

INTERIM RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The Board is pleased to announce that the unaudited consolidated net profit of the Group after taxation for the six months ended 30 June 2001 amounted to HK\$258.2 million, representing an increase of 132% over the same period last year. Earnings per share was 72.5 cents as compared with 31.1 cents over the corresponding period of 2000.

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of 8 cents (2000: 8 cents) per share in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2001. The interim dividend will be paid on or about Wednesday, 17 October 2001 to shareholders on the register of members at the close of business on Wednesday, 10 October 2001.