

Interim Dividend and Closure of Register of Members

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 12 cents (2000: 12 cents) per share for the 6 months ended 31 December 2001 payable on 28 March 2002 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members on 22 March 2002. The Register of Members will be closed from 19 March 2002 to 22 March 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited at 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 18 March 2002.