

Consolidated Balance Sheet

at 31st March, 2001 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	NOTE	2001		2000	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current assets					
Fixed assets	10		904,107		823,308
Interest in associates	12		14,860		14,539
Long-term loans	13		6,101		2,524
			925,068		840,371
Current assets					
Inventories	14	224,085		230,645	
Trade and other receivables	15	316,667		273,061	
Bank deposits maturing in more than three months		72,769		178,276	
Cash and cash equivalents	17	326,922		177,709	
			940,443	859,691	
Current liabilities					
Current portion of bank loans and overdrafts	18	185,377		99,312	
Trade and other payables	19	335,905		344,486	
Taxation	6(b)	21,004		4,817	
Proposed final dividend	23(e)	49,701		43,520	
			591,987	492,135	
Net current assets			348,456		367,556
Total assets less current liabilities carried forward			1,273,524		1,207,927

Consolidated Balance Sheet (continued)

at 31st March, 2001 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	NOTE	2001		2000	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total assets less current liabilities brought forward			1,273,524		1,207,927
Non-current liabilities					
Interest-bearing borrowings	20		55,531		53,133
Provision for retirement gratuities and long service payments	27		37,956		—
Deferred taxation	21		10,697		11,067
			104,184		64,200
Minority interests			41,166		26,221
NET ASSETS			1,128,174		1,117,506
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share capital	22		243,631		162,449
Reserves	23		884,543		955,057
			1,128,174		1,117,506

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12th July, 2001

Winston Yau-lai LO
Director

John Shek-hung LAU
Director

The notes on pages 39 to 70 form part of these accounts.