

Report of the Directors

The Directors present their report together with the audited accounts of Orient Overseas (International) Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31st December 2000.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the activities of its principal subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities are shown on pages 83 to 89.

Group Results

The consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") and jointly controlled entities are shown on page 51.

Dividends

The Directors declared an interim dividend of US1 cent (HK7.8 cents) per ordinary share, which was paid on 29th September 2000.

The Directors have recommended a final dividend in respect of the ordinary shares for the year ended 31st December 2000 of US3 cents (HK23.4 cents) per ordinary share to be paid on 18th May 2001 to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 4th May 2001. Shareholders who wish to receive the dividend in US Dollars should complete the US Dollars Election Form which accompanies this Annual Report and return it to the Branch Registrar on or before 11th May 2001.

Directors

The Directors of the Company are shown on pages 36 to 38.

Mr Harry R Wilkinson retired from the Group and resigned as a Director and Chief Financial Officer of the Company with effect from 1st November 2000.

Mr Nicholas D Sims was appointed a Director and Chief Financial Officer of the Company with effect from 23rd October 2000 and 1st November 2000 respectively.

In accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company, Mr Roger King and Dr Victor Fung retire by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr Nicholas D Sims has a service contract with the Company which expires on 22nd October 2002. There are no other service contracts between any of the Directors of the Company and the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Directors' and Chief Executive's Rights to Acquire Shares and Debt Securities

As at 31st December 2000, none of the Directors nor the Chief Executive of the Company (or any of their spouses or children under 18 years of age) had been granted any right to acquire shares in or debt securities of the Company. No such rights were exercised by any Director or Chief Executive (or any of their spouses or children under 18 years of age) during the year.

Directors' Interest

1. Significant Contracts

The Group continues to share the rental of offices at Harbour Centre, Hong Kong and at Shin Osaki Kangyo Building, Sinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan on an actual cost reimbursement basis with Island Navigation Corporation International Limited ("INCIL") and Island Navigation Corporation ("INC") respectively, both companies owned by a Tung family trust. The total amount of rental on an actual cost reimbursement basis paid by INCIL and INC for the year ended 31st December 2000 was approximately US\$611,514.

Except for the above (other than contracts amongst Group companies), no other contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party, and in which a Director of the Company had a material interest, subsisted at the year end or at any time during the year.

2. Shares

As at 31st December 2000, Directors and their associates had the following interests in the ordinary shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained under Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance:

	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Other Interests		Total
			Beneficial	Voting Trustee	
C C Tung	–	–	80,835,548 (Note 1)	253,641,662 (Notes 2 & 3)	334,477,210
Roger King	–	–	80,835,548 (Note 1)	–	80,835,548
T R Chang	506,390	–	–	–	506,390

Note 1: C C Tung and Roger King have an interest in the Tung Trust which, through Springfield Corporation ("Springfield"), beneficially owns 55,409,576 ordinary shares and, through Monterrey Limited ("Monterrey"), beneficially owns 25,425,972 ordinary shares.

Note 2: Wharnclyff Limited ("Wharnclyff"), a company owned by a discretionary trust established by the Tung family, beneficially holds 253,641,662 ordinary shares of the Company and the voting rights in respect of such holdings are held by C C Tung through Tung Holdings (Trustee) Inc. ("Tung Trustee"), which include 6,265,247 ordinary shares of the Company derived from the surrender of 100% interest held by Wharnclyff in THT (defined below) and 11,965,249 ordinary shares purchased from the market by Wharnclyff during the year.

Note 3: C C Tung controls Tung Trustee, the voting trustee of Tung Holdings Trust ("THT"), a trust created pursuant to an amended and restated trust deed dated 19th May 1992 for the benefits of the remaining THT certificate holders. THT was terminated in January 2000 as the result of the surrender of 100% interest in THT by Wharnclyff in exchange for 6,265,247 ordinary shares of the Company as described in Note 2.

Note 4: Wharnclyff, Springfield and Monterrey together be referred to as the controlling shareholders.

Substantial Shareholders

1. Shares

As at 31st December 2000, the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 16(1) of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance showed the following interests being 10 per cent. or more of the Company's issued ordinary shares:

Name	Beneficially held	%
Wharnclyff Limited	253,641,662	49.05
Springfield Corporation	55,409,576	10.71

2. Disclosure

As at 31st December 2000, the Group had the following bank borrowings requiring the controlling shareholders of the Company to retain sufficient voting power in the Company to pass ordinary resolutions during the tenure of the respective loans.

