

For the year ended 31st December, 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
<b>Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities</b>	27	<b>56,291</b>	<b>(72,279)</b>
<b>Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>			
Interest paid		(231,672)	(153,956)
Dividends paid		(132,659)	(128,919)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		(151)	(413)
Dividends received from an associate		88,305	65,442
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>		<b>(276,177)</b>	<b>(217,846)</b>
<b>Taxation</b>			
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(14,227)	(13,084)
Overseas tax paid		(1,489)	(189)
Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded		2,237	1,925
<b>Net Tax paid</b>		<b>(13,479)</b>	<b>(11,348)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Purchase of investments in securities		(77,684)	(52,905)
Increase in advance to an investee company		(57,392)	(67,337)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,677)	(5,849)
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary		(1,650)	–
Additions to investment properties		(692)	(842)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,072	1
Proceeds from disposal of investments in securities		1,034	3,744
Acquisition of a subsidiary	28	–	(8,000)
Increase in advance to associates		–	(1,206)
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities</b>		<b>(136,989)</b>	<b>(132,394)</b>
<b>Net Cash Outflow before Financing carried forward</b>		<b>(370,354)</b>	<b>(433,867)</b>

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<b>Net Cash Outflow before Financing brought forward</b>		<b>(370,354)</b>	<b>(433,867)</b>
<b>Financing</b>	29		
New borrowings raised		983,295	1,239,672
Repayments of borrowings		(778,000)	(658,755)
Repurchase of own shares		(278)	(1,866)
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Financing</b>		<b>205,017</b>	<b>579,051</b>
<b>(Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>(165,337)</b>	<b>145,184</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1st January		421,154	286,373
Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate Changes		(1,276)	(10,403)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31st December</b>		<b>254,541</b>	<b>421,154</b>
<b>Analysis of the balances of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Bank balances and cash		256,373	423,186
Bank overdrafts		(1,832)	(2,032)
		<b>254,541</b>	<b>421,154</b>