

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st December, 2000

| | <i>NOTES</i> | 2000 <i>HK\$</i> | 1999 <i>HK\$</i> |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 25 | <u>157,262,989</u> | <u>156,637,621</u> |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance | | | |
| Dividends paid | | (36,923,300) | (35,490,000) |
| Interest paid | | (2,298,893) | (1,897,969) |
| Interest received | | <u>6,997,462</u> | <u>4,192,763</u> |
| Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance | | <u>(32,224,731)</u> | <u>(33,195,206)</u> |
| Taxation | | | |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax paid | | <u>(7,852,457)</u> | <u>(3,889,291)</u> |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | (102,014,127) | (47,729,462) |
| Increase in pledged bank deposits | | (5,882,271) | (1,117,256) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 14,392 | 67,715 |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents acquired) | 26 | <u>-</u> | <u>(1,716,272)</u> |
| Net cash outflow from investing activities | | <u>(107,882,006)</u> | <u>(50,495,275)</u> |
| Net cash inflow before financing | | <u>9,303,795</u> | <u>69,057,849</u> |
| Financing | 27 | | |
| Proceeds from issue of shares upon the exercise of share options | | 11,123,200 | - |
| Repayment of bank loans | | (4,158,878) | - |
| New bank loans raised | | <u>3,738,318</u> | <u>2,289,719</u> |
| Net cash inflow from financing | | <u>10,702,640</u> | <u>2,289,719</u> |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | | 20,006,435 | 71,347,568 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | | <u>112,375,006</u> | <u>41,027,438</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year | 28 | <u><u>132,381,441</u></u> | <u><u>112,375,006</u></u> |