

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **Board of Directors**

YAO Hon Ching (Chief Executive Officer)
HUI Kwong Wai, Eric
CHAN Kei Kon
Masuo YOSHIMOCHI\*
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him J.P.\*
YEUNG Kong Sang\*

(Appointed on March 7, 2002) (Appointed on April 16, 2002)

# Secretary

NG Chi Yeung, Simon

#### **Solicitors**

David Lo & Partners Na & Tse

#### **Auditors**

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** 

# **Principal Bankers**

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited Fortis Bank Asia Hong Kong Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited Hang Seng Bank Limited Liu Chong Hing Bank Limited

# **Registrars and Transfer Office**

Central Registration Hong Kong Limited 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong

# **Registered Office**

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<sup>\*</sup> Independent Non-executive Director

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2002

		Six months ended		
		Janu	ıary 31,	
		2002	2001	
	Notes	HK\$	HK\$	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Turnover	3	3,436,223	29,207,815	
Cost of goods and trading securities sold		(3,029,292)	(18,855,439)	
Direct cost on property rentals		(839,224)	(1,426,039)	
Gross (loss) profit		(432,293)	8,926,337	
Other revenue		50,068	818,181	
Administrative expenses		(1,799,532)	(4,639,533)	
Impairment loss recognised in respect				
of investment properties		_	(3,480,000)	
Impairment loss recognised in respect				
of amount due from an investee				
company			(3,360,269)	
Loss from operations	4	(2,181,757)	(1,735,284)	
Finance costs		(129,033)	(4,025,701)	
Share of results of associates		(118,531)	1,235,151	
Loss before taxation		(2,429,321)	(4,525,834)	
Taxation	5		(179,906)	
Loss before minority interests		(2,429,321)	(4,705,740)	
Minority interests		_	21,147	
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Net loss for the period		(2,429,321)	(4,684,593)	
Loss per share – Basic	7	(0.50) cent	(1.04) cents	

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

AT JANUARY 31, 2002

	Notes	1.31.2002 HK\$ (unaudited)	7.31.2001 HK\$ (unaudited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets Investment properties Interests in associates Other securities Amount due from an investee company	8	40,590,000 10,550 155,800	40,590,000 129,081 293,770 119,862,029
,		40,756,350	160,874,880
Current assets Properties held for sale Trade and other receivables Balance of consideration receivable on disposal of other investment and	10	31,027,687 406,463	33,267,967 657,972
the related loan advance	11	108,000,000	-
Trading securities listed in Hong Kong, at market value Bank balances and cash		7,007,676 3,744,452	240,138 187,054
		150,186,278	34,353,131
Current liabilities Other payables Balance of consideration payable on		5,802,001	5,354,849
acquisition of an associate Bank borrowings - due within one year	12	9,649,445	12,000,000
		15,451,446	17,354,849
Net current assets		134,734,832	16,998,282
Total assets less current liabilities		175,491,182	177,873,162
<b>Non-current liabilities</b> Bank borrowings - due after one year	12	2,287,621	
NET ASSETS		173,203,561	177,873,162
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Reserves	13	192,959,821 (19,756,260)	192,959,821 (15,086,659)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		173,203,561	177,873,162

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2002

	Six mor	nths ended	
	January 31,		
	2002	2001	
	HK\$	HK\$	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Revaluation surplus on other securities	-	1,062,240	
Exchange loss arising on translation of			
financial statements of overseas operations	(2,240,280)	(2,520,000)	
Net loss not recognised in the condensed			
consolidated income statement	(2,240,280)	(1,457,760)	
Net loss for the period	(2,429,321)	(4,684,593)	
Total recognised losses	(4,669,601)	(6,142,353)	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2002

	Six months ended		
	Jar	nuary 31,	
	2002	2001	
	HK\$	HK\$	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW FROM			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,270,474)	3,101,778	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON			
INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	(125,356)	(3,495,235)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING			
ACTIVITIES	(6,983,838)	(29,844,907)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING	(8,379,668)	(30,238,364)	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING	2,827,688	29,326,998	
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,551,980)	(911,366)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT			
BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	187,054	(21,416,885)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END			
OF THE PERIOD	(5,364,926)	(22,328,251)	
ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND			
CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Bank balances and cash	3,744,452	7,273,126	
Bank overdrafts	(9,109,378)	(29,601,377)	
	(5,364,926)	(22,328,251)	
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#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2002

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

In the current period, the Group has adopted, for the first time, a number of new and revised SSAPs which does not have any effect on the current or previous periods' results. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2001.

