|  | Note | 2000 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | HK\$ | HK\$ |
| Net cash outflow from operating activities | 24 (a) | $(94,545,800)$ | $(35,543,692)$ |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance |  |  |  |
| Interest received |  | 5,378,710 | 3,702,123 |
| Dividend received from investment securities |  | 256,000 | - |
| Dividends paid |  | $(4,410,304)$ | $(3,840,084)$ |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from returns on investments and servicing of finance |  | 1,224,406 | $(137,961)$ |
| Taxation |  |  |  |
| Hong Kong profits tax (paid)/refunded |  | $(484,128)$ | 2,635 |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |
| Purchase of fixed assets |  | $(126,717)$ | $(82,283)$ |
| Purchase of investment securities |  | $(28,594,278)$ | $(22,661,405)$ |
| Purchase of associated companies |  | $(9,276,000)$ | - |
| Loan to an associated company |  | $(6,000,000)$ | - |
| Proceeds on sale of investment securities |  | 2,800,000 | - |
| Net proceeds on sale of other investments |  | 63,143,183 | 35,064,604 |
| Net cash inflow from investing securities |  | 21,946,188 | 12,320,916 |
| Net cash outflow before financing |  | $(71,859,334)$ | $(23,358,102)$ |


|  | Note |  | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | HK\$ | HK\$ |
| Financing | 24 (b) |  |  |
| Net proceeds from placing of ordinary shares |  | 12,896,000 | - |
| Share issue expenses |  | $(289,324)$ | - |
| Exercise of warrants |  | 24,337,970 | 10,455 |
| Convertible bonds issued |  | 49,900,000 | - |
| Net cash inflow from financing |  | 86,844,646 | 10,455 |
| Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |  | 14,985,312 | $(23,347,647)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January |  | 8,586,860 | 31,934,507 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 st December |  | 23,572,172 | 8,586,860 |
| Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents |  |  |  |
| Bank balances and cash |  | 23,572,172 | 8,586,860 |

