

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(For the year ended 31st December, 2000)

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2000</b>	1999
		<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
<b>Net cash inflow from</b>			
<b>operating activities</b>	22.a	<b>77,814</b>	150,893
<b>Returns on investments and</b>			
<b>servicing of finance</b>			
Interest received		<b>11,081</b>	6,340
Interest paid		<b>(14,239)</b>	(10,801)
Dividends paid		<b>(42,805)</b>	(11,783)
<b>Net cash outflow from returns on</b>			
<b>investments and servicing of finance</b>			
		<b>(45,963)</b>	(16,244)
<b>Taxation</b>			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		<b>(9,974)</b>	(59)
Overseas tax paid		<b>(4,999)</b>	(364)
		<b>(14,973)</b>	(423)
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets		<b>(5,199)</b>	(3,652)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		<b>22</b>	3
Payment for intangible assets		<b>(23,945)</b>	(15,355)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	22.b	<b>—</b>	(3,310)
Deposit for an information technology project		<b>(42,045)</b>	—
Bank deposits with maturity over three months, net		<b>(22)</b>	(24)
<b>Net cash outflow from</b>			
<b>investing activities</b>			
		<b>(71,189)</b>	(22,338)
<b>Net cash (outflow) inflow</b>			
<b>before financing activities</b>			
		<b>(54,311)</b>	111,888

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<b>Financing activities</b>	<i>22.c</i>		
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares, net of expenses		<b>262</b>	93
New short-term bank loans		<b>35,843</b>	10,013
Repayment of short-term bank loans		<b>(5,791)</b>	(10,537)
Repayment of long-term bank loans		<b>(255)</b>	(137)
Contribution to fixed asset fund		<b>5</b>	14
Repayment of capital element of finance lease obligations		<b>(167)</b>	(28)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>29,897</b>	(582)
<b>(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(24,414)</b>	111,306
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>		<b>95,989</b>	(16,144)
Effect of foreign exchange adjustments		<b>(1,073)</b>	827
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<i>22.d</i>	<b>70,502</b>	95,989