Aggregate outstanding loan

amount as at 31st December 2000

US\$276,500,000

US\$34,625,970.50

Tenure

12 years from April 1997

12 years and 7 months from February 1998

Connected Transactions

During the year, the Group companies entered into the following transactions on normal commercial terms, and in the ordinary and usual course of the Group's activities :

- 1) The Group had set up a Taiwanese subsidiary, OOCL (Taiwan) Co, Ltd ("OTWL") and since 1st January 2000 it has acted as the general agent for the three carriers of the Group (together referred to as the "Carriers") in Taiwan. OTWL came into full operation as of 1st July 2000, and thereafter Chinese Maritime Transport, Limited ("CMT") ceased to act as OTWL's sub-agent. However, in order to provide a stable customer familiar environment, CMT has continued to provide office facilities and ancillary services, administrative and other supporting functions including crew manning services to OTWL. The aggregate amount of fees paid to CMT for these office services during the year were approximately US\$280,000.

During 2000, the aggregate amount of remuneration paid to CMT as the sub-agent of OTWL was approximately US\$4,483,000 and was at market rate largely based on the amount of outward and inward cargoes from and to Taiwan. The Group paid CMT approximately US\$2,290,000 for disbursement to CMT's staff a one-off payment (approximately US\$2,286,000) as compensation for termination of CMT's appointment as general agent and for purchase of motor vehicles (approximately US\$4,000).

- 2) OTWL has replaced CMT in certain chassis, trucking, tractors and equipment contracts previously entered into by CMT with related or associated companies of the CMT Group as general agent for the Carriers in Taiwan. The aggregate amount paid by the Group during 2000 was approximately US\$14,020,000.
- 3) To maintain the Group's presence and to increase the Group's competitiveness in Taiwan, the Group had slot chartered certain spaces on a vessel operated by CMT, which were terminated in September 2000. The slot hire payments during 2000 were approximately US\$1,084,000.
- 4) There was no staff secondment between CMT and the Group in year 2000.
- 5) During 2000, the Group purchased containers from Associated Industries China, Inc., ("AIC") and the total consideration for the containers purchased during 2000 was approximately US\$2,953,000.
- 6) Companies associated with Mr John Peng have provided the Group with container freight station depot and/or container storage facilities in Taiwan. The aggregate amount paid by the Group during 2000 was approximately US\$2,907,000.

Mr John Peng is the controlling shareholder of CMT and AIC and is a brother-in-law of Mr C C Tung, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr Peng's wife is the sister of the wife of Mr Roger King, who is also a Director of the Company. The above transactions therefore constitute connected transactions under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The independent non-executive Directors of the Company, Mr Simon Murray and Dr Victor K Fung, have reviewed the above transactions and confirm that such transactions have complied with the conditions set by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in 1997 in granting the waiver to the Company from the requirement of disclosure by press notice and circular to shareholders on each occasion they arise and that they were conducted on normal commercial terms, in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, and also within the annual limit of 6% of the consolidated net tangible assets of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2000 and the transactions were fair and reasonable so far as the shareholders of the Company were concerned. PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Auditors, have also reviewed the transactions as disclosed above.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year.

No pre-emptive rights exist under Bermudan law in relation to issues of new shares by the Company.

Compliance with Code of Best Practice

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the accounting period covered by this annual report except that the Non-Executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as they are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

Fixed Assets

Particulars of the movements in fixed assets are set out in note 12 to the accounts.

Donations

Donations made by the Group during the year amount to US\$69,000.

Annual General Meeting

The notice of Annual General Meeting is shown on pages 42 and 43. A circular which accompanies this Annual Report gives details of the general mandate to authorise the allotment of and otherwise dealing with shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and securities convertible into shares and options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities (the "Shares") and the general mandate to authorise the repurchase of Shares (all as set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting).

Auditors

The accounts have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers who retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

C C Tung

Chairman

Hong Kong, 16th March 2001

Information Technology

We lead the industry in the application of IT.
We will continue to commit ourselves to the innovative and effective
use of technology to provide superior transport and
logistics solutions to our customers.

