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BUSINESS REVIEW

業務回顧

As compared to last year, the Group's turnover dropped by 25% (HK\$55,580,000) and the Group's net profit fell by 141% (HK\$34,220,000) mainly due to the weak exchange rate of EURO against HK\$ during the current year.

本年度內疲弱之歐元兌港元匯率為本集團比對去年度之營業額減少25%（港幣55,580,000元）及純利下跌141%（港幣34,220,000元）之主要原因。

The exchange rate of EURO against HK\$ had depreciated by an average of approximately 11% during the current year, let alone some periods of the current year. Since the Group had temporarily turned down part of the unprofitable EURO's sales orders during the current year when the exchange rate of EURO against HK\$ was extremely weak, the percentage of the Group's turnover coming from the EURO's sales orders had significantly decreased from 74% in last year to only 24% in current year. The Group could only mitigate but not immune from the unrealised exchange loss on net current assets denominated in EURO at current year end with currency hedging tools because the exchange rate of EURO against HK\$ had depreciated continuously throughout the current year.

歐元兌港元之匯率於本年度內比對去年度平均貶值約11%，更遑論其於本年度內某些時段更大之跌幅。蓋因本集團於本年度內當歐元兌港元之匯率極疲弱時暫時拒絕接受部份以歐元為結算單位但無利可圖之訂單，故此本集團之營業額源自歐元訂單之百分比由去年度之74%銳減至本年度之24%。由於歐元兌港元之匯率於本年度內持續地貶值，因此本集團即使採用貨幣對沖工具亦只能盡量減低但不能完全避免本年度末以歐元為結算單位之淨流動資產帶來未變現之匯兌損失。

In order to broaden the Group's business portfolio, the Group had paid about HK\$18 million during the current year for the acquisition of a 15% interests in a U.S. company pioneering in the invention and development of voice interactive vehicle navigation systems. The U.S. company has scheduled to launch its products to the market during the second half of the year 2001.

為著拓寬商業組合，本集團於本年度內支付約港幣18,000,000元以取得一間始創發明及發展語音互動汽車導航系統之美國公司15%之權益。該美國公司已計劃於二零零一年下半年內將其產品推出市場。

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The Group's liquid ratio at the current year end and the last year end was 1.57 times and 2.03 times respectively. The Group's gearing ratio (i.e. the ratio between the aggregate of the current liabilities and non-current liabilities to shareholders' fund) at the current year end and the last year end was 0.40 times and 0.42 times respectively. The medium-term loan of approximately HK\$14 million borrowed during the current year was secured on certain machinery of the Group, denominated in HK\$ and repayable over a period of 3 years during which a floating interest rate based on HIBOR (Hong Kong Inter-Bank Offer Rate) plus a spread would apply. As at the current year end, the net current assets denominated in EURO amounted to about EURO 5.8 million (or HK\$40 million equivalent) out of which 78% had been hedged by currency options contracts at a more favourable exchange rate than that of the current year end.

本集團於本年度末及去年度末之速動比率分別為1.57倍及2.03倍。本集團於本年度末及去年度末之負債與資本比率（即是流動負債加上非流動負債之總數與股東權益之比率）分別為0.40倍及0.42倍。本年度內借取約港幣14,000,000元之中期貸款以本集團部份機器作抵押、以港幣為結算單位並需於三年內償還，期間之浮動息率為根據香港銀行同業拆息加某一固定息差計算。於本年度末，以歐元為結算單位之淨流動資產總數約值歐元5,800,000元（或相當於港幣40,000,000元），其中78%已採用當中包含比對本年度末更有利之匯率之貨幣期權合約作外匯對沖。

OUTLOOK

The Group is setting up a new and larger PCB plant adjacent to its existing PCB plant in Huizhou of the P.R.C. for the manufacture of more delicate PCB. As at the current year end, the Group's relevant capital expenditure commitments contracted but not provided for was approximately HK\$70 million out of which leasing facilities amounting to approximately HK\$50 million have been obtained and partly drawn down up to the date of this report. The new PCB plant is scheduled to commence production during the third quarter of the year 2001 when the Group should evolve to the next hierarchy of PCB factory with upgraded capability and higher margin.

The recovery of the world economy was slower than expected and the worldwide demand for PCB was sluggish during the second quarter of the year 2001. However, the Group expects its ability to conduct local sales in the P.R.C. and its strategic relationship with its trading partners could help to fuel its growth in the months ahead.

展望

本集團現正在現時位於中國惠州市之綫路板廠房毗隣成立一幢更大之新廠房生產更精密之綫路板。於本年度末，本集團已簽訂合約但未撥備之資本支出承諾約港幣70,000,000元，其中約港幣50,000,000元於本報告日期前已獲得租賃融資並已部份提取。新廠房預期於二零零一年第三季內開始投產，屆時本集團在蛻變至更高檔次之綫路板生產商後將具備更強之生產能力及更高之盈利能力。

於二零零一年第二季內，世界經濟之復甦比預期緩慢，而全球對綫路板之需求表現呆滯。然而本集團期望藉著本身在中國之內銷能力及與貿易夥伴之策略關係下可為未來加添增長之動力。

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