

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, 9 September 2002 to Friday, 13 September 2002 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. In order to qualify for the 2002 interim dividend, all transfer documents, together with the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Bank's Share Registrars and Transfer Office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited (formerly known as Central Registration Hong Kong Limited) of 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 pm on Friday, 6 September 2002.