

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 GROUP REORGANISATION The Company was incorporated on 8 December 2000 and on 1 April 2001 the Company became the holding company of the Group pursuant to a group reorganisation (“Reorganisation”). The Company was listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 28 June 2001 (“Listing Date”). The Group resulting from the Reorganisation is regarded as a continuing entity, and accordingly, the Reorganisation has been accounted for on the basis of merger accounting. Directors are of the opinion that the annual financial statements prepared on this basis present fairly the results of operations and the state of affairs of the Group as a whole.

2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Statements of Standard Accounting Practice and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Group is set out below.

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is historical cost.

(c) Basis of consolidation The Group has been treated as a continuing entity and accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Company was the holding company of the Group for both years presented, rather than from 1 April 2001. Accordingly, the consolidated results of the Group for the years ended 31 December 2000 and 2001 include the results of the Company and its subsidiaries with effect from 1 January 2000 or since their respective dates of incorporation, where there is a shorter period. The consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2000 is a combination of the balance sheets of the companies comprising the Group as at 31 December 2000. The net difference between the value recorded for the shares issued and the nominal value of the issued share capital recorded in exchange is transferred to the contributed surplus.

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and all of its subsidiaries made up to 31 December of each year.

(d) Investments in subsidiaries A subsidiary is an enterprise controlled by the Company. Control exists when the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies of an enterprise so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

An investment in a subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements, unless a subsidiary is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions which significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the Group.

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

In the Company's balance sheet, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less any impairment losses (see note 2(g)), unless it is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions which significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the Company.

(e) Fixed assets Fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation (see note 2(f)) and impairment losses (see note 2(g)).

Subsequent expenditure relating to a fixed asset that has already been recognised is added to the carrying amount of the asset when it is probable that future economic benefits, in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset, will flow to the Group. All other subsequent expenditure is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of a fixed asset are determined as the difference between the estimated net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the income statement on the date of retirement or disposal.

(f) Depreciation Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Audio and visual equipment	5 years
Hardware and software	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years

Audio and visual equipment under installation is stated at cost. No depreciation is provided in respect of the fixed assets under installation until substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the assets for its intended use are complete and they are ready for effective use.

(g) Impairment of assets Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at each balance sheet date to identify indications that the following assets may be impaired or an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- fixed assets; and
- investments in subsidiaries

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

(i) Calculation of recoverable amount The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

(ii) Reversals of impairment losses An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

A reversal of impairment losses is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to the income statement in the year in which the reversals are recognised.

(h) Revenue recognition Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in the consolidated income statement as follows:

- (i)** Media sales income from multi-media sales is recognised when the related advertisements are telecasted or commercials appear before the public. Revenue is stated net of agency commission and rebate.
- (ii)** Fee income from media sales management and administrative services is recognised when the related services are rendered.
- (iii)** Revenue from sale of merchandise is recognised when the merchandise is delivered at the customers' premises which is taken to be the point in time when the customer has accepted the merchandise and the related risks and rewards of ownership. Revenue is stated net of trade discounts.
- (iv)** Interest income from bank deposits is accrued on a time-apportioned basis by reference to the principal outstanding and the rate applicable.
- (v)** When goods or services are exchanged or swapped for dissimilar goods or services, the exchange is regarded as a transaction which generates revenue. Such revenue, together with the relevant expenses are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, adjusted by the amount of any cash or cash equivalents transferred. When the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be measured reliably, such revenue and expenses are measured at the fair value of the goods or services given up, adjusted by the amount of any cash or cash equivalents transferred.

(i) Inventories Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is calculated using the first-in-first-out cost method and comprises all costs of purchase and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories, arising from an increase in net realisable value, is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

(j) Accounts receivable Accounts receivable are recognised and carried in the consolidated balance sheet net of provisions for doubtful debts which is made to the extent that the debts are considered to be doubtful by the Directors.

(k) Cash equivalents Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amount of cash without notice and which were within three months of maturity when acquired.

(l) Deferred taxation Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method in respect of the taxation effect arising from all material timing differences between the accounting and tax treatment of income and expenditure, which are expected with reasonable probability to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Future deferred tax benefits are not recognised unless their realisation is assured beyond reasonable doubt.

(m) Provisions and contingent liabilities Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Company or Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditures expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

(n) Translation of foreign currencies Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains and losses are dealt with in the income statement.

(o) Operating leases Rentals payable under operating leases are accounted for in the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over the periods of the respective leases.

(p) Retirement costs Contributions to the Mandatory Provident Funds as required under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance are charged to the income statement when incurred.

(q) Related parties For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

(r) Segment reporting A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has chosen business segment information as the primary reporting format.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process, except to the extent that such intra-group balances and transactions are between group enterprises within a single segment. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to other external parties.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the year to acquire segment assets (both tangible and intangible) that are expected to be used for more than one year.

Unallocated items mainly comprise financial and corporate assets, corporate expenses and minority interests.