

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of the Group for the first six months ended 30th June, 2001. The Group's audit committee and the Group's auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, have reviewed the interim results.

Consolidated profit attributed to shareholders amounted to HK\$8.9 million for the six months ended 30th June, 2001. This represented a decrease of 59.4% as compared with the corresponding period of 2000. Earning per share fell by 2.9 cents to 2 cents. Profit decline was the result of sales reduction suffered from global economic slowdown and net loss of HK\$11.3 million which was due to the decline in values of marketable securities investment as at 30th June, 2001. The Board of Directors have resolved to declare an interim dividend of 1.0 cent per share (2000: 2.0 cents per share) to shareholders.