# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2001

## 1. **GENERAL**

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in Hong Kong and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in note 32.

### 2. ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

In the current year, the Group has adopted for the first time a number of new and revised Statements of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAPs") issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. Adoption of these SSAPs has led to a number of changes in the Group's accounting policies. The revised accounting policies are set out in note 3. In addition, the new and revised SSAPs have introduced additional and revised disclosure requirements which have been adopted in these financial statements. Comparative amounts for the prior year have been restated in order to achieve a consistent presentation.

The adoption of these new and revised SSAPs has resulted in the following changes to the Group's accounting policies that have affected the amounts reported for the current or prior periods.

### Segment reporting

In the current year, the Group has changed the basis of identification of reportable segments to that required by SSAP 26 "Segment reporting". Segment disclosures for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 have been amended so that they are presented on a consistent basis.

## Dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date

In accordance with SSAP 9 (Revised) "Events after the balance sheet date", dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date are not recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date, but are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. The effect of this change has been to increase shareholders' funds of the Group and the Company at 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000 and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 by HK\$17,820,000 and HK\$13,365,000 respectively.

As a result of the revision of SSAP 9 (Revised) "Events after the balance sheet date", SSAP 18 "Revenue" has also been revised. Accordingly, the dividends proposed or declared after the balance sheet date by the subsidiaries are not recognised by the Company at the balance sheet date. This change in accounting policy has also been applied retrospectively. The effect of this change has been to decrease shareholders' funds of the Company as at 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000 and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 by HK\$34,710,000 and HK\$44,990,000, respectively.

# **Leases**

In the current year, the Group has adopted SSAP 14 (Revised) "Leases". Disclosures for the Group's operating lease arrangements as set out in note 28 have been modified so as to meet the requirements of SSAP 14 (Revised). Comparative figures have been restated in order to achieve a consistent presentation.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of certain properties and investments in securities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporated the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant inter-company transactions and balances within the Group have been eliminated on consolidation.

### Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary or associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 continues to be held in reserves, and will be charged to the income statement at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary, or at such time as the goodwill is determined to be impaired. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 continues to be amortised over its useful economic life of ten years.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions of subsidiaries or associates after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is included within the carrying amount of the associate. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet.

On disposal of a subsidiary or an associate, the attributable amount of unamortised

goodwill/goodwill previously eliminated against or credited to reserves is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

# Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition over the cost of acquisition.

Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions of subsidiaries prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 continues to be held in reserves and will be credited to income at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary.

Negative goodwill arising on acquisitions of subsidiaries after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 is presented as deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

To the extent that the negative goodwill is attributable to losses or expenses anticipated at the date of acquisition, it is released to income in the period in which those losses or expenses arise. The remaining negative goodwill is recognised as income on a straight line basis over the remaining average useful life of the identifiable acquired depreciable assets. To the extent that such negative goodwill exceeds the aggregate fair value of the acquired identifiable non-monetary assets, it is recognised in income immediately.

## Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed.

Commission income is recognised when services are rendered.

Rental income, including rentals invoiced in advance from properties let under operating leases, is recognised on a straight line basis over the terms of the relevant leases.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

# **Investment properties**

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length.

Investment properties are stated at their open market value based on independent professional valuations at the balance sheet date. Any surplus or deficit arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance of the reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, in which case the excess of the deficit over the balance of the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a deficit has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation surplus subsequently arises, this surplus is credited to the income statement to the extent of the deficit previously charged.

On subsequent disposal of an investment property, any revaluation surplus attributable to that property is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties which are held on leases with unexpired terms, including the renewable period, of more than twenty years.

## Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or valuation less depreciation, amortisation and any identified impairment loss.

The gain or loss arising from disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings were revalued at 31st December, 1991. The surplus arising on revaluation of land and buildings was credited to the property revaluation reserve. The Group has adopted the transitional relief provided by paragraph 80 of the SSAP 17 (Revised) "Property, plant and equipment" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants from the requirement to make revaluations on a regular basis of the Group's leasehold land and buildings and, accordingly, no further revaluation of leasehold land and buildings will be carried out. On the subsequent disposal of such properties, the attributable revaluation surplus not yet transferred to retained profits in prior years is transferred to retained profits.

Depreciation and amortisation is provided to write off the cost or valuation of items of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method, at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold land Over the remaining term of the lease

Buildings 2% to 2.5% or over the remaining term of

the lease, whichever is the shorter

Furniture, fixtures and equipment 16% to 20% Motor vehicles 16% to 25%

Plant and machinery 20%

Computer equipment 20% to  $33^{1}/_{3}\%$ 

### **Subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiaries are included in the Company's balance sheet at cost, less any identified impairment loss.

### Associates

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associate for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in associates are stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates plus the premium paid on acquisition in so far as it has not already been written off or amortised, less any identified impairment loss.

