

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

Year Ended 30 September

	NOTE	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Turnover	3	79,757	99,869
Operating costs		33,547	32,954
Gross profit		46,210	66,915
Other revenue	4	1,795	2,774
Administrative expenses		7,519	10,826
Operating profit	5	40,486	58,863
Share of profits less losses of associated companies		21	29
Profit before taxation		40,507	58,892
Taxation	7	6,893	7,271
Profit attributable to shareholders		33,614	51,621
Retained profit brought forward		25,299	23,678
Profit available for appropriations		58,913	75,299
Appropriations:			
Interim dividend paid of HK\$0.50 per share (1999: HK\$1.00)		12,500	25,000
Proposed final dividend of HK\$0.80 per share (1999: HK\$1.00)		20,000	25,000
		32,500	50,000
Retained profit carried forward		26,413	25,299
Retained by:			
Company and subsidiary company		25,365	24,272
Associated companies		1,048	1,027
		26,413	25,299
Earnings per share	8	HK\$1.34	HK\$2.06