

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**Six months ended  
30th September,

		<b>2000</b>	1999
		<b>Unaudited</b>	Unaudited
	<i>Notes</i>	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Turnover	2	<b>574,684</b>	493,054
Cost of sales		<b>(408,076)</b>	(311,049)
Gross profit		<b>166,608</b>	182,005
Other revenue		<b>5,901</b>	3,273
Selling expenses		<b>(26,121)</b>	(24,310)
Administrative expenses		<b>(105,967)</b>	(102,297)
Profit from operations	2, 3	<b>40,421</b>	58,671
Interest expenses		<b>(1,711)</b>	(1,373)
Profit before taxation		<b>38,710</b>	57,298
Taxation	4	<b>(2,942)</b>	(3,032)
Profit before minority interests		<b>35,768</b>	54,266
Minority interests		<b>(834)</b>	(3,729)
Net profit for the period		<b><u>34,934</u></b>	<u>50,537</u>
Dividends	5	<b><u>12,305</u></b>	<u>12,228</u>
Earnings per share	6		
– Basic		<b><u>7.1 cents</u></b>	<u>10.4 cents</u>
– Diluted		<b><u>7.1 cents</u></b>	<u>10.4 cents</u>