When the Group transacts with its associates, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the relevant associates, except where unrealised loss provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

### Investments in securities

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at cost.

Investments other than held-to-maturity debt securities are classified as investment securities and other investments.

Investment securities, which are securities held for an identified long term strategic purpose, are measured at subsequent reporting dates at cost, as reduced by any impairment loss that is other than temporary.

Other investments are measured at fair value, with unrealised gains and losses included in net profit or loss for the year.

## **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

## **Impairment**

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount under another SSAP, in which case the impairment loss is treated as revaluation decrease under that SSAP.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss is recognised as income immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount under another SSAP, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year after adjusting for items which are non-assessable or disallowed. Certain items of income and expense are recognised for tax purposes in a different accounting period from that in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The tax effect of the resulting timing differences, computed using the liability method, is recognised as deferred taxation in the financial statements to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

## Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the terms of the relevant lease.

# Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are re-translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on exchange are dealt with in the income statement.

On consolidation, the financial statements of overseas subsidiaries are translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. All exchange differences arising on consolidation are dealt with in reserves.

## Retirement benefits schemes

The retirement benefit costs charged in the income statement represent the contributions payable in respect of the current year to the Group's Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme.

## 4. BUSINSS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

# **Business Segments**

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into three operating divisions – sales of chemicals and metals, property investment and security investment. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

# For the year ended 31st December, 2001

	Sales of					
	Chemicals	Property	Security	Other		
	and Metals	investment	$\underline{investment}$	<u>Activities</u>	<b>Eliminations</b>	
Consolidate	<u>d</u>					
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue						
External						
Sales	833,771	20,282	6,594	273		860,920
Inter-						
segment						
sales	17,258	2,308	_	6,762	(26,328)	
Total						
revenue	851,029	22,590	6,594	7,035	(26,328)	860,920

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.

Results					
Segment					
result	28,211	32,494	(16,859)	47	 43,893
			====		
Interest inco	me				
from bank					
deposits					5,223
Unallocated					
other reven	iue				466
Unallocated					
corporate					
expenses					(9,991)
Profit from					
operations					39,591
Finance cost	ts				(5,883)
Gain on dilu					(- , )
of interest i					
an associate				4,113	4,113
Share of pro				,	,
of associate				1,725	1,725
Amortisation	n				
of premium					
arising on					
acquisition					
of an assoc				(3,022)	(3,022)
Profit before	<b>.</b>				
taxation					36,524
Taxation					(4,640)
Profit before	<b>)</b>				
minority					
interests					31,884
Minority					
interests					(1,128)
Net Profit					
for the year	C				30,756
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# At 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001

	Sales of				
	Chemicals	Property	Security	Other	
	and Metals	<u>investment</u>	<u>investment</u>	Activities Co	onsolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Assets					
Segment assets	128,316	242,363	183,285	59	554,023
Interests in					
associates	453			54,026	54,479
Unallocated					
corporate assets					187,500
				-	
Consolidated total					
assets					796,002
				:	
Liabilities					
Segment					
liabilities	158,467	21,181	7,259	5	186,912
Unallocated total					
liabilities					1,090
				-	
Consolidated total					
liabilities					188,002
				:	
Other information					
	Sales of				
	Chemicals	Property	Security	Other	
	and Metals	<u>investment</u>	<u>investment</u>	Activities Co	<u>onsolidated</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital					
expenditure	96	132		185	413
Depreciation and					
amortisation	1,331	1,278		3,306	5,915
Other non-cash					
expenses	1,178	_	21,936	35	23,149

# For the year ended 31st December, 2000

Sales of Security Chemicals Property Other and Metals investment investment Activities Eliminations Consolidated HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 Revenue External Sales 1,023,216 19,712 6,567 4,209 1,053,704 Intersegment sales 40,279 2,554 8,307 (51,140)Total 1,063,495 22,266 6,567 12,516 (51,140)1,053,704 revenue

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.

Results					
Segment					
result	37,053	15,832	9,289	(1,145)	 61,029
Interest inco	ome				
from bank					
deposits					7,824
Unallocated					
other reven					2,098
Unallocated					
corporate					(
expenses					(6,269)
Profit from					
operations					64,682
Finance cost	ts				(12,602)
Share of loss	S				
of associate	e			(850)	(850)
Amortisation	n				
of premiun	1				
arising on					
acquisition					
of an assoc	iate			(3,022)	(3,022)
Profit before	e				
taxation					48,208
Taxation					(2,946)
Profit before					
	5				
minority interests					45,262
Minority					45,202
interests					(1,384)
meresis					(1,50 <del>1</del> )
Net Profit					
for the year	r				43,878

