## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the Year ended 31 December 2000

Note	2000	1999
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities 23(a)	1,056,836	624,841
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	140,330	43,830
Interest paid	(20,585)	(32,243)
Dividends received from associated companies	675	576
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(50)	(113)
Dividends paid	(532,706)	(385,146)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and		
servicing of finance	(412,336)	(373,096)
Taxation		
Hong Kong profits tax paid	(27,959)	(10,614)
Overseas taxation paid	(18,386)	(10,220)
Total taxation paid	(46,345)	(20,834)
Investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(193,646)	(81,879)
Sale of fixed assets	13,918	5,530
Disposal of a subsidiary 23(b)	73,289	_
Purchase of subsidiaries (net of cash		
and cash equivalents) 23(c)	(1,653)	(93,420)
Settlement of consideration payable for the		
acquisition of Maclaine Limited and		
Camberley Enterprises Limited	(300,000)	_
Premium paid in respect of acquisition of businesses	(378)	(253)
Repayment from an associated company	_	872
Investment in an associated company	(17,678)	_
Purchase of investments	(33,306)	(229)
Sale of investments	7,730	3,906
Repayment from/(loan to) an investee company	122	(38,772)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(451,602)	(204,245)
Net cash inflow before financing	146,553	26,666

## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (continued)

Note	2000	1999
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Financing 23(d)		
Net proceeds from issue of shares	2,035,496	79,058
New bank loans	2,035,490	· ·
		250,000
Capital contribution from a minority shareholder	23,249	232
Repayment to minority shareholder	318	
Repayment of bank loans	(430,492)	(280,000)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(266)	-
Loans from minority shareholders	18,160	
Advances from holding company		
and fellow subsidiaries		768
Net cash inflow from financing	1,646,465	50,058
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,793,018	76,724
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	915,756	837,917
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(12,028)	1,115
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	2,696,746	915,756
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	2,824,396	1,029,373
Short-term bank loans and overdrafts	(127,650)	(113,617)
	2,696,746	915,756