

Year ended 30 September 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	4	1,094,273	1,178,783
Cost of sales		<u>(913,534)</u>	<u>(827,516)</u>
Gross profit		180,739	351,267
Other revenue		3,005	2,093
Selling and distribution costs		(5,408)	(4,649)
Administrative expenses		(39,918)	(29,305)
Other operating expenses		<u>(18,669)</u>	<u>(14,487)</u>
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5	119,749	304,919
Finance costs	7	(9,568)	(7,712)
Share of loss of an associate		<u>(2,374)</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		107,807	297,207
Tax	8	<u>(6,571)</u>	<u>(26,427)</u>
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	9	101,236	270,780
Retained profits at beginning of year		<u>338,907</u>	<u>143,136</u>
RETAINED PROFITS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION		440,143	413,916
Dividends	10	<u>-</u>	<u>(75,009)</u>
RETAINED PROFITS AT END OF YEAR		<u><u>440,143</u></u>	<u><u>338,907</u></u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE	11		
– Basic		<u><u>10.1 cents</u></u>	<u><u>35.1 cents</u></u>
– Diluted		<u><u>10.0 cents</u></u>	<u><u>N/A</u></u>