

## **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Directors have resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK1 cent per share (2001: HK0.5 cent per share) for the six months ended 30 September, 2002 payable on or before Wednesday, 12 February, 2003 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 10 January, 2003. The interim dividend will be payable in cash but shareholders will be given an option to elect to receive the same in the form of new shares in lieu of cash in respect of part or all of such dividend. The new shares to be issued pursuant to the scrip dividend scheme ("New Shares") are subject to listing thereof, and permission to deal therein, being granted by the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange.

In relation to the calculation of the number of New Shares to be allotted, the issue price for each New Share will be equal to the average closing price of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange for the five consecutive trading days ending Friday, 10 January, 2003 less five per cent discount rounding down such figure to four decimal places.

A circular containing details of the scrip dividend scheme together with an election form will be mailed to shareholders on or around Monday, 13 January, 2003. It is expected that the interim dividend warrants and definitive certificates for the New Shares will be mailed to shareholders entitled thereto at their risk on or around Wednesday, 12 February, 2003.

## **CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 8 January, 2003 to Friday, 10 January, 2003 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Tengis Limited at 4th Floor, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 January, 2003.