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1. GENERAL

The Company is an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The Company acts as an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries and associate are the manufacture of and trading in electronic products, conductive silicon rubber keypads and printed circuit boards.

2. ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

In the current year, the Group has adopted for the first time the following new and revised Statements of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAPs") issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants:

SSAP 1 (Revised) Presentation of financial statements
SSAP 11 (Revised) Foreign currency translation

SSAP 15 (Revised) Cash flow statements SSAP 34 Employee benefits

The adoption of these SSAPs has resulted in a change in the format of presentation of cash flow statement and the introduction of the statement of changes in equity, and in the adoption of the new and revised accounting policies, but has had no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

Presentation of financial statements

SSAP 1 (Revised) has introduced the format of presentation of the statement of changes in equity.

Foreign currency translation

The revisions to SSAP 11 have eliminated the choice of translating the income statements of overseas operations at the closing rate for the period, the policy previously followed by the Group. They are now required to be translated at an average rate.

Cash flow statements

Under SSAP 15 (Revised), cash flows are classified under three headings – operating, investing and financing, rather than the previous five headings. Interest paid and received are classified as financing and investing cash flows, respectively. Dividend paid is classified as financing cash flows. In addition, the amounts presented for cash and cash equivalents have been amended to exclude trust receipt loans that are financing in nature. Comparative amounts have been reclassified in order to achieve a consistent presentation.

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2. ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE (CONTINUED)

Employee benefits

SSAP 34 has introduced measurement rules and disclosure requirements for employee benefits, including retirement benefit plans. Because the Group participates only in defined contribution retirement benefit schemes, the adoption of SSAP 34 has not had any material impact on the financial statements.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of land and buildings, and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31 December each year.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries included in the Company's balance sheet are stated at cost, less any identified impairment loss.

Associates

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associates for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in associates are stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates, less any identified impairment loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries prior to 1 January 2001 is held in reserves and will be charged to the income statement at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary, or at such time as the goodwill is determined to be impaired.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1 January 2001 is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet.

Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition over the cost of acquisition.

Negative goodwill is presented as a deduction from assets. To the extent that such negative goodwill is attributable to losses or expenses anticipated at the date of acquisition, it is released to income in the period in which those losses or expenses arise. The remaining negative goodwill is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the remaining average useful life of the identifiable acquired depreciable assets. To the extent that such negative goodwill exceeds the aggregate fair value of the acquired identifiable non-monetary assets, it is recognised in income immediately.

Turnover

Turnover represents the net amounts received and receivable for goods sold by the Group to outside customers during the year.

Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property, plant and equipment

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Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or valuation less depreciation, amortisation and any identified impairment loss.

Land and buildings are stated in the balance sheet at their revalued amount, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent depreciation and amortisation. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at the balance sheet date.

Any revaluation increase arising on revaluation of land and buildings is credited to the revaluation reserve, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised as an expense, in which case, this surplus is credited to the income statement to the extent of the deficit previously charged. A decrease in net carrying amount arising on revaluation of an asset is dealt with as an expense to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, on the revaluation reserve relating to a previous revaluation of that asset. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued asset, the attributable revaluation surplus is transferred to retained profits.

The carrying value of land use rights is amortised on a straight-line basis over the relevant term of the land use rights or, where shorter, the term of the company to which the land use rights are granted.

Construction in progress is stated at cost less any identified impairment loss. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property, plant and equipment, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

Depreciation and amortisation are provided to write off the cost or valuation of the assets, other than land use rights and construction in progress, over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

| Leasenoid faild | Over the terms of the relevant leases |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Buildings | 5% |
| Leasehold improvements | 25% |
| Plant, machinery and moulds | 12.5% |
| Furniture, fixtures and office equipment | 25% |
| Motor vehicles | 25% |

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on the same basis as assets owned by the Group or, where shorter, the terms of the relevant leases.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development expenditure is recognised only if it is anticipated that the development costs incurred on a clearly-defined project will be recovered through future commercial activity. The resultant asset is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life.

Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, such that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventories is calculated using the first-in, first-out method.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets concerned to the Group. Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at their fair values at the date of acquisition. The corresponding liability to the lessor, net of interest charges, is included in the balance sheet as an obligation under finance lease. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are charged to the income statement over the period of the relevant leases so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period.

All other leases are classified as operating leases and the rentals payable are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the terms of relevant leases.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items which are non-assessable or disallowed. Timing differences arise from the recognition for tax purposes of certain items of income and expense in a different accounting period from that in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The tax effect of timing differences, computed using the liability method, is recognised as deferred taxation in the financial statements to the extent that it is probable that a liability or an asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars are initially recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars are re-translated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on exchange are included in the net profit or loss for the period.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's overseas operations are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's exchange reserve. Such translation differences are recognised as income or expenses in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

Business segments:

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into three principal operating divisions – electronic calculators and organisers, conductive silicon rubber keypads and printed circuit boards. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. Intersegment sales were made at cost plus mark up.

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

| | Electronic calculators and organisers HK\$'000 | Conductive silicon rubber keypads HK\$'000 | Printed circuit boards HK\$'000 | Other operations HK\$'000 | Eliminations HK\$'000 | Consolidated HK\$'000 |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| OPERATING RESULTS REVENUE | | | | | | |
| External sales | 321,043 | 105,682 | 86,583 | 41,240 | _ | 554,548 |
| Inter-segment sales | 4,363 | 10,065 | 12,701 | | (27,129) | |
| Total revenue | 325,406 | 115,747 | 99,284 | 41,240 | (27,129) | 554,548 |
| RESULT | | | | | | |
| Segment result | 13,263 | 8,524 | 4,130 | (11,620) | | 14,297 |
| Other operating income Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | | 831 (1,426) |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit from operations | | | | | | 13,702 |
| Finance costs Share of result of an associate | | | | 124 | | (3,607) |
| Profit before taxation | | | | | | 10,219 |
| Taxation | | | | | | (1,644) |
| Profit before minority interests | | | | | | 8,575 |
| Minority interests | | | | | | (488) |
| Profit for the year | | | | | | 8,087 |

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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

Business segments: (continued)

| | Electronic calculators and organisers HK\$'000 | Conductive silicon rubber keypads HK\$'000 | Printed circuit boards HK\$'000 | Other operations HK\$'000 | Eliminations HK\$'000 | Consolidated HK\$'000 |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | 200 672 | 01 727 | 77,405 | 20.052 | | 507.657 |
| Segment assets Interest in an associate | 308,673 | 91,727 | //,405 | 29,852 | _ | 507,657 56,629 |
| | _ | - | - | 56,629 | _ | |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | | |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | | | 564,306 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 73,432 | 28,519 | 27,136 | 1,922 | _ | 131,009 |
| Unallocated corporate | | | | | | |
| liabilities | | | | | | 106,421 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | | | | | | 237,430 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Additions to property, plant | | | | | | |
| and equipment and | | | | | | |
| intangible assets | 23,329 | 13,363 | 7,884 | 11,465 | - | 56,041 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 19,268 | 5,201 | 6,950 | 10,351 | - | 41,770 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | | | | | |
| written off | 8,047 | - | - | - | - | 8,047 |
| Revaluation deficit on land | | | | | | |
| and buildings | 346 | - | - | - | - | 346 |
| Allowance for doubtful debts | 27 | 493 | 1 | - | - | 521 |
| Allowance for obsolete and | | | | | | |
| slow moving inventories | | 316 | | | | 316 |

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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

