

Consolidated Cash Flows Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2001

(Expressed in thousands of Hong Kong dollars (HK\$'000))

	Note	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	26(a)	134,808	89,387
Interest paid		(791)	(103)
Interest received		1,355	903
Income taxes paid		(24,108)	(28,049)
Net cash inflow before investing activities		<u>111,264</u>	<u>62,138</u>
Investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	26(c)	(69,419)	(58,091)
Increase in deferred expenditures	15	(4,553)	—
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment		3,621	269
Acquisition of subsidiaries	26(d)	764	—
Consolidation of NB Cheng Du	26(e)	(328)	—
Disposal of a subsidiary	26(f)	—	(4,824)
Net increase in short-term investments		(19,755)	(45,940)
Net realized gain from short-term investments		3,017	4,386
Increase in investment in an associate		—	(236)
Increase in other long-term assets		(466)	(497)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(87,119)</u>	<u>(104,933)</u>
Financing activities			
Net increase (decrease) in short-term bank borrowings, net of repayments		1,990	(396)
Repayment of long-term bank borrowings		(244)	—
Net repayment of loans from a related party	26(c)	(13,165)	(6,017)
Capital contribution from minority shareholders	26(c)	20,720	4,178
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	26(c)	(116)	(34)
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Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>(30,493)</u>	<u>(14,648)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(8,110)	(1,084)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(14,458)	(58,527)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	26(b)	<u>90,568</u>	<u>149,095</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	26(b)	<u>76,110</u>	<u>90,568</u>