

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Net cash (outflow) inflow from operating activities	24(a)	(845,131)	3,179
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Dividends received from associates		361	3,153
Interest received		12,585	5,415
Interest paid		(146)	(924)
Dividends paid		(6,866)	(13,837)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from returns on investments and servicing of finance		5,934	(6,193)
Taxation			
Hong Kong profits tax refunded (paid)		13	(13)
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(9)	–
Decrease (increase) in interest in associates		2	(25)
Advances to associates		(4,147)	(29,526)
Capital distribution received from an associate		–	1,575
Increase in long-term investments		(95,739)	(204,064)
Proceeds on disposals of long-term investments		354,000	295,842
Net cash inflow from investing activities		254,107	63,802
Net cash (outflow) inflow before financing		(585,077)	60,775
Financing			
Repurchases of shares	24(b)	(2,305)	(1,975)
Premium and brokerage expenses paid on share repurchases		(2,790)	(2,366)
New bank loans	24(b)	483,600	–
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing		478,505	(4,341)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(106,572)	56,434
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		156,671	100,237
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		50,099	156,671
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and bank balances		50,482	156,671
Secured bank overdraft		(383)	–
		50,099	156,671