

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 September 2000

	<i>Notes</i>	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	5	1,852,907	1,643,968
Cost of sales		(1,346,723)	(1,208,095)
Gross profit		506,184	435,873
Other revenue		24,255	25,388
Selling and distribution expenses		(130,365)	(127,208)
Administrative expenses		(241,019)	(211,966)
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6	159,055	122,087
Finance costs	7	(27,560)	(24,836)
Share of profits less losses of:			
Jointly-controlled entities		5,642	9,456
Associates		938	589
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		138,075	107,296
Tax	10	(3,544)	(3,501)
PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS		134,531	103,795
Minority interests		(648)	(483)
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	11	133,883	103,312
Dividends	12	(61,274)	(51,399)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		72,609	51,913
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13		
Basic		41.7 cents	30.0 cents
Diluted		40.6 cents	29.8 cents