	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 <i>HK\$'000</i>
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25(a)	76,137	69,588
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		1,907	1,224
Interest paid		(62,622)	(55,164)
Dividend income from listed investments		135	_
Dividends paid		(11,399)	(17,124)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments			
and servicing of finance		(71,979)	(71,064)
TAXATION			
Hong Kong tax paid		(436)	(1,647)
Hong Kong tax refunded		1,056	1,497
PRC taxes paid		(13,295)	(7,231)
Net taxes paid		(12,675)	(7,381)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of interests in associates		(39,188)	(6,729)
Purchases of fixed assets		(2,090)	(2,079)
Purchase of listed investments		(1,616)	_
Increase in pledged time deposits		(3,823)	_
Additions to investment properties		(1,301)	(5,121)
Advances to associates		(24,952)	(1,527)
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries			
(net of cash and cash equivalents)	25(b)	3,500	_
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties		_	8,081
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		167	1,607
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(69,303)	(5,768)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(77,820)	(14,625)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONT'D)

Year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000	1999
	rvotes	HK\$'000	HK\$′000
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES	25(c)		
Issue of share capital		25,117	_
Share issue expenses		(60)	_
New bank borrowings		95,833	74,074
Repayment of bank borrowings		(69,578)	(26,899)
Advances from a director		7,596	5,125
Advances from associates		3,890	_
Net advance from/(repayment to) minority shareholders		(5,020)	960
Net cash inflow from financing activities		57,778	53,260
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT	S	(20,042)	38,635
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		72,986	34,351
cash and cash equivalents at segiming or year			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		52,944	72,986
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALE	ENTS		
Cash and bank balances		35,598	61,001
Time deposits		17,346	11,985
		52,944	72,986