

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

| | <i>Notes</i> | Six months ended | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | 30.9.2000 HK\$'000 (unaudited) | 30.9.1999 HK\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Turnover | 2 | 1,107,104 | 1,037,052 |
| Cost of Sales | | (965,808) | (933,422) |
| Gross profit | | 141,296 | 103,630 |
| Other revenue | | 4,329 | 6,479 |
| Selling and distribution expenses | | (22,932) | (21,426) |
| Administrative expenses | | (43,251) | (42,660) |
| Profit from operations | 3 | 79,442 | 46,023 |
| Interest expenses | | (38,210) | (29,506) |
| Share of results of associates | | 41,232 | 16,517 |
| | | 326 | — |
| Profit before taxation | | 41,558 | 16,517 |
| Taxation | 4 | (1,424) | (672) |
| Profit before minority interests | | 40,134 | 15,845 |
| Minority interests | | (9,896) | (2,801) |
| Net profit for the period | | 30,238 | 13,044 |
| Dividend | 5 | — | — |
| Earnings per share (cents) (basic) | 6 | 4.6 | 2.0 |