

	Note	The Group	
		2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>	28	<b>2,714</b>	2,365,381
<b>Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>			
Interest received		<b>148,185</b>	121,429
Interest paid		<b>(4,783)</b>	(404,022)
Finance charges paid		–	(16,829)
Dividends received from other securities		–	623
Dividends paid			
– shareholders		<b>(41,140)</b>	(436,541)
– minority interests		–	(53,122)
<b>Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</b>		<b>102,262</b>	(788,462)
<b>Taxation</b>			
Overseas taxation paid		<b>(3,052)</b>	(262,599)
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Payment for purchase of fixed assets		<b>(5,720)</b>	(470,619)
Interest capitalised		–	(3,215)
Increase in deferred expenditure		–	(62,062)
Decrease in interests in associates		<b>357,636</b>	208,222
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents disposed)	28	<b>4,435,448</b>	–
Payment for purchase of other securities		<b>(54,500)</b>	(632,872)
Purchase of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired)	28	<b>(37,937)</b>	(6,264,068)
Proceeds from sale of securities		<b>6,886</b>	635,728
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		<b>2,322</b>	5,925
<b>Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Investing Activities</b>		<b>4,704,135</b>	(6,582,961)
<b>Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) before Financing Carried Forward</b>		<b>4,806,059</b>	(5,268,641)

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	Note	The Group	
		2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
<b>Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) before Financing Brought Forward</b>		<b>4,806,059</b>	(5,268,641)
<b>Financing</b>			
Decrease in contributions from affiliated companies	28	(5,995)	(5,292)
Increase in contribution from minority interests	28	38,974	3,172,928
Capital reduction of shares	28	(7,279,385)	–
Proceeds from share options exercised	28	70,399	8,249
Proceeds from long-term bank loans	28	–	3,944,572
Proceeds from non-guaranteed notes	28	–	719,593
Repayment of			
– long-term bank loans	28	–	(789,511)
– short-term bank loans	28	–	(11,982)
– capital element of finance lease	28	–	(14,749)
Purchase of own shares		(1,058)	–
<b>Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow from Financing</b>		<b>(7,177,065)</b>	7,023,808
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>(2,371,006)</b>	1,755,167
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year</b>		<b>2,928,878</b>	1,188,396
<b>Exchange Difference Arising on Consolidation of Foreign Subsidiaries</b>		<b>3,854</b>	(14,685)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year</b>		<b>561,726</b>	2,928,878
<b>Analysis of the Balances of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>			
Cash		561,726	2,941,163
Bank overdrafts – secured		–	(5,621)
– unsecured		–	(6,664)
		<b>561,726</b>	2,928,878

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