

OTHER INFORMATION

Closure of Register of Members

The register of members will be closed from Monday, 8 October 2001 to Wednesday, 10 October 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Standard Registrars Limited at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 5 October 2001.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Securities

There has been no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the period under review.

Code of Best Practice

None of the Directors of the Company is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months period ended 30 June 2001, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in the Listing Rules, save that the independent non-executive directors were not appointed for specific terms and are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has met in September 2001 to review the systems of internal control and its compliance and the interim report for the period ended 30 June 2001.

Employees

As at 30 June 2001, the number of employees of the Group was about 450. The remuneration packages to employees were commensurable to the market trend and level of pay in the industry. Discretionary year-end bonus was paid to employees based on individual performance. Other benefits to employees include medical insurance, retirement scheme, training programmes and educational subsidies.

On behalf of the Board
Colin Lam Ko Yin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 14 September 2001