

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Details of repurchases of shares made by the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited during the six-months period ended 30th September, 2001 are as follows:

Date	Number of shares repurchased	Highest price paid per share \$	Lowest price paid per share \$	Aggregate price paid \$'000
21st April, 2001	50,000	1.30	1.30	66
23rd April, 2001	62,000	1.30	1.28	81
24th April, 2001	28,000	1.30	1.30	37
17th May, 2001	61,000	1.34	1.34	82
15th June, 2001	9,000	1.38	1.38	13
27th June, 2001	50,000	1.42	1.42	71
28th June, 2001	146,000	1.46	1.45	213
	<u>406,000</u>			<u>563</u>

The above repurchased shares were cancelled and accordingly the issued share capital of the Company was reduced by the nominal value of these shares. An amount of \$360,000 representing the premium on the aforesaid repurchases was charged against retained profits. The repurchases were made because the directors were in the opinion that the repurchases would enhance the earnings per share of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during this six-months period ended 30th September, 2001 was there any purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries of the Company's shares.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

The Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice, as set out by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the period, except that the non-executive directors of the company were not appointed for a specific term but are subject to rotation in Annual General Meeting pursuant to Articles 95 and 104 of the Company's Articles of Association.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

To comply with the revised Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Company set up an audit committee (the "Committee") with written terms of reference, for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision of the financial reporting process and internal control of the Group. The Committee comprises two independent non-executive directors.

INTERIM REPORT

The 2001 interim report containing all the information required by the Listing Rule of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will be published on the Exchange's website.

By Order of the Board
Chan Sui Kau
Chairman

Hong Kong, 17th December, 2001