years, as extracted from the audited financial statements, is set out below.

	Year ended 31 March				Sixteen months ended 31 July 2000
	1996 HK\$'000	1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	HK\$'000
RESULTS					
TURNOVER	<u>1,781,581</u>	<u>1,825,217</u>	<u>1,944,126</u>	<u>549,284</u>	<u>71,325</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	79,278	85,232	(1,738,022)	(972,011)	562,364
Share of profits less losses of associates	<u>2,572</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>(339)</u>	<u>(2,386)</u>	368
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	81,850	85,367	(1,738,361)	(974,397)	562,732
Tax	<u>(11,682)</u>	<u>(14,159)</u>	<u>(328)</u>	<u>3,226</u>	41,362
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	70,168	71,208	(1,738,689)	(971,171)	604,094
Minority interests	<u>1,286</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>49,297</u>	<u>1,228</u>	(395)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	<u>71,454</u>	<u>72,033</u>	<u>(1,689,392)</u>	<u>(969,943)</u>	603,699

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	1996 HK\$'000	As at 31 March			As at 31 July 2000 HK\$'000
		1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
TOTAL ASSETS	2,289,067	2,764,696	1,509,872	425,209	173,965
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(1,562,584)	(1,965,653)	(2,265,077)	(2,147,077)	(158,050)
MINORITY INTERESTS	(31,340)	(30,495)	(29,408)	(10,191)	(18)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	<u>695,143</u>	<u>768,548</u>	<u>(784,613)</u>	<u>(1,732,059)</u>	<u>15,897</u>