For the year ended December 31, 2000 (Amounts expressed in Hong Kong dollars)



Note	2000 <i>HK\$'000</i>	1999 HK\$'000 (Note 32)
Net cash outflow from operating activities 25(a)	(194,496)	(8,331)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	661	1,942
Interest paid	(1,280)	(1,103)
Net cash (outflow) inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(619)	839
Taxation		
Hong Kong profits tax (paid) refunded	(64)	1,049
Overseas tax refunded	<u> </u>	1,427
Net cash (outflow) inflow from taxation	(64)	2,476
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Investing activities		(1 ( ( 0 )
Net cash outflow from acquisitions of subsidiaries	-	(1,448)
Net cash inflow from disposal of a subsidiary 25(d)	199,906	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment Advances to associates	(11,555) (67,268)	(4,566)
Investment in a joint venture	(6,956)	_
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	(0,750)	267
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	_	99
Not each inflow (outflow) from investing activities	11/ 127	(5 6 4 9)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	114,127	(5,648)
Net cash outflow before financing	(81,052)	(10,664)
Financing 25(b)		
Proceeds from issues of share capital	_	87,719
Redemption of debentures	_	(80,000)
Proceeds from issuance of convertible loan notes	38,978	-
Increase in restricted cash	(4,000)	-
Payment of finance lease liabilities	(4,520)	(572)
Proceeds from secured bank loans	—	3,408
Repayment of secured bank loans	(943)	(191)
Proceeds from secured short term loans	2,276	-
(Repayment of) Proceeds from other unsecured loans	(3,102)	6,764
Repayment of loan from minority shareholders	-	(6,744)
Net cash inflow from financing	28,689	10,384



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Note	2000 <i>HK\$'000</i>	1999 HK\$'000 (Note 32)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(52,363)	(280)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b> Effect of change in exchange rates	51,894 233	52,174
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	(236)	51,894
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances Bank overdrafts	2,249	52,393
– secured – unsecured	(2,475) (10)	(499)
	(236)	51,894