

**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**For the year ended 31st December, 2000**  
**( Expressed in Hong Kong dollars )**

	2000	1999
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b> (Note 1)	65,741	210,441
<b>Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>		
Ordinary dividends paid	(67,105)	(118,987)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(19,500)	(12,300)
Dividends received from investments	12,468	12,386
Interest received	14,398	21,014
Interest paid	(3)	(706)
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>	(59,742)	(98,593)
<b>Taxation</b>		
Hong Kong profits tax paid	(15,587)	(34,859)
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(56,430)	(12,166)
Sale of fixed assets	654	9,027
Purchase of investments	(657,865)	(496,760)
Sale of investments	704,111	488,718
Decrease/(increase) in investment in associates	370	(740)
Increase in investment in jointly controlled entity	-	(5)
Net advances to associates	(30,468)	(83,589)
Net repayments to jointly controlled entity	(786)	(60,062)
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities</b>	(40,414)	(155,577)
<b>Net Cash Outflow before Financing</b>	(50,002)	(78,588)

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	\$'000	2000 \$'000	\$'000	1999 \$'000
<b>Financing</b>				
Repayment of loan from minority shareholders	-		(1,410)	
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Financing</b>	(Note 2)	-		(1,410)
<b>Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		(50,002)		(79,998)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1st January</b>		280,671		360,669
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31st December</b>		<u>230,669</u>		<u>280,671</u>
<b>Analysis of Balances of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>				
Bank balances and deposits		230,669		281,067
Bank overdrafts (unsecured)		-		(396)
		<u>230,669</u>		<u>280,671</u>
<b>Held by:</b>				
The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries		166,752		168,842
Non-wholly owned subsidiaries		63,917		111,829
		<u>230,669</u>		<u>280,671</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

1. Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2000 \$'000	1999 \$'000
Operating profit	91,357	280,318
Depreciation	18,493	23,460
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	503	(55)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors and prepayments	(6,462)	6,247
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accrued charges	6,055	(21,538)
Net realised gain on disposal of investments	(49,398)	(42,012)
Provision for impairment in value of investments	48,248	13,655
Net gain on sale of fixed assets	(488)	(8,929)
Interest income	(22,902)	(28,412)
Interest expense	3	101
Dividend income from investments	(12,468)	(12,394)
Decrease in amount due to minority shareholders	(7,200)	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>65,741</u>	<u>210,441</u>

2. Analysis of changes in financing during the year:-

	Loan from minority shareholders \$'000	Loan advanced to minority shareholders \$'000
Balance at 1st January, 1999	1,410	(4,800)
Cash outflow from financing	(1,410)	-
Balance at 31st December, 1999 and 31st December, 2000	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,800)</u>