

Oriental Watch Holdings Limited (Incorporated in Bermuch with knited liability)

INTERIM REPORT 2001

INTERIM RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Oriental Watch Holdings Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2001 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2000 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT For the six months ended 30 September 2001

		Six months ended	
		30 September	30 September
		2001	2000
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Turnover		846,757	744,374
Costs of sales		(764,442)	(647,680)
Gross profit		82,315	96,694
Other revenue		8,694	7,179
Distribution costs		(14,806)	(13,336)
Administrative expenses		(28,692)	(36,502)
Profit from operations		47,511	54,035
Finance costs	4	(499)	(476)
Profit before taxation	5	47,012	53,559
Taxation	6	(8,178)	(9,940)
Profit before minority interests		38,834	43,619
Minority interests		1,226	1,413
Profit for the period attributable			
to shareholders		40,060	45,032
Dividend	7	6,881	8,270
Earnings per share	8		
— Basic		14.55 cents	16.28 cents
— Diluted		14.28 cents	16.20 cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET *At 30 September 2001*

	Notes	30 September 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited and restated)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Non-current assets Investment properties Other properties, plant and equipmen Investments in securities	9 nt 10	37,600 80,660 13,873 132,133	46,550 81,556 4,991 133,097
Current assets Inventories Debtor, deposits and prepayments Investments in securities Taxation recoverable Pledged bank deposits Other bank balances and cash	11 10	385,959 29,809 930 2,463 14,052 50,492 483,705	354,140 8,694 5,102 1,850
Current liabilities Creditors and accrued charges Taxation payable Obligations under a finance lease — amount due within one year Short-term bank loans (secured) Mortgage loan — amount due within one year Bank overdrafts	12	57,542 11,150 76 12,453 563 81,784	28,303 3,021 76 1,287 3,953 36,640
Net current assets		401,921	388,858
Total assets less current liabilities		534,054	521,955

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Cont'd) At 30 September 2001

	Notes	30 September 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited and restated)
Non-current liabilities Obligations under a finance lease			
— amount due after one year		32	63
Mortgage loan — amount due after one year		—	6,968
Amount due to a minority shareholder of subsidiaries		12,000	15,200
Deferred taxation		349	370
		12,381	22,601
Minority interests		(5,061)	(3,835)
		7,320	18,766
Net assets		526,734	503,189
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	13	27,525	27,525
Reserves	14	499,209	475,664
Shareholders' funds		526,734	503,189

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

For the six months ended 30 September 2001

	Note	Six mor 30 September 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2000 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Net profit for the period and total recognised gains for the period		40,060	45,032
Prior period adjustments arising as a result of changes in accounting policies:	2		
 derecognition of liability in respect of final dividend restatement of goodwill 			16,606
as an asset			(151)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 September 2001

	Six months ended 30 September 30 September	
	2001 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2000 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25,117	59,330
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Dividend paid Interest and finance lease charges paid Interest received	(16,515) (499) 1,196	
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	(15,818)	1,815
TAXATION Hong Kong Profits Tax paid Taxation paid outside Hong Kong	(613) (70)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM TAXATION	(683)	(1,096)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Pledge of bank deposits Purchase of investments in securities	(14,052) (8,907)	
Purchase of other properties, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of an investment	(1,304)	(531)
property Proceeds from disposal of investments in securities Purchase of an investment property	8,950 3,900	1,211 (16,216)
Proceeds from disposal of other properties, plant and equipment		60
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(11,413)	(15,476)
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING	(2,797)	44,573

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd) For the six months ended 30 September 2001

	Six months ended	
	30 September	-
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
FINANCING		
Bank loans raised	12,453	
Repayment of mortgage loan	(8,255)	(542)
Repayment of advances to a minority		
shareholder	(3,200)	(4,000)
Repayment of obligation under		
a finance lease	(31)	(32)
Consideration paid for repurchase of		
own shares	—	(915)
NET CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW)		
FROM FINANCING	967	(5,489)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH		
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,830)	39,084
AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,030)	39,084
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT		
THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	51,759	72,348
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT		
THE END OF THE PERIOD	49,929	111,432

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2001

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2. Principal accounting policies

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of investment properties and investments in securities. The accounting policies adopted by the Group in the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those set out in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001 except as described below.