# At 31st December, 2001

	Sales of				
	Chemicals	Property	Security	Other	
	and Metals	<u>investment</u>	<u>investment</u>	Activities Co	<u>onsolidated</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Assets					
Segment assets	154,670	228,981	167,503	2,472	553,626
Interests in					
associates	453	—		51,427	51,880
Unallocated					
corporate assets					189,792
Consolidated total					
assets					795,298
				:	
Liabilities					
Segment					
liabilities	149,213	23,408	21,427	1,209	195,257
Unallocated total					
liabilities					2,175
Consolidated total					
liabilities					197,432
				:	
Other information	0.1.0				
	Sales of	ъ.	<b>G</b> •••	0.1	
	Chemicals	Property	Security	Other	11.1 . 1
	and Metals	investment	investment	Activities Co	
G 1	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital	7.7	124		254	1 155
expenditure	767	134		254	1,155
Depreciation and	1 (24	1 417		2.207	C 405
amortisation	1,624	1,415	_	3,386	6,425
Other non-cash			1 < 0.07		1 < 0.05
expenses	_		16,927		16,927

# Geographical segments

The Group's operations are located in Hong Kong, Taiwan and elsewhere in the People's Republic of China.

The Group's sales of chemicals and metals are carried out in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Property investment is carried out in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the People's Republic of China. Security investment is carried out in Hong Kong.

The following table provided an analysis of the Group's sales by geographical market:

	Reven	ue by	Contribution to profit from operations	
	geographic	<u>cal market</u>		
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	5.55.050	<i>(25, 225</i> )	2 (00	20.200
Hong Kong	565,078	635,337	2,690	20,200
Taiwan	140,676	222,158	5,028	5,877
Elsewhere in the People's				
Republic of China	102,109	114,199	35,297	19,696
Others	53,057	82,010	878	15,256
	860,920	1,053,704	43,893	61,029
Interest income from				
bank deposits			5,223	7,824
Unallocated other revenue			466	2,098
Unallocated corporate				
expenses			(9,991)	(6,269)
Profit from operations			39,591	64,682

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets, and additions to property, plant and equipment, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

			Additi	ons to
	Carrying	g amount	property, plant	
	of segme	ent assets	and equ	<u>iipment</u>
	At	At	Year ended	Year ended
	31.12,2001	31.12.2000	31.12.2001	31.12.2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	430,175	445,515	274	709
8	′	,	214	
Taiwan	12,103	41,741	_	284
Elsewhere in the				
People's Republic of				
China	259,737	248,229	132	134
Others	93,987	59,813	7_	28
	796,002	795,298	413	1,155

# 5. OTHER REVENUE

Other revenue comprises:

	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Interest income form bank deposits	5,223	7,824
Sundry income	466	1,838
Dividend income from an unlisted		
investment	_	228
Gain on disposal of property, plant and		
equipment		32
	5,689	9,922

# 6. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration	1,117	1,076
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,178	_
Rental payments in respect of properties under operating	1,170	_
leases	1,571	1,955
Retirement benefits scheme contributions	557	134
and after crediting:		
Dividend income from listed investment	5,325	4,966
Gross rental income from properties under operating		
leases after outgoings of HK\$69,000 (2000: HK\$74,000)	20,213	19,638
Interest income from investments	1,269	1,601

# 7. FINANCE COSTS

The finance costs represent interest on bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years.

## 8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Directors' fees	510	530
Other emoluments to directors: Salaries and other benefits Performance related incentive payments	2,916 115	2,909 323
	3,031	3,232
Total directors' emoluments	3,541	3,762

The amounts disclosed above include directors' fees of HK\$230,000 (2000: HK\$230,000) and other emoluments of HK\$170,000 (2000: HK\$170,000) payable to independent non-executive directors.

The emoluments of each of the directors for both years were within the emoluments band ranging from nil to HK\$1,000,000.

There was no compensation for loss of office paid to directors or former directors.

# 9. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

The five highest paid individuals of the Group included two directors (2000: two directors), details of whose emoluments are included in the amounts disclosed in note 8 above. The emoluments of the remaining highest paid employees, other than directors of the Company, are follows:

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits Performance related incentive payments	1,934 241	3,172 314
	2,175	3,486
Their emoluments were within the following bands:		
	2001 Number of employees	2000 Number of employees
Nil to HK\$1,000,000 HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	1	_ 3

## 10. TAXATION

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
The tax charge attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries comprises:		
Current taxation		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	2,922	3,002
Profits tax outside Hong Kong	1,706	1,476
	4,628	4,478
Deferred Taxation		
Hong Kong Profits Tax (note 22)		(1,558)
	4,628	2,920
Share of taxation attributable to associates	12	26
	4,640	2,946

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16% of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxation outside Hong Kong is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

Details of the deferred taxation are set out in note 22.

