

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the Period end date, the Group has repurchased and cancelled certain convertible of an aggregate principal amount of US\$15.3 million at a total consideration of approximately US\$19.8 million. Total amount of convertible bonds outstanding is US\$40.2 million.

Subsequent to the Period end date, the Group has increased its interest in EGP Development from 58.5% to 87.9% by acquiring further equity interest from a connected person and an independent third party. Total consideration was approximately HK\$230.0 million and has been paid in cash. The acquisition was approved by independent shareholder of the Company on 27th July 2001.

On 29th June 2001, the Group has entered into a conditional agreement with China Nonferrous Metals Group (Hong Kong) Limited (“China Nonferrous” and the “Nonferrous Agreement”) and another conditional agreement, on 30th June 2001, with China Minmetals H.K. (Holdings) Limited (“China Minmetal” and the “Minmetal Agreement”) in relation to the purchase and sales of 500,000,000 shares H shares of JCC (the “JCC Shares”) of which the Group has 50% indirect interest in the JCC Shares. If the Nonferrous Agreement were to be completed, the Group will acquire from China Nonferrous the other 50% interest of the JCC Shares and will own the entire interest in the JCC Shares. The consideration payable is approximately HK\$93.7 million and will be satisfied by setting off against HK\$93.7 million due from China Nonferrous. If the Minmetal Agreement were to be completed, the Group will sell to China Minmetals 50% of its interest in the JCC Shares at a total consideration of HK\$325.0 million payable by installments plus interest charged on each installment. Pursuant to the agreements, the Group will become solely responsible for the repayment of principal and interest of a bank loan in the amount of HK\$297,000,000 originally obtained to finance the investment in the JCC Shares.

By order of the Board

GAO Jian Min

Managing Director

Hong Kong, 24th September 2001