

INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of HK10 cents (2000: HK10 cents) per share for the six months ended 30 June 2001 to be paid to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company at the close of business on 28 September 2001. Dividend warrants will be despatched to shareholders on 8 October 2001.

The Register of Members of the company will be closed from 25 September to 28 September 2001 (both days inclusive), during which no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to be qualified for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates shall be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Abacus Share Registrars Limited, at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong by 4:00 p.m. on 24 September 2001.