

PRACTICE NOTE 19 OF THE LISTING RULES

Practice Note 19 of the Listing Rules ("PN 19") requires the disclosure of financial assistance and guarantees provided by the Group to affiliated companies. The circumstances requiring disclosure by the Company of such financial assistance and guarantees have not been present since 31 December 1999 and this is still the case at 30 June 2002. The Directors, in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, consider that in the interest of good corporate governance and disclosure, the Company continues to make such disclosure.

In line with the disclosure requirements of Paragraph 3.10 of PN 19, the Company discloses the following information as at 30 June 2002 in relation to the affiliated companies as at the end of the most recent financial period reported on by the affiliated companies. This information has been extracted from the relevant audited accounts or management accounts of the affiliated companies.

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
The Group's share of total indebtedness analysed as follows:		
Bank borrowings	1	1,321,182
Other borrowings including loans from shareholders	2	<u>4,304,321</u>
		<u>5,625,503</u>
The Group's share of capital commitments		
Authorised but not contracted for		7,876
Contracted but not provided for		<u>325,297</u>
		<u>333,173</u>

Notes:

1. The above amount includes bank borrowings by affiliated companies which are not guaranteed by the Group. As at 30 June 2002, banking and other facilities utilised by the affiliated companies and guaranteed by the Group amounted to approximately HK\$157 million.
2. The above amount includes borrowings from the Group. As at 30 June 2002, such borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$4,209 million.