

### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORY GROUP LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 24 to 57 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors**

The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's and the Group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **Fundamental Uncertainty Relating to the Going Concern Basis**

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 2 to the financial statements concerning the adoption of the going concern basis, being the basis on which the financial statements have been prepared. As explained in note 2 to the financial statements, the Group is currently undertaking a number of measures to relieve its current profitability and liquidity problems. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon the successful outcome of the Group's funding plans, the ongoing support of the Group's bankers, and the attainment of profitable and positive cash flow operations of the Group to meet its future working capital and financial requirements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that may be necessary should the implementation of such measures be unsuccessful.

We consider that appropriate disclosure have been made, but the inherent uncertainties surrounding the circumstances under which the Group might successfully continue to adopt the going concern basis are so extreme that we have disclaimed our opinion.

### **Disclaimer of Opinion**

We are unable to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2001 and of its loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and as to whether the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, on account of the fundamental uncertainty relating to the appropriateness of the going concern basis.

### **FAN, MITCHELL & CO.**

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

19 April 2002