

DISCLOSURE UNDER PRACTICE NOTE 19 TO THE LISTING RULES (“PN19”)

As at 30th September, 2001, the aggregate value of financial assistance given to the Company’s affiliated companies by the Group amounted to approximately HK\$422.7 million which represented approximately 25.4% of the Group’s net asset value of approximately HK\$1,663.2 million as at 30th September, 2001.

The proforma combined balance sheet of the affiliated companies and the Group’s attributable interest in these affiliated companies as at 30th September, 2001 are presented below pursuant to paragraph 3.10 of PN19:

	Proforma combined balance sheet <i>HK\$’000</i>	Group’s attributable interest <i>HK\$’000</i>
Non-current assets	5,257,733	1,819,314
Current assets	5,828,410	1,958,579
Current liabilities	(4,685,931)	(1,589,723)
Non-current liabilities	(1,167,771)	(424,130)
	<u>5,232,441</u>	<u>1,764,040</u>

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY’S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30th September, 2001, there were no purchases, sales or redemptions by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of the Company’s listed securities.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the directors is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended 30th September, 2001, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, except that the independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company’s Bye-laws.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, financial reporting process and internal control matters including a review of the unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 30th September, 2001.

The interim financial report of the Company for the six months ended 30th September, 2001 has been reviewed by the auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in accordance with the Statement of Auditing Standards 700 “Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports” issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and an unqualified review report is issued.

By Order of the Board
Chan Kwok Keung, Charles
Chairman

Hong Kong, 17th December, 2001