The Group has adopted a number of new and revised SSAPs for the first time in the current period. These SSAPs have impacted on the condensed financial statements as follows:

Dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date

SSAP 9 (Revised) "Events after the balance sheet date" ("SSAP 9 (Revised)") specifies that dividends declared after the balance sheet date should be disclosed as a separate component of equity. In prior periods, dividends declared after the balance sheet date were recognised as liabilities in the balance sheet.

SSAP 9 (Revised) has been applied retrospectively, resulting in an increase in shareholders' equity of HK\$16,606,000 at 1 April 2000 and HK\$16,515,000 at 1 April 2001.

Goodwill

The Group has adopted SSAP 30 "Business combinations" ("SSAP 30") and has elected to restate the goodwill amount which was previously charged to reserves. Accordingly, the amount of such goodwill has been remeasured in accordance with the requirements of SSAP 30.

Goodwill is amortised over its estimated useful life of not more than twenty years and accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses in respect of goodwill since the date of acquisition have been recognised retrospectively, resulting in a decrease in accumulated profits of HK\$151,000 at both 1 April 2000 and 1 April 2001.

3. Segment information

The Group is engaged in watch trading. Over 90% of its turnover and profit from operations are derived in Hong Kong.

4. Finance costs

	Six months ended	
	30 September	30 September
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings wholly		
repayable with five years	487	464
Finance lease charges	12	12
	499	476

5. Profit before taxation

	Six months ended	
	30 September 2001	30 September 2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before taxation has been arriving at after charging:		
Depreciation on:		
— owned assets	2,180	1,880
— asset held under a finance lease	20	20
	2,200	1,900
Unrealised loss on listed trading securities	272	380
and after crediting:		
Interest income	1,196	2,291
Rental income	1,828	1,406
Realised gain on sale		
of listed trading securities		184

6. Taxation

	Six months ended	
	30 September	30 September
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	8,102	9,784
Taxation outside Hong Kong	97	156
	8,199	9,940
Deferred taxation	(21)	
	8,178	9,940

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16% on the estimated assessable profits of the Group which are derived from Hong Kong. Taxation outside Hong Kong is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions outside Hong Kong in which the Group operates.

7. Dividend

During the period, a final dividend of 6 cents per share, totalling approximately HK\$16,515,000, in respect of the year ended 31 March 2001 was approved at the annual general meeting held on 23 August 2001 and subsequently paid to the shareholders.

On 18 December 2001, the directors resolved to declare an interim dividend of 2.5 cents per share in respect of the six months ended 30 September 2001 (2000: 3 cents per share), totalling approximately HK\$6,881,000 (2000: HK\$8,270,000), to be paid in cash to those shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members on 9 January 2002. The dividend will be paid on or before 16 January 2002.

8. Earnings per share

The calculations of the basic and diluted earnings per share are based on the following data:

	Six months ended	
	30 September	30 September
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Earnings		
Profit for the period attributable		
to shareholders	40,060	45,032
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of shares		
for the purpose of calculating		
basic earnings per share	275,253,200	276,686,071
Potential dilutive shares issuable		
under the Company's share		
option scheme	5,295,547	1,325,153
Weighted average number of shares		
for the purpose of calculating		
diluted earnings per share	280,548,747	278,011,224

9. Investment properties

During the period, the Group disposed of an investment property for HK\$8,950,000 which was approximately the carrying value of the disposed property.

The Group's remaining investment properties are stated at revalued amounts based on an external professional valuation as at 31 March 2001 on an open market value basis. The directors consider that there has been no significant change in valuation and have, therefore, adopted the same valuation for the Group's investment properties at 30 September 2001.

