

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2002

	Notes	2002 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	24(a)	26,384	(15,461)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		16,151	33,238
Interest paid		(338)	(107)
Dividends paid		(98,640)	(90,720)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(82,827)	(57,589)
Taxation			
Profits tax paid, net		(3,117)	(15,487)
Investing activities			
Investments in associates		–	(100)
Repayment from/(Advances to) associates		118	(183)
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		(1,799)	(1,728)
Receipts from disposal of property, plant and equipment		9	90
Refund of stamp duty and statutory deposits		100	–
Receipts from maturity of investments in held-to-maturity debt securities		–	10,002
Payments to acquire other investments		(53,693)	(7,030)
Receipts from disposal of other investments		36,310	41,463
Payments to acquire trading securities		(6,317)	(8,331)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(25,272)	34,183
Net cash outflow before financing		(84,832)	(54,354)
Financing activities			
Short term advances from ultimate holding company	24(b)	–	15,181
Repayments of short term advances to ultimate holding company	24(b)	(9,393)	(16,495)
Short term advances from a fellow subsidiary	24(b)	1	39
Repayment of short term advances to a fellow subsidiary	24(b)	(72)	–
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(9,464)	(1,275)

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2002

	Notes	2002 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(94,296)	(55,629)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2001		604,561	660,190
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2002		510,265	604,561
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at banks and in hand	17	269,753	299,475
Short term deposits placed with banks		240,512	305,506
Bank overdrafts		–	(420)
		510,265	604,561