

## **DIVIDENDS AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The board of directors has resolved to pay an interim dividend of 2.5 cents (2000: 3.0 cents) per share and a special dividend of 2.5 cents (2000: Nil) per share. The interim and special dividends will be paid on or about November 13, 2001 to those shareholders on the register of members on November 8, 2001. The register of members of the Company will be closed from November 5, 2001 to November 8, 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend/special dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited, at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2001.