10. Investments in securities

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	30 September 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 March 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Held-to-maturity securities comprising interes bearing notes	st 13,873	8,891
Equity securities comprising securities listed in Hong Kong	930	1,202
Carrying value	14,803	10,093
Analysis of the carrying value for reporting		
purpose: Non-current	13,873	4,991
Current	930	5,102
	14,803	10,093
Debtors, deposits and prepayments		
	30 September	31 March
	2001 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2001 HK\$'000
Trade debtors	23,336	4,100
Deposits and prepayments	6,473	4,594
	29,809	8,694

The Group maintains a general credit policy of not more than 30 days for its established and major customers. The following is an aged analysis of the trade debtors of the Group at the balance sheet date:

	30 September 2001 <i>HK\$`000</i>	31 March 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0-30 days	23,148	2,493
31-60 days	7	854
61-90 days	84	218
Over 90 days	97	535
	23,336	4,100

12. Creditors and accrued charges

	30 September 2001	31 March 2001
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade creditors	38,150	14,744
Other creditors and accrued charges	19,392	13,559
	57,542	28,303

The following is an aged analysis of the trade creditors of the Group at the balance sheet date:

	30 September 2001 <i>HK\$</i> '000	31 March 2001 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0-60 days	37,805	14,526
61-90 days	71	193
Over 90 days	274	25
	38,150	14,744

13. Share capital

	Number of shares	Nominal value HK\$'000
Authorised:		
Shares of HK\$0.10 each	500,000,000	50,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2000	276,759,200	27,676
Repurchases of own shares during		
the year ended 31 March 2001	(1,506,000)	(151)
At 31 March 2001 and 30 September 2001	275,253,200	27,525

Other than the share repurchases noted above, there was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed shares by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in the past two years.

14. Reserves

	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Investment property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Other property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Contributed reserve HK\$'000	Special reserve HK\$'000	Goodwill reserve HK\$'000	Dividend reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Balance at 1 April										
2000, as previously reporte	1 52 126	274	536	807		5,180	(151)		325,582	385,354
 derecognition of liability in respect of the 2000 final dividend 	u 55,120	274	220	807	_	3,180	(11)	_	323,382	
(note 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,606	-	16,606
 restatement of goodwill, as an asset, arising from an acquisition of a subsidiary in the past and retrospective provision for past accumulated 										
amortisation										
(note 2)							151		(151)	
Balance at 1 April 2000, as restated Surplus arising on revaluation of	53,126	274	536	807	_	5,180	_	16,606	325,431	401,960
investment properties at 31 March 2001 Transfer on repurchases of	_	_	2,334	_	_	_	_	_	-	2,334
own shares during the year Premium paid on	-	151	-	-	_	_	_	-	(151)	-
repurchases of										
own shares	(1,081)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	07.207	(1,081)
Profit for the year 2001 dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,327	97,327
— interim	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	8,270	(8,270)	_
— final	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	16,515	(16,515)	_
Dividends paid	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	(24,876)		(24,876)
Balance at								(_ () ()		()
31 March 2001 Profit for the six months ended	52,045	425	2,870	807	-	5,180	-	16,515	397,822	475,664
30 September 200 2001 final dividend	1 –	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,060	40,060
paid 2002 interim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,515)	-	(16,515)
dividend declared								6,881	(6,881)	
Balance at 30 September 200	1 52,045	425	2,870	807		5,180		6,881	431,001	499,209

15. Pledge of assets

At 30 September 2001, certain of the Group's properties with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$37,800,000 as at that date (31 March 2001: HK\$37,900,000), were pledged to banks to secure credit facilities for the Group.

At 30 September 2001, bank deposits of the Group of HK\$14,052,000 (31 March 2001: nil) were pledged to secure short-term bank loans for a subsidiary.

16. Capital commitments

	30 September 2001	31 March 2001
Capital expenditure for the acquisition of office equipment contracted for but	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
not provided in the financial statements		19

17. Post balance sheet event

Subsequent to 30 September 2001, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement to dispose of an investment property in Hong Kong for HK\$24,300,000. The sale was completed in October 2001.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND ANALYSIS

The Group's unaudited consolidated turnover for the period under review was HK\$846,757,000 (2000: HK\$744,374,000), representing an increase of approximately 13.8% against the corresponding period last year. Profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$40,060,000 (2000: HK\$45,032,000), representing a drop of 11.0% when compared with the previous period. Basic earnings per share declined by 10.6% to 14.55 cents (2000: 16.28 cents).

During this first half year, the Group recorded a satisfactory growth in turnover despite the slow retail market and the resulting fierce competition for sales. Consequently, the Group experienced a reduction in profit margin. In order to maintain profitability, tighter cost and inventory controls have been implemented.