## 11. DIVIDENDS

	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Interim dividend paid in respect of 2001 of 1 cent (2000: 2 cents) per ordinary share Final dividend paid in respect of 2000 of 3 cents	4,455	8,910
(1999: 4 cents) Per ordinary share	13,365	17,820
	17,820	26,730

The final dividend of 1.5 cents for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 20001 (2000: 3 cents) per share has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in general meeting.

# 12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the earnings per share is based on the net profit for the year of HK\$30,756,000 (2000: HK\$43,878,000) and on 445,500,000 ordinary shares (2000: 445,500,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the year.

## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

		THE GROUP HK\$'000
VALUATION		ΠΩΦ 000
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2001		220,146
Transfer from leasehold land and buildings		1,884
Surplus arising on revaluation	_	16,110
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2001	_	238,140
The Group's investment properties comprise:		
	2001 HK\$'000	<u>2000</u> HK\$'000
Properties held under medium-term leases:		
- Hong Kong	9,600	9,000
- elsewhere in the People's Republic		
of China	184,080	166,686
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Properties held under long leases: - elsewhere in the People's Republic of China	44,460	44,460
OI CIIIIa	238,140	220,146

All of the investment properties of the Group were revalued at 31st December, 2001 by Knight Frank, an independent firm of professional valuers, on an open market value existing use basis. The resulting surplus arising on revaluation, which amounted to HK\$16,110,000, has been credited to the consolidated income statement.

All the investment properties of the Group are rented out under operating leases.

#### 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

		Furniture				
	Leasehold	fixtures				
	land and	and	Motor	Plant and	Computer	
	<u>buildings</u>	<u>equipment</u>	vehicles	machinery	equipment	<u>Total</u>
	HK'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 I	HK\$'000
THE GROUP						
COST OR						
VALUATION						
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January,						
2001	42,795	13,428	4,100	1,404	2,172	63,899
Currency						
Realignment	(579)	(18)	(106)	_	(12)	(715)
Additions	_	329	_	9	75	413
Disposals	(3,649)	(577)			(91)	(4,317)
Transfer to investment						
properties	(2,205)					(2,205)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> Decemb	oer,					
2001	36,362	13,162	3,994	1,413	2,144	57,075
Comprising:						
At cost	8,562	13,162	3,994	1,413	2,144	29,275
At valuation –						
1991	27,800					27,800
	36,362	13,162	3,994	1,413	2,144	57,075

DEPRECIATION	
AND	
AMORTISATION	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January,	
2001 5,520 10,805 2,711 1,324 1,7	788 22,148
Currency	
Realignment (74) (17) (81) —	(10) (182)
Provided for the	
year 822 1,243 536 36	256 2,893
Eliminated on	
disposals (364) (534) — — —	(91) (989)
Transfer to	
investment	
properties (321) — — — —	<b>—</b> (321)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December,	
2001 5,583 11,497 3,166 1,360 1,5	943 23,549
NET BOOK VALUES	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December,	
2001 30,779 1,665 828 53	201 33,526
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> December,	
2000 37,275 2,623 1,389 80	384 41,751

Certain of the leasehold land and buildings of the Group were revalued at 31st December, 1991. Had all the leasehold land and buildings been carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortisation, the carrying value of these properties would have been stated at HK\$19,823,000 (2000: HK\$23,585,000).

	Furniture,		
	fixtures	Computer	
	and	equipment	<u>Total</u>
	<u>equipment</u>		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
THE COMPANY			
COST			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2001	2,548	1,634	4,182
Additions	133	52	185
Disposals	(140)	(62)	(202)
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2001	2,541	1,624	4,165
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2001	2,369	1,370	3,739
Provided for the year	74	209	283
Eliminated on disposals	(140)	(62)	(202)
The state of the s			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2001	2,303	1,517	3,820
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2001	238	107	345
1101 200011001, 2001		107	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2000	179	264	443
At 31 December, 2000	117	204	++3

The Group's leasehold land and buildings comprise:

	Leasehold		
	land and b	<u>ouildings</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Properties held under medium-term leases:			
- in Hong Kong	23,488	25,961	
- elsewhere in the People's Republic of China		3,347	
	23,488	29,308	
Properties held under long leases:			
- overseas	7,291	7,967	
	30,779	37,275	

# 15. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

THE CON	<u>MPANY</u>
<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
38,587	38,587
	HK\$'000

Particulars of the subsidiaries at 31st December, 2001are set out in note 32.

## 16. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	THE GROUP		
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Share of net assets	27,141	21,520	
Premium arising on acquisition, net	27,338	30,360	
	o	-1.000	
	54,479	51,880	

Particulars of the associates at 31st December, 2001 are as follows:

1 articulars of	i tiic associate	s at 31st DCC	JIIIUCI, 2001	arc as ronov	vs.	
					Percentag	ge
	Form		Principal		issued sha	are
Name of	business	Country of	place of	Class of	capital he	eld Principal
<u>Associate</u>	structure	incorporation	operation	shares held	by the Gro	<u>oupactivities</u>
					%	
Asia Comme	ercial					Watch
Holdings						trading and
Limited						retailing
(notes)	Incorporated	l Bermuda	Hong Kong	Ordinary	16.5	industry
KSIP						
(Thailand						
1989) Co.						
Ltd.	Incorporated	l Thailand	Thailand	Ordinary	49	Inactive

Note: This company has been accounted for as an associate as, in the opinion of the directors, the Group is in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of this company.

