

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	<i>Note</i>	2000 <i>HK\$'000</i>	1999 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	21(a)	<u>41,918</u>	<u>54,687</u>
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		836	1,395
Interest paid		(5,365)	(2,486)
Dividends paid to shareholders		(58,480)	(57,700)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders in a subsidiary		<u>—</u>	<u>(21,000)</u>
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		<u>(63,009)</u>	<u>(79,791)</u>
Taxation			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(4,370)	(8,685)
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,444)	(3,085)
Disposal of fixed assets		806	294
Purchase of other investment		<u>—</u>	<u>(629)</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(638)</u>	<u>(3,420)</u>
Net cash outflow before financing carried forward		<u>(26,099)</u>	<u>(37,209)</u>

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Financing	21(b)		
Issue of ordinary shares		60,000	–
Share issue expenses		(8,422)	–
Net (decrease)/increase of trust receipt loans with maturity over three months from date of advance		<u>(1,621)</u>	<u>20,719</u>
Net cash inflow from financing		<u>49,957</u>	<u>20,719</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		23,858	(16,490)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January		<u>(22,078)</u>	<u>(5,588)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December		<u>1,780</u>	<u>(22,078)</u>
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents:			
Bank balances and cash		62,593	11,274
Trust receipt loans and term loans with maturity within three months from date of advance		<u>(60,813)</u>	<u>(33,352)</u>
		<u>1,780</u>	<u>(22,078)</u>