

For the year ended 31st December, 2000

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	22(a)	1,071,292	302,288
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest paid		(39,567)	(78,536)
Dividends paid		(18,000)	(19,125)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(57,567)	(97,661)
Tax			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(2,607)	(8,298)
Hong Kong profits tax rebate		–	712
Tax paid		(2,607)	(7,586)
Investing activities			
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		446	35
Payments to acquire:			
Fixed assets		(205)	(970)
Investment securities		(3,120)	–
Subsidiaries	22(b)	(900)	–
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(3,779)	(935)
Net cash inflow before financing activities		1,007,339	196,106
Financing activities	22(c)		
New bank loan		750,000	–
Repayment of bank loans		(1,732,500)	(100,000)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(982,500)	(100,000)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		24,839	96,106
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		193,164	97,058
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		218,003	193,164
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents:			
Cash and bank balances		218,003	193,164