

致永隆銀行有限公司全體股東

(於香港註冊成立之有限公司)

本核數師已完成審核第二十五頁至第五十六頁之賬目，該等賬目乃按照香港普遍採納之會計原則編製。

董事及核數師各自之責任

香港公司條例規定董事須編製真實兼公平之賬目。在編製該等真實兼公平之賬目時，董事必須採用適當之會計政策，並且貫徹應用該等會計政策。

本核數師之責任是根據審核之結果，對該等賬目作出獨立意見，並向股東報告。

意見之基礎

本核數師已按照香港會計師公會所頒佈之核數準則進行審核工作。審核範圍包括以抽查方式查核與賬目所載數額及披露事項有關之憑證，亦包括評審董事於編製該等賬目時所作出之重大估計和判斷，所採用之會計政策是否適合貴銀行與貴集團之具體情況，及有否貫徹應用並足夠披露該等會計政策。

本核數師在策劃和進行審核工作時，均以取得所有本核數師認為必需之資料及解釋為目標，以便獲得充分憑證，就該等賬目是否存有重大錯誤陳述，作出合理之確定。在作出意見時，本核數師亦已評估該等賬目所載之資料在整體上是否足夠。本核數師相信我們之審核工作已為下列意見提供合理之基礎。

意見

本核數師認為，上述之賬目足以真實兼公平地顯示貴銀行與貴集團於二〇〇〇年十二月三十一日結算時之財務狀況，及貴集團截至該日止年度之溢利及現金流量，並按照香港公司條例妥為編製。

羅兵咸永道會計師事務所

香港執業會計師

香港 二〇〇一年二月二十一日

To the Shareholders of Wing Lung Bank Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the accounts on pages 25 to 56 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Hong Kong Companies Ordinance requires the directors to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view. In preparing accounts which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Bank and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and the Group as at 31 December 2000 and of the profit and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 21 February 2001