CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 <i>HK</i> \$'000
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING			
ACTIVITIES	26(a)	(10,365)	(73,823)
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		1,911	5,267
Interest paid		(13,469)	(6,566)
Dividends paid		(14,304)	(24,226)
Net cash outflow from returns on			
investments and servicing of finance		(25,862)	(25,525)
TAX			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(200)	(7)
Overseas taxes paid		(969)	
Taxes paid		(1,169)	(7)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Increase in fixed term deposits		(2,829)	_
Purchases of fixed assets		(9,378)	(1,161)
Acquisition of a subsidiary	26(c)	(35,000)	
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(47,207)	(1,161)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE			
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(84,603)	(100,516)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Decrease in deposits pledged to a bank		_	80,000
New bank loans	26(b)	161,205	82,117
Repayments of bank loans	26(b)	(93,337)	(34,093)
Net cash inflow from financing activities		67,868	128,024

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(continued) Year ended 31 December 2000

	2000 HK\$'000	1999 <i>HK\$</i> '000
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(16,735)	27,508
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	22,346	(5,299)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	51	137
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	5,662	22,346
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and bank balances Fixed term deposits with maturities within three months	5,662	19,557 2,789
	5,662	22,346