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## **CLOSURE OF REGISTERS OF MEMBERS**

The registers of members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 22 August 2001 to Friday, 24 August 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Abacus Share Registrars Limited of 2401 Prince's Building, Central, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 21 August 2001. The dividend warrants and certificates for the new shares to be issued pursuant to the scrip dividend scheme will be distributed on or about Tuesday, 9 October 2001.