## Report of the Directors

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The directors herein present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 December 2002.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group's principal activities consisted of the design, development, manufacture and sale of electronic products, the manufacture and sale of printed circuit boards, the trading and distribution of electronic components and parts, the trading of listed equity investments, the provision of loan financing and the manufacture and sale of optical products.

The manufacture and sale of optical products were new businesses entered into the Group during the year upon its acquisition of Swank International Manufacturing Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Group's profit for the year ended 31 December 2002 and the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 22 to 72.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year.

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the results of the Group for the last five financial reporting years and of its assets, liabilities and minority interests at the respective financial reporting year end dates, as extracted from the published audited financial statements of the Group, is set out below.

	Year ended 31 December				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
RESULTS					
TURNOVER	741,077	544,174	659,807	601,609	483,557
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER FINANCE COSTS	60,560	28,462	36,943	(38,603)	(27,470)
Share of profits less losses of associates	5,797	_	_	_	_
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	66,357	28,462	36,943	(38,603)	(27,470)
Tax	(4,675)	(3,079)	(5,424)	(6,265)	988
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	61,682	25,383	31,519	(44,868)	(26,482)
Minority interests	1,165	5,734	976	(30)	(4)
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	62,847	31,117	32,495	(44,898)	(26,486)

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## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (continued)

	2002 HK\$'000	<b>As</b> 2001 HK\$'000	<b>at 31 Decemb</b> 2000 HK\$'000	er 1999 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000
ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND MINORITY INTERESTS					
FIXED ASSETS NEGATIVE GOODWILL INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES PREPAID RENTAL	201,955 (58,671) 30,894 4,114	138,811 — 4,851	135,800 — 5,588	132,476  42 6,324	185,810  23 7,061
RENTAL DEPOSITS DEFERRED PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COSTS DEFERRED PRE-OPERATING	972 4,195	517 4,459	397 4,131	3,684	 5,829
EXPENSES CURRENT ASSETS	 676,241	575,477	421,444	252,277	3,363 200,805
TOTAL ASSETS	859,700	724,115	567,360	394,803	402,891
CURRENT LIABILITIES LONG TERM BANK BORROWINGS PROVISION FOR LONG	136,492 —	87,647	146,674	191,152	140,960 13,247
SERVICE PAYMENTS DEFERRED TAX	1,465 1,433	1,433	 1,433	 600	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	139,390	89,080	148,107	191,752	154,207
MINORITY INTERESTS	32,233	36,443	42,177	8,836	8,806
NET ASSETS	688,077	598,592	377,076	194,215	239,878

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Details of movements in the fixed assets of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 13 to the financial statements.

## SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS

Details of movements in the Company's share capital and share options during the year, together with the reasons therefor, are set out in notes 29 and 30 to the financial statements.

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

#### RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 31 to the financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity, respectively.

#### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At 31 December 2002, the Company's reserves available for cash distribution and/or distribution in specie, calculated in accordance with the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), amounted to HK\$88,795,000. In addition, the Company's share premium account, in the amount of HK\$200,556,000, may be distributed in the form of fully paid bonus shares.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

In the year under review, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for 31% of the total sales for the year and sales to the largest customer included therein amounted to 14% of the total sales. Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 34% of the total purchases for the year and purchases from the largest supplier included therein amounted to 8% of the total purchases.

As far as the directors are aware, neither the directors, their associates (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules")) nor those shareholders (which, to the knowledge of the directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any interest in the Group's five largest customers or suppliers.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year were:

#### **Executive directors:**

Mr. Yau Tak Wah, Paul *(Chairman)* Mr. Tam Ping Wah Ms. Louie Mei Po Ms. Wong Shin Ling, Irene Mr. Tam Wing Kin

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#### **DIRECTORS** (continued)

#### Independent non-executive directors:

Mr. Ng Wai Hung Mr. Cheung Chung Leung, Richard

In accordance with clause 87 of the Company's bye-laws, Mr. Tam Ping Wah and Mr. Ng Wai Hung will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES**

Biographical details of the directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out on pages 12 to 13 of the Annual Report.

#### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Mr. Yau Tak Wah, Paul and Mr. Tam Ping Wah have entered into service contracts with the Company for a fixed term of three years from 26 April 2000 to 25 April 2003, which thereafter are terminable by either party upon the giving of six months' notice.

Apart from the foregoing, no director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment other than statutory compensation.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES**

At 31 December 2002, the interests of the directors in the listed securities of the Company 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:

Director	Notes	Nature of interest	Number of shares
Mr. Yau Tak Wah, Paul	1	Corporate	148,474,000
Mr. Tam Ping Wah	2	Corporate	80,000

Notes:

1. These shares were held through Pacific Shore Profits Limited, a company beneficially owned by Mr. Yau Tak Wah, Paul.

2 These shares were held through Strong Trend International Limited, a company beneficially owned by Mr. Tam Ping Wah.

The interests of the directors in the share options of the Company are separately disclosed in note 30 to the financial statements.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES (continued)

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors or their associates had any personal, family, corporate or other interest in the equity securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SDI Ordinance.

## SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Due to the adoption of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 34 "Employee benefits" during the year, most of the detailed disclosures relating to the Company's share option scheme have been moved to note 30 to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES**

Save as disclosed in the share option scheme disclosures in note 30 to the financial statements, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Company's directors, their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age, to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No director had a material interest in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2002, the following interest of 10% or more in the issued share capital of the Company was recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance:

Name	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of issued share capital	
Winspark Venture Limited <i>(Note)</i>	1.658.359.630	58%	

*Note:* The entire issued share capital of Winspark Venture Limited is beneficially owned by Mr. Chan Yuen Ming.

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

#### PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF SECURITIES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's securities during the year.

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## **CONNECTED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Details of the connected party transactions are set out in note 35 to the financial statements.

## **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Details of the significant post balance sheet events of the Group are set out in note 36 to the financial statements.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee which was established in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Best Practice, for the purposes of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The audit committee comprises the two independent non-executive directors of the Company.

## CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules throughout the accounting period covered by the Annual Report, except that the independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for specific terms as required by paragraph 7 of the Code, but are subject to retirement by rotation and reelection at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the provision of the Company's bye-laws.

## **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young retire and a resolution for their reappointment as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD Yau Tak Wah, Paul Chairman

Hong Kong 28 April 2003