

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st March 2001

	Note	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Turnover	2	1,218,340	1,152,593
Cost of sales		<u>(845,992)</u>	<u>(794,802)</u>
Gross profit		372,348	357,791
Other income		75,846	113,616
Selling and distribution expenses		(198,018)	(174,321)
Administrative expenses		(129,222)	(115,057)
Other operating expenses		<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>(79,586)</u>
Operating profit	3	114,659	102,443
Finance costs	4	(14,711)	(15,198)
Share of losses of associated companies		<u>(5)</u>	<u>—</u>
Profit before taxation		99,943	87,245
Taxation	5	<u>(8,483)</u>	<u>(3,612)</u>
Profit after taxation		91,460	83,633
Minority interests		<u>1,995</u>	<u>8</u>
Profit attributable to shareholders	6	93,455	83,641
Dividends	7	<u>(54,925)</u>	<u>(11,762)</u>
Profit for the year retained		<u><u>38,530</u></u>	<u><u>71,879</u></u>
Earnings per share	8	<u><u>24 cents</u></u>	<u><u>21 cents</u></u>