

Chairman's Statement 主席報告

In the year under review, Hong Kong economy was recovering and mainland China enjoyed steady economic growth. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) achieved better results in infrastructure, property investments as well as timber business. However, mainly due to the huge loss and prudent provisions from an associate, Hong Kong Construction (Holdings) Limited, the Group recorded a consolidated loss of HKD947 million.

In the past year the Group made every effort to restructure the current portfolio of business, improve operations management and create good business models; these efforts will continue. Hopefully continuing efforts of the Board and all employees will establish a strong and healthy ground for the Group's future development. In the meantime, we are watching worldwide economic changes and China's imminent entry into World Trade Organization. The Chinese government has placed environmental protection issues at the forefront of their five-year plan, set out an impressive environmental strategy for the next ten years and allocated massive budgets for environmental projects. Riding on global trend and domestic development, green and environment business, which deals with sustainable use of natural resources and environmental protection, prospers in China.



回顧去年，香港經濟逐步復甦，中國大陸經濟穩步增長。本公司及其附屬公司（統稱「本集團」）在基建、物業投資並在木材業務經營上取得了進步。儘管如此，源自本集團的一家聯營公司即香港建設（控股）有限公司的嚴重虧損以及審慎性的撥備準備，使本集團綜合經營成果最終出現港幣9.47億元的虧損。

但是，應該看到在過去的一年裏，本集團在調整資產架構、加強經營管理和建塑良好的業務模式上做了諸多努力，這些努力仍在繼續。我們希望董事局及全體員工的努力會給本集團未來的發展奠定扎實、穩固、健康的基礎。與此同時，我們也著眼於世界經濟的變化和中國加入世貿的商機。中國政府將環境保護列為五年計劃中的優先事項，部署了令人印象深刻的十年環境保護規劃並準備對此作出巨大的投資。在國內外有利形勢下，專注於自然資源可持續利用以及環境保護建設的綠色環保產業在中國大陸將得以蓬勃發展。

With a leading position in the timber industry and abundant experience in infrastructure investments, the Group is poised to move into the related business of sustainable use of natural resources, green and environment business, and related infrastructure. The Group is well positioned to capture and capitalize on recent exciting and challenging development in green and environment business. With clear strategy and sound management, the Group will gradually build a portfolio of core business and strive to develop into a successful conglomerate with world class competency in green and environment business.

Hereby I would like to express my gratitude for the support of all investors, members of the Board, members of the management and all staff of the Group. I believe that, with our continuing efforts, the Group will grow and prosper in the future.

Wang Mingquan

Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 May 2001

本集團在木材行業具備相當領先優勢，並在基建投資方面具有豐富的經驗，因而將充滿自信地進入相關的自然資源可持續利用和綠色環保產業以及相關基礎建設領域。本集團對把握和利用綠色環保產業的發展機會已作出了良好的定位。在具有明確的發展戰略和良好的管理團隊基礎上，本集團將逐步突出核心業務，致力發展成為一家在綠色環保產業領域具有競爭力的產業集團。

本人謹此向投資者、董事會成員、本集團管理層及所有員工表示感謝。本人相信，通過我們的持續努力，未來的本集團將持續發展、蓬勃興旺。

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主席

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