# 17. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

# THE GROUP

	Invest		Other inv	vestments	Tot	tal
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	·
Equity securities: Listed –						
Hong Kong			103,093	122,857	103,093	122,857
Listed –						
overseas	3,132	3,132	7,913	7,115	11,045	10,247
Unlisted	5,216	3,207	3,701	3,701	8,917	6,908
	8,348	6,339	114,707	133,673	123,055	140,012
Mutual funds:						
Unlisted	3,900		30,100	14,743	34,000	14,743
Debt securities: Listed –						
overseas			3,363	10,042	3,363	10,042
Unlisted	7,800	_	14,779	2,634	22,579	2,634
	7,800		18,142	12,676	25,942	12,676
Total securities						
Listed	3,132	3,132	114,369	140,014	117,501	143,146
Unlisted	16,916	3,207	48,580	21,078	65,496	24,285
	20,048	6,339	162,949	161,092	182,997	167,431
Market value of listed						
securities	3,294	3,432	114,369	140,014	117,663	143,446

Carrying amount analysed for reporting purposes as:

Non-current	20,048	6,339	3,701	3,701	23,749	10,040
Current			159,248	157,391	159,248	157,391
	20,048	6,339	162,949	161,092	182,997	167,431

Particulars of the Group's investments in equity securities which exceeds 20% of the nominal value of the issued shares of that class disclosed pursuant to Section 129 (1) of the Companies Ordinance are as follows:

			Percentage
	Place of	Type of	of registered capital
Name of company	registration	investment held	held by the Group
Hebei Varwin Gas	People's	Registered capital	30%
Propellants Co.	Republic		
Ltd. (note)	of		
	China		
Shenzhen Far East	People's	Registered capital	25%
Oil Tools Co.	Republic		
Ltd. (note)	of		
	China		

Note: These companies have not been accounted for as associates as, in the opinion of the directors, the Group is not in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of these companies.

# 18. INVENTORIES

	THE GI	THE GROUP	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Raw materials	863	226	
Finished goods	46,072_	40,623	
	46,935	40,849	

Included in inventories are finished goods of HK\$7,300,000 (2000: HK\$9,283,000) carried at net realisable value.

# 19. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

The Group allows an average credit period ranging from cash on delivery to 120 days to its trade debtors. The ageing analysis of trade debtors of HK\$60,002,000 (2000: HK\$81,023,000) which are included in the Group's debtors, deposits and prepayments are as follows:

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	29,816	37,412
31 – 60 days	18,179	24,665
61 – 90 days	9,696	12,628
91 – 120 days	1,621	3,965
121 – 365 days	690	2,353
	60,002	81,023

The Company did not have any trade debtors at the balance sheet dates.

# 20. SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares of HK\$0.05 each	Number of shares	<u>Amount</u> HK\$'000
Authorised: At beginning and at end of the years 2000 and 2001	700,000,000	35,000
Issued and fully paid: At beginning and at end of the years 2000 and 2001	445,500,000	22,275

# 21. RESERVES

# Investment

		-	mvesimem				
	C1	C : 1	property	Property		D	1
	Share	•	revaluation		`	_	
	premium	reserve	reserve	<u>reserve</u>	reser		
THE CROHE	HK2000	HK2000	HK\$'000	HK2000	HK\$ 000	) HK\$000	HK\$ 000
THE GROUP							
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2000							
	**						
- as previousl stated	•	26 000	5 290	15 440	1,515	221 166	522 210
	153,728	26,090	5,280	15,440	1,313	321,166	523,219
- prior							
year adjustment	_						
(note 2)						17,820	17,820
(note 2)							
- as restated	153,728	26,090	5,280	15,440	1,515	338,986	541,039
Exchange differences arising on translation of overseas							
operations Share of an associate's movement	_	_	_	_	379	_	379
in reserves		191	302		(168)	_	325
Net profit for the year Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	43,878	43,878
paid (note 11	) —					(26,730)	(26,730)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2000 Exchange differences arising on translation of	153,728	26,281	5,582	15,440	1,726	356,134	558,891

overseas							
operations	_				(1,195)	_	(1,195)
Share of an							
associate's							
movement							
in reserves		(189)	(151)	(79)	19	195	(205)
Goodwill							
released on							
disposal of							
a subsidiary		35				_	35
Reclassificatio	n						
on transfer							
of properties		_	1,580	(1,580)	_	_	_
Net profit for							
the year			_	_	_	30,756	30,756
Dividends							
paid (note 11)	) —					(17,820)	(17,820)
At 31 <sup>st</sup>							
December,							
2001	153,728	26,127	7,011	13,781	550	369,265	570,462
						<del></del> :	
Attributable to	:						
Company							
and							
subsidiaries	153,728	26,125	6,860	13,860	1,003	368,233	569,809
Associates		2	151	(79)	(453)	1,032	653
	153,728	26,127	7,011	13,781	550	369,265	570,462

