DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Except for Mr. Liu Kai, all the remaining executive directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting have service contracts with the Company, each with an unexpired period of 11 months as of 30th June, 2002. Mr. Liu Kai has entered into a service contract with the Company for a period of three years commencing on 15th January, 2001.

Save as disclosed above, no director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No director had a beneficial interest in any material contract to which the Company, or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party during the period.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As at 30th June, 2002, the interests of the directors and their associates in the issued share capital of the Company and its associated corporations, as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the "SDI Ordinance"), were as follows:

	Name of associated	Nature of	Number of
Name of director	corporation	interest	shares held
Zheng Wan He	Beijing Wangfujing Department Store (Group) Co., Ltd.	Personal	45,738
Li Fu Cheng	Beijing Yanjing Brewery Company Limited	Personal	18,720

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors or their associates had any personal, family, corporate or other interests in the securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations, as defined in the SDI Ordinance, as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Apart from as disclosed under the heading "Share option scheme" below, at no time during the period were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. The directors of the Company may, at their discretion, invite employees, including executive directors, of the Company and any of its subsidiaries, to take up options to subscribe for ordinary shares of the Company at HK\$1 per grant of options. The Scheme became effective on 16th May, 1997 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date.

The maximum number of unexercised share options currently permitted to be granted under the Scheme (the "Maximum Number") is an amount equivalent, upon their exercise, to 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. No option may be granted to any one person which if exercised in full would result in the total number of ordinary shares of the Company issued and issuable to him/her under all the options previously granted to him/her and the said option exceeding 25% of the Maximum Number. At 30th June, 2002, the number of shares issuable under share options granted under the Scheme was 19,950,000, which represented approximately 3.2% of the Company's shares in issue as at that date.

An option may not be transferred and is personal to the grantee and may be exercised or treated as exercised, as the case may be, in whole or in part.

The period during which an option may be exercised will be determined by the directors at their discretion, save that no option may be exercised later than 10 years after it has been granted. No option may be granted more than 10 years after the date of approval of the Scheme.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors, but may not be less than the higher of (i) the nominal value of an ordinary share; and (ii) 80% of the average of the closing prices of the Company's ordinary shares on the Stock Exchange on the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option.

The following share options were outstanding under the Scheme as at 30th June, 2002:

	Number of options held		
	Note (a)	Note (b)	
Name of Directors:			
Mr. Hu Zhao Guang	400,000	3,600,000	
Mr. Bai Jin Rong	240,000	2,160,000	
Mr. Xing Chun Hua	240,000	2,160,000	
Mr. Zheng Wan He	200,000	1,800,000	
Mr. Wei En Hong	200,000	1,800,000	
Mr. Li Fu Cheng	200,000	1,800,000	
Mr. Li Zhong Gen	200,000	1,800,000	
	1,680,000	15,120,000	
Employees in aggregate	320,000	2,830,000	
	2,000,000	17,950,000	

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

Notes:

- (a) These options were granted on 3rd March, 1998, at an exercise price per share of HK\$17.03. The cash consideration paid by each director and employee for the options granted was HK\$1 per grant of options. The options may be exercised at any time in the next 10 years commencing on 1st September, 1998. No such options were exercised during the period.
- (b) These options were granted on 23rd June, 1998 at an exercise price per share of HK\$17.03. The consideration paid by each director and employee for the options granted was HK\$1 per grant of options. The options may be exercised in 9 equal portions. The first portion is exercisable at any time commencing on 1st January, 1999, and one additional portion becomes exercisable on 1st January, in each of the following years. All of the options (to the extent not exercised) will become exercisable on 1st January, 2007, and if not otherwise exercised, will lapse on 1st January, 2009. No portion of these share options was exercised during the period.

Summary details of the Scheme are also set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

In addition to the above, as at 30th June, 2002, the interests of the directors of the Company in options to subscribe for shares of Beijing Development (Hong Kong) Limited ("Beijing Development"), an indirectly owned subsidiary of the Company listed on the Stock Exchange, under the share option scheme of Beijing Development, were as follows:

Name of director	Number of options held		
Mr. Xiong Da Xin	2,800,000		
Mr. Bai Jin Rong	2,600,000		

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

These options were granted on 19th June, 2001 at an exercise price of HK\$1.13 per option. The options may be exercised in 2 or 3 equal portions. The first portion is exercisable at any time commencing on 1st January, 2002, and each further portion becomes exercisable on 1st January in each of the following years. All of the options, if not otherwise exercised, will lapse on 26th June, 2006. No portion of these share options was exercised during the period.

The financial impact of share options granted is not recorded in the Company's or the Group's balance sheet until such time as the options are exercised, and no charge is recorded in the profit and loss account or the balance sheet for their cost. Upon the exercise of the share options, the resulting shares issued are recorded by the Company as additional share capital at the nominal value of the shares, and the excess of the exercise price per share over the nominal value of the shares is recorded by the Company in the share premium account. Options which lapse or are cancelled prior to their exercise date are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th June, 2002, the following interests of 10% or more of the share capital of the Company were recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance:

	Percentage of	
	Number of	the Company's
Name	shares held	share capital
Modern Orient Limited	90,050,000	14.47
Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited (Note a)	384,000,000	61.69
Beijing Holdings Limited (Note b)	391,577,000	62.90

Notes:

- (a) The interest disclosed includes the shares owned by Modern Orient Limited. Modern Orient Limited is held directly as to 100% by Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited. Accordingly, Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited is deemed to be interested in the shares owned by Modern Orient Limited.
- (b) The interest disclosed includes the shares owned by Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited and Modern Orient Limited. Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited, the holding company of Modern Orient Limited, is held indirectly as to 50.37% by Beijing Holdings Limited. Accordingly, Beijing Holdings Limited is deemed to be interested in the shares owned by Beijing Enterprises Investments Limited and Modern Orient Limited.

Save as disclosed above, no person had registered an interest in the share capital of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The connected transactions undertaken by the Group during the period are set out in note 16 to the financial statements.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company have reviewed and confirmed that these connected transactions entered into by the Group were (i) in the ordinary course of the Group's business either on normal commercial terms, or on terms that are fair and reasonable so far as the Company's shareholders are concerned; (ii) in accordance with the terms of the agreements governing the transactions; and (iii) within the prescribed limits as set out in the waiver letter in respect of connected transactions granted by the Stock Exchange.

PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

LOAN AGREEMENT WITH COVENANT RELATING TO SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

The Company obtained a five-year US\$180 million loan facility in 2001. The loan agreement includes certain conditions imposing specific performance obligations on the Company's holding companies, among which are the following events which would constitute an event of default on the loan facility.

- 1. If the beneficial interest in more than 50% of the entire issued share capital of the Company ceases to be owned by persons or entities controlled by the Beijing Municipal People's Government of China; or
- 2. If any of the Company's holding companies stops or suspends payments to its creditors generally or is unable or admits its inability to pay its debts as they fall due, or is declared or becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Details of the significant post balance sheet events of the Group are set out in the section of "Business Review and Outlook" under heading of "Significant Subsequent Events".