|  | Notes | $\begin{array}{r} 2001 \\ H K \$ \prime 000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2000 \\ H K \$ \$^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
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| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 28(a) | 80,277 | 76,137 |
| RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE |  |  |  |
| Interest received |  | 1,099 | 1,907 |
| Interest paid |  | $(46,653)$ | $(62,622)$ |
| Dividends from listed investments |  | - | 135 |
| Dividends paid |  | $(13,635)$ | $(11,399)$ |
| Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance |  | $(59,189)$ | $(71,979)$ |
| TAX |  |  |  |
| Hong Kong profits tax paid |  | (268) | (436) |
| Hong Kong profits tax refunded |  | 489 | 1,056 |
| PRC taxes paid |  | $(4,627)$ | $(13,295)$ |
| Net taxes paid |  | $(4,406)$ | $(12,675)$ |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |
| Acquisition of interests in associates |  | $(8,010)$ | $(39,188)$ |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary | 28(b) | (708) | - |
| Purchases of fixed assets |  | $(1,429)$ | $(2,090)$ |
| Purchase of short term investments |  | - | $(1,616)$ |
| Increase in pledged time deposits |  | (9) | $(3,823)$ |
| Additions to investment properties |  | - | $(1,301)$ |
| Advances to associates |  | $(34,199)$ | $(24,952)$ |
| Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries (net of cash and cash equivalents) | 28(c) | - | 3,500 |
| Proceeds from disposal of short term investments |  | 1,619 | - |
| Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets |  | 41 | 167 |
| Net cash outflow from investing activities |  | $(42,695)$ | $(69,303)$ |
| NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES |  | $(26,013)$ | $(77,820)$ |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 28(d) |  |  |
| Proceeds from issue of share capital |  | - | 25,117 |
| Share issue expenses |  | - | (60) |
| New bank loans |  | - | 95,833 |
| Repayment of bank loans |  | $(49,744)$ | $(69,578)$ |
| Advances from a director |  | 44,049 | 7,596 |
| Advances from associates |  | 8,599 | 3,890 |
| Repayment to minority shareholders |  | $(4,940)$ | $(5,020)$ |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities |  | $(2,036)$ | 57,778 |
| DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS |  | $(28,049)$ | $(20,042)$ |

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONT'D)


