(Amount expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

|  | Note | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ \text { HK }{ }^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1999 \\ H K \$, 000 \end{array}$ |
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|  |  |  | (Note 35) |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 34(a) | 172,659 | 88,843 |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance |  |  |  |
| Interest received |  | 6,448 | 10,191 |
| Interest paid |  | $(62,927)$ | $(73,915)$ |
| Dividends received from associates |  | 4,943 | - |
| Dividends received from unlisted investments |  | 1,713 | - |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders |  | $(2,990)$ | $(2,753)$ |
| Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance |  | (52,8 I 3) | $(66,477)$ |
| Taxation |  |  |  |
| Hong Kong profits tax refunded |  | 791 | - |
| PRC tax paid |  | $(6,377)$ | $(1,864)$ |
| Tax paid |  | $(5,586)$ | $(1,864)$ |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |
| Purchase of fixed assets |  | $(13,696)$ | $(3,271)$ |
| Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets |  | 4,763 | 7,212 |
| Payment for additions of construction in progress |  | $(31,437)$ | $(27,549)$ |
| Purchase of investment in securities |  | - | (299) |
| Proceeds on sale of investment in securities |  | 767 | 1,209 |
| Net cash outflow from investing activities |  | $(39,603)$ | $(22,698)$ |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) before financing activities |  | 74,657 | $(2,196)$ |


|  |  | 2000 | 1999 |
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|  | Note | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|  |  |  | (Note 35) |
|  | 34(b) |  |  |
| (Decrease) increase in amounts due to related companies |  | $(12,102)$ | 33,895 |
| Proceeds from new short-term bank loans |  | 53,272 | 156,387 |
| Repayment of short-term bank loans |  | $(104,043)$ | $(301,345)$ |
| Proceeds from new long-term bank loans |  | 2,826 | 34,735 |
| Repayment of long-term bank loans |  | - | $(1,446)$ |
| Issue of ordinary share capital |  | - | 69,238 |
| Expenses incurred in connection with the increase in authorised share capital |  | (34) | - |
| Net cash outflow from financing |  | $(60,081)$ | $(8,536)$ |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |  |  |  |
|  |  | 14,576 | $(10,732)$ |
| Effect of foreign exchange adjustments |  | 47 | 45 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year |  | 47,576 | 58,263 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year |  | 62,199 | 47,576 |

