

BALANCE SHEETS

as at 31 December 2000

	Note	Company		Group	
		2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Employment of capital					
Current assets					
Cash and bank balances	14	2,204	2,017	179,964	252,046
Trade and other receivables	15	109,278	7,913	2,338,155	2,039,797
Trading account securities	16	44,280	303,969	147,172	397,289
Taxation recoverable		–	4,893	–	–
		<u>155,762</u>	<u>318,792</u>	<u>2,665,291</u>	<u>2,689,132</u>
Current liabilities					
Loans and overdrafts	17 & 33	–	–	970,410	831,104
Trade and other payables	18	54,198	46,070	551,922	741,159
Taxation		–	–	15,321	21,656
Proposed dividend		15,042	46,503	15,042	46,503
		<u>69,240</u>	<u>92,573</u>	<u>1,552,695</u>	<u>1,640,422</u>
Net current assets		86,522	226,219	1,112,596	1,048,710
Lending over one year		–	–	485,857	103,304
Investments in subsidiary companies	19	2,282,636	2,296,218	–	–
Investments in associated companies	20	1,270,216	1,192,864	1,500,509	2,152,348
Investments in joint ventures	21	–	–	115,449	498
Other investments	22	66,450	107,952	916,663	706,073
Fixed assets	23	–	–	115,878	54,506
		<u>3,705,824</u>	<u>3,823,253</u>	<u>4,246,952</u>	<u>4,065,439</u>
Capital employed					
Share capital	24	300,845	232,506	300,845	232,506
Capital and other reserves	25	2,077,967	1,673,650	2,075,261	1,499,765
Profit and loss account	26	1,327,012	1,384,633	1,843,322	1,789,603
Shareholders' funds		3,705,824	3,290,789	4,219,428	3,521,874
8% listed non-redeemable convertible loan notes	24(b)	–	512,476	–	512,476
Long term loan	27	–	–	23,714	–
Minority interests		–	–	1,600	14,021
Deferred taxation	28	–	19,988	2,210	17,068
		<u>3,705,824</u>	<u>3,823,253</u>	<u>4,246,952</u>	<u>4,065,439</u>

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