CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

		For the six months ended 31 October	
		2000 (Unaudited)	1999 (Unaudited)
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	2	1,400,120	993,214
Cost of sales		(1,388,032)	(890,568)
Gross profit		12,088	102,646
Other revenue		51,701	4,148
Selling and distribution costs		(893)	(3,746)
Administrative expenses		(23,745)	(15,461)
Other operating expenses		(11,142)	(34,981)
Profit from operating activities	3	28,009	52,606
Finance costs Share of results of:	4	(10,261)	(12,413)
Jointly controlled entity		2,529	4,090
Associates		1,038	(51)
Profit before tax		21,315	44,232
Tax	5	(152)	(13,814)
Profit before minority interests		21,163	30,418
Minority interests		(44)	_
Net profit for the period		21,119	30,418
Earnings per share	6		
– Basic		1.16 cents	2.24 cents
– Diluted		N/A	N/A