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

# **Business Segments**

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into three operating divisions - financial investment, property rental and property sale. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

### Six months ended January 31, 2002

	Financial investment HK\$	Property rental HK\$	Property sale HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
REVENUE External sales	2,816,749	619,474		3,436,223
SEGMENT RESULT AND LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(1,543,132)	(636,375)	(2,250)	(2,181,757)

In prior periods, the Group has also involved in property maintenance, management and agency services business. That operation was disposed of on February 28, 2001 and discontinued thereafter. Details of the results of this discontinued operation for the corresponding six months ended January 31, 2001 are set out in the segment information below.

#### 3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** - Continued

# **Business Segments - continued**

# Six months ended January 31, 2001

	Property maintenance, management and agency services HK\$	Financial investment HK\$	Property rental HK\$	Property sale HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
REVENUE					
External sales	13,940,797	7,941,163	7,325,855		29,207,815
SEGMENT RESULT	1,703,835	793,421	2,644,675	(36,946)	5,104,985
Impairment loss recognised in resp of investment prop Impairment loss recognin respect of amou	perties ognised				(3,480,000)
from an investee of					(3,360,269)
Loss from operation	S				(1,735,284)

# **Geographical Segments**

The Group's current operations are located in Hong Kong and Japan, with financial investment and property rental businesses locate in Hong Kong and property sale division operates in Japan.

In prior periods, the property sale division was also operated in the People's Republic of China, other than Hong Kong (the "PRC") and property maintenance, management and agency services business located in Hong Kong.

Segment information about these geographic markets is presented below:

# Six months ended January 31, 2002

	Hong Kong	Japan C	onsolidated
DEVENUE	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
REVENUE External sales	3,436,223		3,436,223
SEGMENT RESULT AND LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(2,179,507)	(2,250)	(2,181,757)

#### 3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** - Continued

# **Geographical Segments - continued**

# Six months ended January 31, 2001

	Hong Kong HK\$	PRC HK\$	<b>Japan</b> HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
REVENUE External sales	29,207,815			29,207,815
SEGMENT RESULT	5,141,932	(26,551)	(10,396)	5,104,985
Impairment loss recognised in respect of investment properties Impairment loss recognised in respect of amount due from an investee company				(3,480,000)
Loss from operations				(1,735,284)

#### 4. LOSS FROM OPERATIONS

Loss from operations for the six months ended January 31, 2001 has been arrived at after charging depreciation and amortisation of approximately HK\$548,000 (six months ended January 31, 2002: Nil) in respect of the Group's property, plant and equipment.

The Group did not have any property, plant and equipment during the six months ended January 31, 2002 other than investment properties.

# 5. TAXATION

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Group has no assessable profit for both periods. The taxation for the six months ended January 31, 2001 represented the share of taxation on results of associates for that period.

# 6. **DIVIDEND**

The directors resolved not to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended January 31, 2002 (six months ended January 31, 2001: Nil).

#### 7. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the net loss for the period of HK\$2,429,321 (six months ended January 31, 2001: HK\$4,684,593) and on 482,399,556 (six months ended January 31, 2001: weighted average number of 451,375,672) shares in issue during the period.

No disclosure of diluted loss per share for the six months ended January 31, 2002 and 2001 is shown as the effect of the potential ordinary shares in issue would result in a decrease in net loss per share from continuing ordinary operations for both periods.

#### 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The investment properties of the Group are held for rental purposes under operating leases and were revalued at July 31, 2001 on an open market value basis by CS Surveyors Limited, an independent firm of professional valuers.

At January 31, 2002, the directors have considered the carrying amount of the Group's investment properties and have estimated that the carrying amount does not differ significantly from that would be determined using fair values at that date. Accordingly, the same revaluation at July 31, 2001 has been adopted by the directors for those properties and included in the interim financial report.

#### 9. AMOUNT DUE FROM AN INVESTEE COMPANY

On December 6, 2000, the Company entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement (as supplemented by supplemental agreements dated December 12, 2000 and March 27, 2001 and an extension letter dated January 19, 2001) with E-Cash Venture Limited ("E-Cash"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and wholly owned by Far East Consortium International Limited ("FECIL") which in turn holds a 8.6% interest in the issued capital of the Company, to dispose of its entire 15.33% interest in Mutual Luck Investment Limited ("Mutual Luck"), an investee company, together with the amount due from Mutual Luck of HK\$123,222,298 for a cash consideration of HK\$120,000,000. As a result of the foregoing, an impairment loss of HK\$3,360,269 was recognised in the income statement for the six months ended January 31, 2001 to state the amount due from Mutual Luck at its estimated recoverable amount. The transaction was completed on November 30, 2001.

#### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to its trade customers. An ageing analysis of trade receivables prepared on the basis of sales invoice date is as follows:

	1.31.2002 HK\$	7.31.2001 HK\$
0 to 60 days	_	207,274
61 to 90 days	2,000	104,637
91 days or above	243,018	129,845
Total trade receivables	245,018	441,756
Other receivables	161,445	216,216
	406,463	657,972

# 11. BALANCE OF CONSIDERATION RECEIVABLE ON DISPOSAL OF OTHER INVESTMENT AND THE RELATED LOAN ADVANCE

The amount represents the aggregate of the second and third instalments of consideration receivable in respect of the disposal of the Group's entire interest in, and amount due from, Mutual Luck ("Consideration Receivable") which would be due on February 28, 2002 and May 31, 2002, respectively.

On February 28, 2002, FECIL and E-Cash entered into a deed of release pursuant to which, FECIL agreed to issue transferable loan notes amounting to HK\$108,000,000 ("2002 Notes") in favour of the Company in total satisfaction and settlement of the Consideration Receivable. The Company, then agreed, among other things, to discharge FECIL and E-Cash from the payment of all or any balance of the Consideration Receivable and all claims and demands for or in respect of the same or in anyway arising therefrom or relating thereto. The 2002 Notes, which carry interest at 5% per annum and mature on May 30, 2005, were issued to the Company on February 28, 2002.

#### 12. BANK BORROWINGS

During the period, the Group obtained a bank loan amounting to HK\$3,000,000 and utilised overdraft facilities amounting to HK\$9,109,378 at January 31, 2002. The loan bears interest at prevailing market rates and is repayable in instalments over a period of 5 years. The proceeds were used for general working capital purposes.

# 13. RESERVES

	Share premium HK\$	Capital reserve HK\$		Investment revaluation reserve HK\$	Property revaluation reserve HK\$	Currency translation reserve HK\$	Capital redemption reserve HK\$	Deficit HK\$	Total HK\$
THE GROUP									
Balance at August 1, 2000 Eliminated on disposal of	251,388,544	152,571	9,278,080	(11,370,425)	4,152,106	(14,537,628)	268,000	(97,587,823 )	141,743,425
subsidiaries Realised on disposal of	-	4,105	-	3,649,500	(4,152,106)	(1,265,278)	-	-	(1,763,779)
other securities Exchange difference	-	-	-	7,720,925	-	-	-	-	7,720,925
arising on consolidation  Expenses incurred in connection with issue	-	-	-	-	-	(5,162,640 )	-	-	(5,162,640 )
of shares	(436,725)	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	(436,725)
Transfer for the year	-	-	(9,278,080)	-	-	-	-	9,278,080	-
Net loss for the year								(157,187,865)	(157,187,865 )
Balance at July 31, 2001 Exchange difference arising	250,951,819	156,676	-	-	-	(20,965,546)	268,000	(245,497,608)	(15,086,659)
on consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	(2,240,280)	-	-	(2,240,280)
Net loss for the period			-					(2,429,321)	(2,429,321)
Balance at January 31, 2002	250,951,819	156,676				(23,205,826)	268,000	(247,926,929)	(19,756,260

# 14. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the balance sheet date, certain assets of the Group with the following carrying values have been pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group:

	1.31.2002 HK\$	7.31.2001 HK\$
Investment properties Trading securities listed in Hong Kong	40,260,000 6,850,000	<u>-</u>
	47,110,000	

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has resolved not to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended January 31, 2002 (six months ended January 31, 2001; Nil).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### Results for the period

During the first half of the financial year, the Group's turnover decreased by 88%, compared with corresponding period of last year. The decrease was mainly due to the Group's disposal of its subsidiaries engaged in the provision of property maintenance, management and agency services and partial investment properties.

The Group recorded a loss attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$2.4 million for the six months ended January 31, 2002 (six months ended January 31, 2001: HK\$4.7 million). The losses incurred in the period were mainly from normal operating activities and the loss per share was HK0.5 cent (six months ended January 31, 2001: HK1.04 cents).