## THE COMPANY

At 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000

2000					
- as previously	y				
stated	153,728	 	 	117,327	271,055
- restatement					
of dividend	1				
receivable					
(note 2)		 	 	(34,710)	(34,710)
- other prior					
year					
adjustment					
(note 2)		 	 	17,820	17,820
	1.52.520	 	 	100.425	
- as restated	153,728	 	 	100,437	254,165
Net profit for				40.451	40.451
the year		 	 	40,471	40,471
Dividends	`			(0.6.720)	(26.720)
paid (note 11)	) —	 	 	(26,730)	(26,730)
At 31 <sup>st</sup>			 		
December,					
2000	153,728	 	 	114,178	267,906
Net profit for					
the year		 	 	89,089	89,089
Dividends					
paid (note 11)	) —	 	 	(17,820)	(17,820)
-		 	 		
At 31 <sup>st</sup>					
December,					
2001	153,728	 	 	185,447	339,175

The balance of investment property revaluation reserve of the Group at 31st December, 2001 includes an amount of HK\$6,860,000 (2000: HK\$5,280,000), which represents the accumulated amount transferred from the property revaluation reserve as a result of the change in usage of certain previously self-occupied leasehold properties to investment properties. Such revaluation reserve has been frozen upon the transfer and will be transferred to retained profits when the relevant properties are disposed of.

	ailable for distribution to shareholders as at 31st December, 1 profits of HK\$185,447,000 (2000: HK\$114,178,000).
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#### 22. DEFERRED TAXATION

	THE GROUP		
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
At beginning of the year	_	1,558	
Credit for the year (note 10)		(1,558)	
At end of year			

The deferred tax liability above was provided on the surplus arising on the Group's unrealised gain on revaluation of investments in securities.

At 31st December, 2001, the Group had an unrecognised deferred tax asset of approximately HK\$17,755,000 (2000: HK\$14,694,000) relating to unutilised tax losses of certain subsidiaries. The deferred tax asset has not been recognised as it is uncertain whether the benefit will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

A deferred tax liability has not been provided on the surplus arising on revaluation of the Group's properties situated in Hong Kong as profits arising on the disposal of such properties, if any, would not be subject to taxation. Accordingly, the valuation does not constitute a timing difference for tax purposes.

Neither the Group nor the Company had any other significant unprovided deferred taxation for the year or at the balance sheet date.

## 23. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

The ageing analysis of the trade creditors of HK\$20,585,000 (2000: HK\$14,338,000) which are included in the Group's creditors and accrued charges are as follows:

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	14,917	12,827
31 - 60 days	5,613	1,335
61 - 90 days	55	168
91 - 120 days	<del>-</del>	2
121 - 365 days		6
	20,585	14,338

The Company did not have any trade creditors at the balance sheet date.

# 24. BANK BORROWINGS

	THE GROUP		THE CO	<u>MPANY</u>
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The bank borrowings, which a Within one year, comprise:	are all due			
Bank loans – secured	4,112	17,782	_	_
<ul><li>unsecured</li></ul>	15,489	17,498	10,000	10,000
Trust receipt loans				
- unsecured	117,715	110,174	_	_
	137,316	145,454	10,000	10,000
	157,510	143,434	10,000	10,000

# 25. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Profit before taxation	26.524	49.209
	36,524	48,208
Share of (profit) loss of associates	(1,725)	850
Amortisation of premium arising on acquisition of an associate	2 022	2 022
	3,022	3,022
Unrealised loss on investments in securities	21,936	16,927
Surplus arising on revaluation of	(1.6.110)	(1.254)
investment properties	(16,110)	(1,354)
Interest income from bank deposits	(5,223)	* ' '
Interest expenses	5,883	12,602
Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	(4,113)	_
Depreciation and amortisation	2,893	3,403
Dividend income from an unlisted		
investment	_	(228)
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant		
and equipment	1,178	(32)
Goodwill written off on disposal of		
a subsidiary	35	_
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(6,214)	13,550
Decrease in debtors, deposits and prepayment	24,505	11,917
Decrease (increase) in bills receivable	7,946	(4,685)
Increase in other investments	(23,855)	(17,850)
Increase (decrease) in creditors and accrued charges	1,445	(23,178)
(Decrease) increase in bills payable	(2,106)	1,557
NET CASH INFLOW FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	46,021	56,885

