

For The Year Ended 31 December 2000 (Amounts expressed in thousands of Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2000	1999
Net cash (outflow) inflow from operating activities	31(a)	(70,536)	2,300
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interests received		3,487	6,752
Interests paid		(3,186)	(2,988)
Dividends received		158	191
		459	3,955
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets and other assets		(5,575)	(4,868)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		3,320	_
Increase in construction-in-progress		(4,521)	(721)
Increase in prepayments for fixed assets		(2,133)	(7,433)
Increase in investments in securities		(9,281)	(2,788)
Sale of securities		_	118
Increase in investments in associates			
and subsidiaries		(10,330)	_
Increase in pledged bank deposits		(12,500)	
		(41,020)	(15,692)
Net cash outflow before financing activities		(111,097)	(9,437)
Financing activities			
New short-term bank loans		43,372	
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Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(67,725)	(9,437)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		88,902	97,625
Effect of foreign exchange differences		1,089	714
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	31(b)	22,266	88,902