

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Interest income		1,979,195	2,608,729
Interest expense		<u>(1,182,514)</u>	<u>(1,668,593)</u>
Net interest income		796,681	940,136
Other operating income	5	<u>156,494</u>	<u>177,113</u>
Operating income		953,175	1,117,249
Operating expenses	6	<u>(423,682)</u>	<u>(404,568)</u>
Operating profit before provisions and disposal of long-term assets		529,493	712,681
Charge for bad and doubtful debts		(136,437)	(171,533)
Net (losses) gains from disposal of property and equipment		(843)	40
Gains less losses from disposal of other securities		15,926	13,641
Gains less losses from disposal of held-to-maturity securities		<u>5,088</u>	<u>—</u>
Profit from operations		413,227	554,829
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		<u>(18,882)</u>	<u>—</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		394,345	554,829
Taxation	8	<u>(48,458)</u>	<u>(98,231)</u>
Net profit for the year	9	<u>345,887</u>	<u>456,598</u>
Dividends	10	<u>195,750</u>	<u>230,550</u>
Earnings per share	11	<u>HK\$0.80</u>	<u>HK\$1.05</u>