# 26. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

	Minority <u>interests</u> HK\$'000
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2000	28,543
Currency realignment	(256)
Minority interests in the profit of subsidiaries	1,384
Dividend paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	(1,154)
Amount repaid to minority shareholders of a subsidiary	(1,260)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2000	27,257
Currency realignment	(520)
Minority interests in the profits of subsidiaries	1,128
Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	(2,045)
Amount repaid to minority shareholders of a subsidiary	(734)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2001	25,086

# 27. ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2001 HK\$'000	<u>2000</u> HK\$'000
Short term bank deposits	102,236	66,099
Bank balances and cash	60,055	96,706
Bank borrowings	(137,316)	(145,454)
	24,975	17,351

#### 28. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

*The Group as lessee:* 

At the balance sheet date, the Group and the Company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payment under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rented premises which fall due as follows:

	THE G	THE GROUP		<u>MPANY</u>
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Within one year In the second to fifth	1,376	1,344	495	698
year inclusive	874	55	290	60
	2,250	1,399	785	758

Operating lease payments represents rentals payable by the Group and the Company for certain of its office premises. Leases are negotiated for an average term of two years and rentals are fixed for an average of two years.

#### *The Group as lessor:*

Property rental income earned during the year was HK\$20,282,000 (2000: HK\$19,712,000). The properties held have committed tenants in the range from next half year to two years.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contacted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating lease in respect of rented premises which fall due as follows:

	THE GROUP		
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	7,268	18,787	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	224_	5,402	
	7,492	24,189	

# 29. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	THE COMPANY	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Extent of banking facilities utilized by subsidiaries in respect of which guarantees were given to banks by		
the Company	137, 316	147,560

#### 30 PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31st December, 2001 certain leasehold properties and investments in securities with aggregate carrying value of HK\$7,286,000(2000: HK\$7,967,000) and HK\$33,898,000 (2000: HK\$45,498,000), respectively, were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

#### 30. RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group, in funds under the control of trustees.

The retirement benefits cost charged to the consolidated income statement represents contributions payable to the scheme by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the scheme.

# 32. SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the subsidiaries at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation registration	Principa / place of operation	f and fully	U	ued/	Principal ny activities
				voting		
			•	ferred ote)	%	
Asia Fame Internation Limited	•	Hong H Kong	IK\$1,000,000	-	100*	Securities investment
Bright Star Limited	Cook Island	Hong s Kong	US\$1,000	-	100	Investment holding
Charterway Developm Limited	•	Hong Hl Kong	K\$1,000,000	-	100	Property investment
E.P. Resource Limited	ees Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	-	100*	Securities investment and trading
Electrochem Technologi Limited	C	Hong Kong	HK\$2	-	100*	Securities investment

Name of inc	Place of orporation istration	Principa / place of operatio	f and ful n paid cap	red ly <u>sital</u> Von-vo	oting	ed/ capital	Principal activities
EngoTech Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	·	-	100*	Manu- facturing of and trading in electro- plating chemicals and solutions
Ever Channel Properties Limited	Hong Kong	Else- where in the People of Chir	HK\$10,000 's Republic na		-	90	Property investment
Global Trade Properties Limited	Hong Kong	Else- where in the People of Chir	HK\$10,000 's Republic na		-	90	Property investment
Gold Asset Properties Limited	Hong Kong	Else- where in the People of Chir	HK\$10,000 's Republic na		-	90	Property investment
Jollifair Investments Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000		-	100*	Investment holding

Name of inco	Place of orporation istration	Principal / place of operation	Issued registered and full paid capi N Ordinary	ed y	rred	ied/ capital	Principal ny activities
Kee Shing (Coins) Limited	Hong Kong	Hong HKS Kong	\$1,000,000		-	100*	Securities trading
Kee Shing Hardware Supplies Limited	Hong Kong	Hong HI Kong	K\$800,000	НК	\$400,000	100	Trading in stainless steel
Kee Shing Industrial Products Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea an Thailand		HK\$	1,000,000	100*	Investment holding and trading in electro- plating chemicals and metals
Kee Shing International Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$2		-	100*	Securities investment
Kee Shing (Investments)	Cook Island	Cook s Islands	US\$1,00	0	-	100*	Investment holding

Limited

			Issued/	Percentage	
	Place of	Principal	registered	of issued/	
Name of	incorporation/	place of	and fully	registered capital	Principal
<u>subsidiary</u>	<u>registration</u>	operation	paid capital	held by the company	activities
			Non x	voting	

