

Financial Summary

	Year ended 31st December,				
	1996 HK\$'000	1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
RESULTS					
Turnover	2,200,631	3,556,846	3,557,772	3,300,590	2,960,521
Profit from operations	490,741	768,473	1,267,751	1,016,380	1,164,655
Finance costs	(62,802)	(145,672)	(188,288)	(178,590)	(135,560)
Gain on disposal of interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities	—	725	—	105,765	17,348
Share of (losses) profits of jointly controlled entities	(423)	197,031	156,472	145,618	225,649
Share of profits of associates	234	28,740	35,811	40,638	42,475
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	427,750	849,297	1,271,746	1,129,811	1,314,567
Taxation	(46,489)	(82,301)	(67,991)	(43,259)	(80,300)
Profit before minority interests	381,261	766,996	1,203,755	1,086,552	1,234,267
Minority interests	(20,846)	(18,631)	(49,957)	(75,300)	(99,598)
Profit for the year	360,415	748,365	1,153,798	1,011,252	1,134,669
Earnings per share	HK\$0.75	HK\$0.94	HK\$1.37	HK\$1.14	HK\$1.27

	As at 31st December,				
	1996 HK\$'000	1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
Total assets	6,001,024	13,117,064	14,907,441	14,980,454	14,494,442
Total liabilities	(1,709,813)	(3,709,708)	(4,009,118)	(3,195,311)	(2,728,101)
Minority interests	(326,065)	(247,274)	(318,630)	(369,407)	(396,855)
Shareholders' funds	3,965,146	9,160,082	10,579,693	11,415,736	11,369,486
Shareholders' equity per share	HK\$5.69	HK\$10.94	HK\$12.00	HK\$12.88	HK\$12.66

Note: The results for the year ended 31st December, 1996 have been prepared on a pro forma combined basis as if the group structure at the time when the shares of the Company were listed on the Stock Exchange had been in existence throughout that year.