

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st December, 2000

	2000 HK\$ <u>Million</u>	1999 HK\$ <u>Million</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities (Note a)	114.0	132.2
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	17.9	18.3
Interest paid	(19.8)	(18.5)
Dividend received from associates	5.4	11.3
Dividend received from investment in securities	30.8	28.6
Dividends paid	<u>(53.6)</u>	<u>(63.0)</u>
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(19.3)	(23.3)
Taxation		
Hong Kong profits tax (paid) /refunded	(10.1)	1.4
Investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(5.0)	(5.2)
Investment in an associate	(31.3)	-
Net advance to associates	(61.0)	(631.1)
Purchase of investment in securities	(83.2)	(12.3)
Proceeds from sale of investment in securities	<u>332.8</u>	<u>352.5</u>
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from investing activities	152.3	(296.1)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) before financing	236.9	(185.8)
Financing		
(Repayment) / draw down of short term bank loan (Note b)	(154.3)	154.3
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from financing	<u>(154.3)</u>	<u>154.3</u>
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	82.6	(31.5)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	149.8	181.3
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December	<u>232.4</u>	<u>149.8</u>
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents		
Deposits and cash	332.4	149.8
Unsecured short term bank loan and overdrafts	<u>(100.0)</u>	-
	<u>232.4</u>	<u>149.8</u>

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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

	2000 HK\$ <u>Million</u>	1999 HK\$ <u>Million</u>
Operating profit	153.7	139.8
Interest income	(17.9)	(18.2)
Depreciation	6.8	6.5
Dividend income from investment in securities	(30.8)	(28.6)
Provision less expenditure for planned maintenance	5.0	8.1
Exchange adjustment	4.0	1.7
Decrease in amount due by intermediate holding company	-	8.5
Decrease in inventories	0.4	0.2
Increase in debtors	(17.9)	(2.2)
Increase in creditors	10.1	22.0
Increase / (decrease) in amounts due to fellow subsidiaries (net)	0.6	(5.6)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>114.0</u>	<u>132.2</u>

b. Analysis of changes in financing during the year

	<u>Short-term loan</u>	
	2000 HK\$ <u>Million</u>	1999 HK\$ <u>Million</u>
Balance at 1st January	154.3	-
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from financing	(154.3)	154.3
Balance at 31st December	<u>-</u>	<u>154.3</u>