The existing import tariffs on watches to China are between 20% and 23%, which are expected to reduce by steps following China's entry into the World Trade Organisation (the "WTO"). The Group has established a presence in Shangai Wai Gao Qiao Free Trade Zone to engage in the trading of watches. The Board believes that restrictions to engage in watch retail business in China will be relaxed and that this will provide greater opportunities for watch retailers like the Group to capture the vast demand from customers in China.

The Group will expand its operations in China by opening a new shop at 38 Hongli Road, Star Plaza Shopping Centre, Futian, Shenzhen in January 2002. To establish a solid foothold in the domestic market of China, the Group will continue to expand its retail network into the major cities of China, such as Shanghai and Beijing.

The economic impact of the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States has yet to be fully felt. There are still many uncertainties and downside risks prevailing which may affect the economic performance in the coming quarters. The Hong Kong economy is still struggling toward the year-end holiday seasons, Christmas and Chinese New Year, which traditionally account for a large portion of revenues and profits for retailers. While the immediate future is still uncertain, it is probable that there will continue to be economic difficulties in the coming quarters. The Board is not too pessimistic about the future as it is highly likely that the US economy will rebound sometime next year. On the other hand, the mainland economy will continue to grow at a fairly fast rate and Hong Kong, being the gateway to China, will stand to benefit. Though China's WTO membership has created many opportunities, certain restrictions and impediments will remain. In the short to mediumterm, the investment environment may not look markedly different than today. In the long-term, predictability, transparency and openness of trade with and within China will improve. However, it is anticipated that competitions from key domestic players will become intense. Nevertheless, with its long established goodwill and accumulated experience in the China market, the Group's China strategy is for the long-term perspective and not a reflexive response to China's entry into the WTO. The Board is optimistic about the long-term future prospects of the Group.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at 30 September 2001, the Group's total shareholders' funds amounted to HK\$527 million, compared with HK\$503 million as at 31 March 2001. The Group's bank and other borrowings were insignificant when compared to shareholders' funds.

The Group had net current assets of HK\$401 million, including bank and cash balances of HK\$64 million as at 30 September 2001 compared with balances of HK\$389 million and HK\$56 million respectively as at 31 March 2001.

The financial position of the Group is strong. The Board believes that the Group has sufficient internal finance resources to discharge its debts and to finance its operations and capital expenditure.

STAFF AND EMPLOYMENT

As at 30 Septemebr 2001, the Group employed a total workforce of about 130 staff. The staff turnover rate of the Group is very low. The Group's policy is to review its employee's pay levels and incentive bonus system regularly to ensure that the remuneration package is competitive with relevant industries.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2001, the interests of the directors and their associates in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 29 of Hong Kong's Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance ("SDI Ordinance") were as follows:

	Number of shares held				
Name of director	Personal interest	Family interest	Corporate interest	Other interest	
Yeung Ming Biu	10,787,260	6,000,000	96,800,000 Note (a)		
Siu Leung Wai	_	—	6,069,244 Note (b)	Note (c)	
Fung Kwong Yiu	1,803,152	_	_	Note (c)	
Chan Che Kwong, William	9,778,515	_	—	Note (d)	
Yeung Man Yee, Shirley	_	167,547	_	Note (e)	
Yeung Him Kit, Dennis	—	_	—	Note (f)	
Sun Ping Hsu, Samson, Dr.	—	—	2,000,000 Note (g)	_	
Li Sau Hung, Eddy, Dr.	—	—	—	—	

Notes:

- (a) Mr. Yeung Ming Biu and his wife, Madam Au Po Kee, are the beneficial owners of 45% and 22.5% respectively of the issued share capital of Realtower Holdings Limited. Realtower Holdings Limited is the beneficial owner of 55% of the issued share capital of Furama Investments Limited, which is the beneficial owner of 80% of the issued share capital of Datsun Holdings Limited. Datsun Holdings Limited is the beneficial owner of 96,800,000 shares in the Company.
- (b) Mr. Siu Leung Wai and his family members are the beneficial owners of the entire issued share capital of Power Dragon Holdings Limited, which is the beneficial owner of 6,069,244 shares in the Company.
- (c) Messrs. Siu Leung Wai and Fung Kwong Yiu are the beneficial owners of 21% and 6% respectively of the issued share capital of Real Champ Limited, which is the beneficial owner of 20% of the issued share capital of Datsun Holdings Limited.

