

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	33(a)	3,641	110,304
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		70,339	46,409
Interest paid		(5,434)	(2,956)
Interest element of hire purchase contracts		(26)	(34)
Dividend income from listed investments		1,484	570
Dividends paid		(21,133)	(12,734)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders		(4,952)	—
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		40,278	31,255
TAX			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(5,464)	(3,983)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of fixed assets		(17,936)	(5,065)
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets		230	5
Deposit paid for the purchase of a property		—	(195,686)
Purchases of unlisted investments		(620)	(5,150)
Purchases of other investments		(841,422)	(42,936)
Proceeds from sale of other investments		630,565	13,983
Purchase of associates		(600,600)	—
Advances of loans to an associate		(121)	—
Investment in a jointly-controlled entity		(9,867)	—
Increase in pledged time deposits		(472)	(344)
Purchases of subsidiaries	33(b)	—	47,285
Disposal of a subsidiary	33(c)	(1,508)	—
Granting of loans		(1,108,753)	(217,867)
Repayment of loans granted		954,254	281,854
Purchase of convertible debenture		—	(11,700)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(996,250)	(135,621)
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(957,795)	1,955

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES	33(d)		
Proceeds from issue of shares		670,188	—
Share issue expenses		(14,073)	—
Proceeds from placement of warrants		—	25,450
Warrant issue expenses		—	(784)
Proceeds from issue of convertible notes		219,700	—
Proceeds from issue of shares by a subsidiary to minority shareholders		15,207	—
Capital element of hire purchase contracts		(73)	(154)
Net cash inflow from financing activities		890,949	24,512
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(66,846)	26,467
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		715,644	689,177
Effect on foreign exchange rate changes, net		(134)	—
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		648,664	715,644
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances		247,749	111,901
Time deposits		400,915	603,743
		648,664	715,644