

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2001

	<i>Notes</i>	2001	2000
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	23(a)	(15,461)	322,836
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		33,238	35,550
Interest paid		(107)	(1,633)
Dividends paid		(90,720)	(89,280)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(57,589)	(55,363)
Taxation			
Profits tax (paid)/refunded		(15,487)	778
Investing activities			
Investments in associates		(100)	(2,400)
Net advances to associates		(183)	(9)
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		(1,728)	(1,848)
Receipts from disposal of property, plant and equipment		90	2
Payment of stamp duty and statutory deposits		—	(100)
Payments to acquire investments in held-to-maturity debt securities		—	(5,813)
Receipts from maturity of investments in held-to-maturity debt securities		10,002	—
Payments to acquire investment securities		(7,030)	—
Receipts from disposal of investment securities		41,463	—
Payments to acquire trading securities		(8,331)	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		34,183	(10,168)

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	Notes	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing		(54,354)	258,083
Financing activities			
Short term advances from ultimate holding company	23(b)	15,181	6,545
Repayments of short term advances to ultimate holding company	23(b)	(16,495)	(126,074)
Short term advances from a fellow subsidiary	23(b)	39	33
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(1,275)	(119,496)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		(55,629)	138,587
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2000		660,190	521,603
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2001		604,561	660,190
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at banks and in hand	16	299,475	376,940
Short term deposits placed with banks		305,506	283,250
Bank overdrafts		(420)	—
		604,561	660,190