#### **Financial Resources and Liquidity**

At January 31, 2002, the Group had total bank borrowings of approximately HK\$11.9 million (July 31, 2001: Nil), all of which were secured by the Group's investment properties and certain listed shares purchased for investment purposes. The gearing ratio, calculated as the total borrowings of the Group divided by shareholders' funds, stood healthily at 0.07. The current ratio also increased from 2.0 to 9.7.

#### **Exchange Rate Exposure**

Except for certain properties held for sale and development in Japan, all assets, liabilities and transactions of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The Group was not exposed to material exchange risk during the period.

#### CONNECTED TRANSACTION

As announced previously, on December 6, 2000, the Company entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement (as supplemented by supplemental agreements dated December 12, 2000 and March 27, 2001 and an extension letter dated January 19, 2001) with E-Cash Venture Limited ("E-Cash"), a wholly owned subsidiary of FECIL which in turn holds a 8.6% interest in the issued capital of the Company, to dispose of its entire 15.33% interest in Mutual Luck Investment Limited ("Mutual Luck") to E-Cash for a consideration of HK\$120 million ("Mutual Luck Transaction"). The completion minutes for the transaction was received on November 26, 2001 and completion took place on November 30, 2001.

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

Following readjustment of the Company's investment policy to reflect the adverse market sentiment on internet industry generally, the Group has re-focused its investment directions and consolidated its resources to cater for future investment opportunities.

#### **EMPLOYEE**

As at January 31, 2002 the number of staff was 6 with their remuneration normally reviewed annually. The Group also provides its staff with other benefits including year-end double-pay, discretionary bonus, contributory provident fund and share options.

# **OUTLOOK**

The Board of Directors assumes that the economy of Hong Kong will still be under stagnancy and will last for years. The Group will maintain a sound financial status and cautiously seek for higher return investment opportunities in Hong Kong and elsewhere.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES OR SHARE OPTIONS**

As at January 31, 2002, the interests of the directors and associates in the share capital of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance ("SDI Ordinance") or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") were as follows:

#### 1. Shares

Name of director	Number of shares held	Nature of interest
Liu Ngai Wing (Resigned as Non-executive director on April 2, 2002)	3,000,000	Personal interest
Wong Chui Kay (Resigned as Independent Non-executive director on April 1	160,000	Personal interest

#### 2. Share Options

Name of director	Name of options outstanding	Subscription price per share	Exercisable period
Liu Ngai Wing	3,000,000	HK\$0.5712	April 8, 1997 to March 6, 2007

Other than as disclosed above and certain nominee shares in subsidiaries held by directors in trust for the Company, at January 31, 2002 none of the directors or their associates had any interests in any securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SDI ordinance, and none of the directors or chief executives or their spouses or children under the age of 18 had any right to subscribe for securities of the Company or had exercised any such right during the period.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER

As at January 31, 2002, the register of substantial shareholder maintained by the Company under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance showed that the following shareholder had an interest of 10% or more in the Company's issued share capital:

Name of Shareholder	Number of Shares Held	%
Rocket High Investment Limited	80,399,926 (note)	16.7

Note: As disclosed in the circular dated September 8, 2000, Rocket High Investment Limited is beneficially and wholly-owned by Mr. David Chiu ("Mr. Chiu"). At present, FECIL is interested in 41,623,666 shares. Mr. Chiu together with his family members and associates are controlling shareholders of FECIL. Tokai Kanko Co., Ltd., a company in which Mr. Chiu holds a 40% interest, is holding 27,372,000 shares. Accordingly, Mr. Chiu and his associates are interested in 149,395,592 shares (approximately 31% of the issued share capital of the Company).

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended January 31, 2002, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

#### DISCLOSURE UNDER PRACTICE NOTE 19 OF LISTING RULES

As disclosed previously, the Company had an advance of approximately HK\$123,222,000 to Mutual Luck before the completion of the Mutual Luck Transaction on November 30, 2001. As of January 31, 2002, HK\$108 million of the purchase consideration due February 28, 2002 through May 31, 2002 was outstanding from E-Cash. Following the issuance of unsecured transferable loan notes to the Company for a total value of HK\$108 million by FECIL on February 28, 2002, all payment obligations under the Mutual Luck Transaction has been fully satisfied. Save for the aforesaid, there has been no other changes to the circumstances.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE OF THE LISTING RULES

None of the directors of the Company is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended January 31, 2002, in compliance with the "Code of Best Practice" as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.

The term of office for the non-executive directors of the Company is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements.

By order of the Board

NG CHI YEUNG, SIMON

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, April 24, 2002