- (d) Mr. Chan Che Kwong, William is the beneficial owner of 10% of the issued share capital of Furama Investment Limited and 10% of the issued share capital of Y.H. Chan Limited, which is the beneficial owner of 25% of the issued share capital of Furama Investments Limited (see note (a)). Y.H. Chan Limited also directly holds 294,365 shares in the Company.
- (e) Madam Yeung Man Yee, Shirley is the beneficial owner of 7.5% of the issued share capital of Realtower Holdings Limited (see note (a)).
- (f) Mr. Yeung Him Kit, Dennis is the beneficial owner of 10% and 7% of the issued share capitals of Realtower Holdings Limited and Real Champ Limited respectively (see notes (a) and (c)).
- (g) Dr. Sun Ping Hsu, Samson and his family members are beneficial owners of the entire issued share capital of Sun International Limited, which is the beneficial owner of 2,000,000 shares in the Company.

Save as disclosed above and other than certain nominee shares in subsidiaries held by a director in trust for the Group, none of the directors or their associates as at 30 September 2001 had any interest in the shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SDI Ordinance.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 September 2001, according to the register maintained under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance, the following persons, in addition to those directors who are listed above under "Directors' interests in shares of the Company", are interested in 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

Name of shareholder	Number of shares
Datsun Holdings Limited	96,800,000
Furama Investments Limited	96,800,000
Realtower Holdings Limited	96,800,000

Realtower Holdings Limited holds 55% of the issued share capital of Furama Investments Limited which holds 80% of the issued share capital of Datsun Holdings Limited. Accordingly, both Realtower Holdings Limited and Furama Investments Limited are deemed under the SDI Ordinance to be interested in the 96,800,000 shares in the Company which are held by Datsun Holdings Limited.

Messrs. Yeung Ming Biu, Siu Leung Wai, Fung Kwong Yiu, Chan Che Kwong, William, Yeung Him Kit, Dennis, Madam Au Po Kee (wife of Mr. Yeung Ming Biu) and Madam Yeung Man Yee, Shirley are deemed by the SDI Ordinance to be interested in the shares of the Company beneficially owned by Datsun Holdings Limited in the manner described under "Directors' interests in shares of the Company".

Save as disclosed above, the Company has not been notified of any other interests representing 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2001.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Pursuant to the Company's share option scheme, certain directors of the Company were granted options on 30 October 1996 to subscribe for shares in the Company at HK\$0.77 per share.

	Number of shares for which
	options have been granted at
Name of director	1 April 2001 and 30 September 2001

Yeung Ming Biu	3,000,000
Siu Leung Wai	2,500,000
Fung Kwong Yiu	2,000,000
Chan Che Kwong, William	2,500,000
Yeung Man Yee, Shirley	2,000,000
Yeung Him Kit, Dennis	2,000,000

None of the options was exercised during the period nor was any other option granted during the period. The options had expired in October 2001.

Other than as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors or chief executives of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debt securities (including debentures) of, the Company or any other body corporate. None of the spouses or children under the age of 18 of the directors or chief executives had any rights to subscribe for securities of the Company or had exercised any such rights during the period.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES, OPTIONS, WARRANTS OR SIMILAR RIGHTS

Other than the share options referred to above, the Company had no outstanding convertible securities, options, warrants or similar rights as at 30 September 2001. There was no exercise of options, warrants or similar rights during the period.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 4 January 2002 to 9 January 2002 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed interim dividend which is payable on 16 January 2002, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrars, Secretaries Limited, at 5th Floor, Wing On Centre, 111 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong not later than 4:00p.m. on 3 January 2002.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the six months ended 30 September 2001, there was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company or any of its subsidiaries of the Company's listed securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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 ended 30 September 2001, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ON THE WEBSITE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE

All the information of the Company required by paragraph 46(1) and 46(6) inclusive of Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules will be published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkex.com.hk) in due course.

By Order of the Board Yeung Ming Biu Chairman and Managing Director

Hong Kong, 18 December 2001