

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the six months ended 28th February, 2001 are as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the six months ended 28th February, 2001

	NOTES	Six months ended 28th February, 2001 (unaudited) HK\$'000	Six months ended 29th February, 2000 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Turnover	2	2,090,167	1,766,155
Cost of sales		(1,576,772)	(1,296,874)
		<u>513,395</u>	<u>469,281</u>
Other revenue		39,277	73,284
Distribution costs		(124,741)	(112,730)
Administrative expenses		(231,563)	(223,319)
Other operating expenses		(2,938)	(1,327)
		<u>193,430</u>	<u>205,189</u>
Profit from operations		193,430	205,189
Finance costs	3	(59,211)	(74,861)
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		478	546
		<u>134,697</u>	<u>130,874</u>
Profit before taxation		134,697	130,874
Taxation	5	(14,438)	(7,400)
		<u>120,259</u>	<u>123,474</u>
Profit before minority interests		120,259	123,474
Minority interests		(17,733)	(22,174)
		<u>102,526</u>	<u>101,300</u>
Profit for the period		102,526	101,300
Dividends	6	(34,681)	(27,008)
		<u>67,845</u>	<u>74,292</u>
Profit for the period, retained		67,845	74,292
Earnings per share	7		
Basic		<u>13.29 cents</u>	<u>13.13 cents</u>
Diluted		<u>13.28 cents</u>	<u>N/A</u>



Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

At 28th February, 2001

	NOTES	28th February, 2001 (unaudited) HK\$'000	31st August, 2000 (audited) HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		125,860	125,860
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,753,877	1,798,669
Interests in jointly controlled entities		46,914	46,833
		<u>1,926,651</u>	<u>1,971,362</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	9	1,075,948	1,056,557
Trade and other receivables	10	1,181,829	1,335,167
Taxation recoverable		18,476	2,972
Pledged bank deposits		—	22,000
Short-term bank deposits		83,416	5,772
Bank balances and cash		156,267	177,046
		<u>2,515,936</u>	<u>2,599,514</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	317,030	329,736
Proposed dividend		34,700	27,008
Taxation payable		39,236	49,548
Bank borrowings - due within one year		809,481	877,060
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts - due within one year		34,920	23,227
		<u>1,235,367</u>	<u>1,306,579</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,280,569</u>	<u>1,292,935</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,207,220</u>	<u>3,264,297</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Bank borrowings - due after one year		738,268	850,960
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts - due after one year		28,070	17,221
Deferred taxation		31,405	31,405
		<u>797,743</u>	<u>899,586</u>
Minority interests		<u>159,393</u>	<u>170,667</u>
Net assets		<u>2,250,084</u>	<u>2,194,044</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	154,224	154,332
Reserves		2,095,860	2,039,712
Shareholders' funds		<u>2,250,084</u>	<u>2,194,044</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses*For the six months ended 28th February, 2001*

	Six months ended 28th February, 2001 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Profit for the period	102,526
Exchange differences arising from translation of financial statements denominated in foreign currencies not recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement	(11,491)
Net recognised gains	<u>91,035</u>

Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement*For the six months ended 28th February, 2001*

	Six months ended 28th February, 2001 (unaudited) HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	401,174
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(97,304)
Net taxation paid	(40,216)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(5,161)
Net cash inflow before financing	258,493
Net cash outflow from financing	(83,705)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	174,788
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	(285,420)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(3,409)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	<u>(114,041)</u>
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents	
Short-term bank deposits	83,416
Bank balances and cash	156,267
Bank borrowings	(353,724)
	<u>(114,041)</u>