Ordinary Preferred (note) %

Kee Shing Property Consultants (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	People's People's RMB  Repu- Repu- blic blic  of of  China	- China	100*	Property manage- ment
King Shen Industrial Products Company Limited	Taiwan Taiwan NT\$	5,000,000 -	70	Trading in in electroplating chemicals and metals
Kingsview Properties Limited	Hong Else- HI Kong where in the People's Republic of China	K\$10,000 -	90	Property investment
Klendo Limited	Hong Else- HI Kong where in the People's Republic of China	K\$10,000 -	90*	Property investment

			Issue	d/	Percen	tage	
I	Place of	Principa	l register	ed	of issu	ied/	
Name of inco	orporation	place of	f and ful	ly	registered	capital	Principal
subsidiary reg	<u>istration</u>	operatio	n paid cap	<u>ital</u>	held by the	e compa	any activities
			N Ordinary		oting erred te)	%	
KSIP (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	Republic of Singa- pore	of	S\$1,000,000		-	51	Trading in electroplating chemicals and metal plating products
Pacific Apex International Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000		-	100*	Investment holding
Pacific Wide Properties Limited	Hong Kong	Else- where in the People Republ of Chir	lic		-	90	Property investment
Pakwell Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000		-	55*	Inactive
Sam Wing International Limited	Hong Kong	Else- where in the, People Republ of Chir	's ic	HKS	\$2,160,000	100*	Trading in chemicals and securities investment

Name of inc	Place of Princip orporation/ place of distration operation	of and fully on paid capital  Non-v  Ordinary pre	Percenta of issue registered c held by the o  voting ferred ote)	d/ apital Principal
Sam Wing Resources Limited	Hong Else- H Kong where in the People Reput	IK\$3,000,000 e e's blic	-	55* Trading in in machinery and equipment
Sure Glory Ventures, Inc.	British Australia Virgin Islands	a US\$2	- 1	00* Investment holding
Topbase Properties Limited	Hong Else- Kong where in the People Reput	e's blic	-	90 Property investment
Top Image Properties Limited	Hong Else- Kong where in the People Reput of Ch.	e's blic	-	90 Property investment
Trendex Investment Limited	Hong Else- Kong where in the People Reput of Chr	e's blic	- 1	00* Property investment

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Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation registration	Principal  place of operation	and full	ed ly reg	l by the	-	_
			Ordinary	preferred (note)	1	%	
Union Char Propertie Limited	C		c		-	90	Property investment
Union Crov Propertie Limited	$\mathcal{E}$		c		-	90	Property investment
Winbase Propertie Limited	Hong es Kong		c		-	90	Property investment

<sup>\*</sup> Directly held by the Company

None of the subsidiaries had any loan capital subsisting at 31st December, 2001 or at any time during the year.

## Note:

The non-voting preferred shares, which are not held by the company, practically carry no rights to dividends or to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any general meeting of the respective companies or to participate in any distribution on winding up.

# PARTICULARS OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AT $31^{ST}$ DECEMBER 2001

<u>LOCATION</u> <u>TYPE</u> <u>LEASE TERM</u>

**HONG KONG** 

Units A, B, C, D and E on 2nd Floor,

Commercial

Medium-

Kee Shing Centre,

term

74-76 Kimberley Road,

lease

Tsimshatsui,

Kowloon

Hong Kong

ELSEWHERE IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Units 1003, 1005, 1010, 1011, 1012,

1013 on 10th Floor,

Commercial

Medium-

the whole of 11th and 12th Floors and the

term

Multi-function Room on Roof,

lease

Novel Building,

887 Huai Hai Road Central,

Luwan District,

Shanghai

People's Republic of China

Commercial

Medium-

15th Floor, Shui On Plaza 333 Huai Hai Road Central.

333 Huai Hai Road Central,

term lease

Shanghai

Luwan District,

People's Republic of China

Residential

Long

lease

5D, 6A, 6E, 9F, 12E, 15F, 16A, 17F,

19E, 20A, 22C, 24E, 26A, 26F, 27A,

27F, 28A, 29E, 31E, 33E,

of Huadua Court, Haihua Garden,

the Junction of Xiexu Road and

Dapu Road,

Luwan District,

Shanghai,

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3B, 10D, 12E, 15C, 17C, 17D, 22D,	Residential
23D, 25D, 25F, 27C, 27F, 28C, 30D,	
33D, 33F of Huali Court,	
Haihua Garden,	
the Junction of Xiexu Road and	
Dapu Road,	
Luwan District,	
Shanghai,	
People's Republic of China	

Long lease

4B, 7B, 7F, 27C, 33E of Huaying Court,	Residential	Long
Haihua Garden,		lease
the Junction of Xiexu Road		
and Dapu Road,		
Luwan District,		
Shanghai,		
People's Republic of China		

5B, 8B, 9C, 9D, 10D, 11C, 12D, 24C, 33E,	Residential	Long
of Huaxin Court,		lease
Haihua Garden,		
the Junction of Xiexu Road and Dapu Road,		
Luwan District,		
Shanghai,		
People's Republic of China		