 $Business\ segments:\ ({\it continued})$

| | Electronic | Conductive | Printed | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | calculators | silicon | circuit | Other | | |
| | and organisers | rubber keypads | boards | operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | | |
| OPERATING RESULTS | | | | | | |
| REVENUE | | | | | | |
| External sales | 384,291 | 40,881 | 88,148 | 12,207 | - | 525,527 |
| Inter-segment sales | 2,181 | 11,251 | 14,591 | | (28,023) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total revenue | 386,472 | 52,132 | 102,739 | 12,207 | (28,023) | 525,527 |
| | | | | | | |
| RESULT | | | | | | |
| Segment result | 6,531 | 4,094 | 3,402 | (7,520) | | 6,507 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other operating income | | | | | | 7,478 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | | (1,923) |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit from operations | | | | | | 12,062 |
| Finance costs | | | | | | (3,778) |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit before taxation | | | | | | 8,284 |
| Taxation | | | | | | (1,574) |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit before minority interests | | | | | | 6,710 |
| Minority interests | | | | | | (542) |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit for the year | | | | | | 6,168 |
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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

Business segments: (continued)

| | Electronic | Conductive | Printed | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | calculators | silicon | circuit | Other | | |
| | and organisers | rubber keypads | boards | operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 362,257 | 54,502 | 67,560 | 33,396 | - | 517,715 |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | | 4,945 |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | | | 522,660 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 81,071 | 9,674 | 22,805 | 3,961 | - | 117,511 |
| Unallocated corporate liabilities | | | | | | 90,848 |
| | | | | | | |
| Consolidated total liabilities | | | | | | 208,359 |
| | | | | | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | |
| Additions to property, plant and | | | | | | |
| equipment and intangible assets | 23,168 | 405 | 11,984 | 18,911 | - | 54,468 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 19,383 | 3,394 | 6,084 | 1,180 | - | 30,041 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | | | | | |
| written off | 2,597 | - | - | - | - | 2,597 |
| Revaluation deficit on land | | | | | | |
| and buildings | 367 | - | - | - | - | 367 |
| Allowance for doubtful debts | 1,434 | 1,028 | 580 | - | - | 3,042 |
| Allowance for obsolete and slow | | | | | | |
| moving inventories | 8,003 | 106 | 959 | | | 9,068 |

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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

Geographical segments:

The Group's customers are principally located in Japan, Hong Kong, America and Europe.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's sales by geographical market:

| | Contribution to | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|------------|--|
| | Turn | over | profit from | operations | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | | | |
| Japan (note a) | 141,697 | 129,099 | 3,653 | 1,598 | |
| Hong Kong (note b) | 99,903 | 118,465 | 2,576 | 1,467 | |
| America | 66,367 | 100,854 | 1,711 | 1,249 | |
| Europe | 92,919 | 56,898 | 2,396 | 705 | |
| PRC, other than Hong Kong | 78,318 | 45,048 | 2,019 | 558 | |
| Other Asian countries | 59,193 | 57,805 | 1,526 | 716 | |
| Others | 16,151 | 17,358 | 416 | 214 | |
| | | | | | |
| | 554,548 | 525,527 | 14,297 | 6,507 | |
| | | | | | |
| Other operating income | | | 831 | 7,478 | |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | (1,426) | (1,923) | |
| | | | | | |
| Profit from operations | | | 13,702 | 12,062 | |
| 1 | | | | | |

Notes:

- (a) The Directors believe that a substantial portion of the Group's sales attributable to the Japanese market was subsequently resold to the European and American markets.
- (b) The Directors believe that a portion of the Group's sales attributable to the Hong Kong market was subsequently resold to other markets.

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4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

Geographical segments: (continued)

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets at the balance sheet date, and additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets during the year analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

| | | | Additi propert | ons to y, plant |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | Carrying | amount | and equ | iipment |
| | of segme | nt assets | and intangible assets | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 139,532 | 137,404 | 19,071 | 19,725 |
| PRC, other than Hong Kong | 424,774 | 385,256 | 36,970 | 34,743 |
| | | | | |
| | 564,306 | 522,660 | 56,041 | 54,468 |

5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Other operating income mainly includes: | | |
| | | |
| Compensation income from an associate (Note 34) | 6,326 | - |
| Interest income | 1,795 | 1,712 |
| Negative goodwill released | 374 | - |
| Net rental income | 299 | 140 |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 274 |
| | | |

