

**CONSOLIDATED****CASH FLOW****STATEMENT**

Year ended 30 September 2000

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2000</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	1999 HK\$'000
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<i>28(a)</i>	<b>89,108</b>	195,348
<b>RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE</b>			
Interest received		<b>18,101</b>	14,051
Interest paid		<b>(14,863)</b>	(11,688)
Interest element on finance lease and hire purchase rental payments		<b>(44)</b>	(58)
Factoring expenses		<b>(5,522)</b>	(6,512)
Bank charges		<b>(7,131)</b>	(6,578)
Dividends paid		<b>(60,073)</b>	(24,937)
Dividend from a long term unlisted investment		–	865
Dividend from a jointly-controlled entity		–	3,248
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		<b>(69,532)</b>	(31,609)
<b>TAXATION</b>			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		<b>(364)</b>	–
Taxes paid elsewhere		<b>(143)</b>	(1,907)
Taxes paid		<b>(507)</b>	(1,907)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchases of fixed assets		<b>(20,853)</b>	(13,160)
Purchases of long term unlisted investments		–	(2,581)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		<b>302</b>	1,268
Capital contribution to jointly-controlled entities		<b>(10,825)</b>	(1,686)
Decrease in amounts due from jointly-controlled entities		<b>223</b>	24,042
Increase/(decrease) in amounts due to jointly-controlled entities		<b>(10,795)</b>	10,292
Increase/(decrease) in an amount due to an associate		<b>(93)</b>	147
Acquisition of subsidiaries	<i>28(c)</i>	<b>(63,438)</b>	–
Decrease/(increase) in time deposits		<b>80,240</b>	(52,590)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<b>(25,239)</b>	(34,268)

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<b>NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(6,170)</b>	127,564
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<i>28(b)</i>		
New bank loans		–	5,140
Repayment of bank loans		(2,477)	(5,140)
New other loans		–	1,272
Repayment of other loans		(2,197)	(128)
Repurchase of shares		(27,177)	(12,199)
Capital element of finance lease and hire purchase rental payments		(189)	(168)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<b>(32,040)</b>	(11,223)
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>(38,210)</b>	116,341
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<b>295,029</b>	179,104
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		<b>1,469</b>	(416)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>		<b>258,288</b>	295,029
<b>ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash and bank balances		<b>99,528</b>	95,324
Time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired		<b>163,565</b>	201,163
Bank overdrafts		(4,805)	(1,458)
		<b>258,288</b>	295,029