



# Auditors' Report

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### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF EMPEROR INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

*(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

We have audited the financial statements on pages 24 to 86 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 except that the scope of our work was limited as explained below.

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 circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned 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. However, the evidence available to us was limited as explained below.

## **BASIS OF OPINION** *(continued)*

Included in the financial statements are interests in associates as at 31st March, 2002 of approximately HK\$424,792,000 and share of loss of associates of approximately HK\$16,184,000 for the year then ended in respect of Emperor (China Concept) Investments Limited (“ECC”) in which the Group holds a 49.11% interest. However, as explained in note 20 to the financial statements, the auditors’ report on the consolidated financial statements of ECC for the year ended 31st March, 2002 is qualified as a result of the auditors having been unable to obtain any financial information in respect of ECC’s unconsolidated subsidiaries such that they were unable to assess the appropriateness of the allowance of approximately HK\$90,388,000 made in respect of the amounts due from those unconsolidated subsidiaries of approximately HK\$770,771,000 included in its consolidated balance sheet as at 31st March, 2002. Accordingly, we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to whether the Group’s share of ECC’s net assets as at 31st March, 2002, and the Group’s share of ECC’s consolidated loss for the year ended 31st March, 2002 were fairly stated.

Any adjustment found to be necessary may affect the net assets of the Group as at 31st March, 2002 and the loss of the Group for the year then ended.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM LIMITATION OF SCOPE**

Except for any adjustments which might have been found necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning ECC, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at 31st March, 2002 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company’s affairs as at 31st March, 2002.

In respect alone of the limitation on our work relating to ECC, we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

Hong Kong, 19th July, 2002