

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six  
months ended  
30 September  
2000  
(Unaudited)  
HK\$'000

NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(5,964)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	
Dividends paid	(103,283)
Dividend paid to minority interests	(6,816)
Interest paid	(6,751)
Interest element on finance lease rental payments	(53)
Interest received	8,976
Dividend received from an associate	13,007
Dividends received from investments	<u>258</u>
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u>(94,662)</u>
TAX	
The People's Republic of China ("the PRC"), Hong Kong profits tax paid	(2,368)
The PRC, elsewhere tax paid	<u>(10,809)</u>
Taxes paid	<u>(13,177)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of fixed assets	(33,981)
Additions to properties under construction	(17,425)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	2,568
Increase in investment in an associate	(40,170)
Time deposits matured	<u>49,371</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities	<u>(39,637)</u>
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(153,440)</u>

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**(Continued)**

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Drawdown of short term bank loans	<b>46,948</b>
Repayment of short term bank loans	<b>(23,473)</b>
Repayment of capital element of obligations under finance leases	<b>(181)</b>
Increase in minority interests	<b>4</b>

Net cash inflow from financing activities	<b><u>23,298</u></b>
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DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<b>(130,142)</b>
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<b><u>96,193</u></b>
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	<b><u><u>(33,949)</u></u></b>
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ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH  
EQUIVALENTS

Cash and bank balances	<b>26,049</b>
Time deposits	<b>119,548</b>
Bank loans	<b>(30,000)</b>
Trust receipt loans	<b><u>(149,546)</u></b>

	<b><u><u>(33,949)</u></u></b>
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For the purpose of the condensed consolidated cash flow statement, cash equivalents represent short term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which were within three months of maturity when acquired, less advances from banks repayable within three months from the date of the advance.

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)**

RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT FROM OPERATING  
ACTIVITIES TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM  
OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	<b>For the six months ended 30 September 2000 (Unaudited) HK\$'000</b>
Profit from operating activities	<b>211,136</b>
Depreciation	<b>25,738</b>
Interest income	<b>(7,896)</b>
Dividend income	<b>(258)</b>
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	<b>791</b>
Provision for diminution in value of listed investments	<b>1,417</b>
Increase in amount due from an associate	<b>(25,388)</b>
Increase in accounts receivable and bills receivable	<b>(212,064)</b>
Increase in inventories	<b>(18,755)</b>
Increase in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	<b>(4,009)</b>
Increase in accounts payable	<b>6,731</b>
Increase in other payables and accrued liabilities	<b>16,593</b>
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Net cash outflow from operating activities	<b>(5,964)</b>
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