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6. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging: | | |
| Auditors' remuneration: | | |
| Current year | 540 | 650 |
| Under(over)provision in prior years | 5 | (20) |
| Depreciation and amortisation: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment (note a) | 31,958 | 28,417 |
| Intangible assets – development costs | 9,360 | 1,170 |
| Operating lease rentals (note b) | 1,256 | 399 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 463 | _ |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | 8,047 | 2,597 |
| Allowance for doubtful debts | 521 | 3,042 |
| Allowance for obsolete and slow moving inventories | 316 | 9,068 |
| Research and development costs expensed | 5,579 | 3,798 |
| Revaluation deficit of land and buildings included in | | |
| administrative expenses | 346 | 367 |
| Staff costs (note c) | 97,013 | 77,420 |
| | | |
| Notes: | | |
| | | |
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| (a) Depreciation and amortisation in respect of | | |
| property, plant and equipment: | | |
| Owned assets | 29,183 | 27,193 |
| Assets held under finance leases | 3,227 | 1,678 |
| | | |
| | 32,410 | 28,871 |
| Less: Amount capitalised in moulds | (452) | (454) |
| | | |
| | 31,958 | 28,417 |

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6. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

Notes: (continued)

| (b) Operating lease rentals: | | 2002 HK\$'000 | 2001 HK\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Minimum lease paymer Less: Amount capitalise | nts in respect of rented premises | 1,256 | 530 (131) |
| | | 1,256 | 399 |
| (c) Staff costs: | | | |
| Directors' remuneration Other staff costs | n (Note 8) | 5,912 93,687 | 6,056 72,070 |
| Less: Amount capitalise | d in moulds | 99,599 (2,586) | 78,126 (706) |
| | | 97,013 | 77,420 |

7. FINANCE COSTS

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Interest on: | | |
| Bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years | 3,224 | 3,477 |
| Obligations under finance leases | 383 | 301 |
| | | |
| | 3,607 | 3,778 |

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

Directors' remuneration:

| | 2002 HK\$'000 | 2001 HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Face maid to. | | |
| Fees paid to: Independent non-executive directors | 360 | 360 |
| Non-executive directors | 240 | 167 |
| Other emoluments paid to executive directors: | | |
| Salaries and other benefits | 4,928 | 5,351 |
| Retirement benefits scheme contributions | 384 | 178 |
| | | |
| | 5,912 | 6,056 |

The directors' remuneration were within the following bands:

| | 2002 Number of directors | 2001 Number of directors |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nil to HK\$1,000,000 HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000 | 8 3 | 9 |
| | 11 | 11 |

During the year, no emoluments have been paid by the Group to the directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office and no directors have waived any emoluments.

Highest paid employees:

The five highest paid employees of the Group include four (2001: four) executive directors of the Company, details of whose emoluments are included above. The aggregate emoluments of the five highest paid employees for the year were as follows:

| | 2002 HK\$'000 | 2001 HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and other benefits | 5,097 | 4,888 |
| Retirement benefits scheme contributions | 413 | 194 |
| | 5,510 | 5,082 |

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

Highest paid employees: (continued)

The emoluments of the five highest paid employees were within the following bands:

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Number of | Number of |
| | employees | employees |
| N.: 1 - 11// 61 000 000 | 2 | 2 |
| Nil to HK\$1,000,000 | 2 | 3 |
| HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000 | 3 | 2 |
| | | |
| | 5 | 5 |

9. TAXATION

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| The charge comprises: | | |
| | | |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax: | | |
| Current year | 40 | 185 |
| Overprovision in prior years | _ | (4) |
| PRC enterprise income tax | 1,604 | 1,659 |
| | | |
| | 1,644 | 1,840 |
| Deferred taxation (Note 23) | _ | (266) |
| | | |
| | 1,644 | 1,574 |
| | | |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16% (2001: 16%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

PRC enterprise income tax is calculated at the rates prevailing.

Details of the deferred taxation are set out in Note 23.

10. DIVIDEND PROPOSED

The final dividend of HK0.5 cent (2001: HK1.0 cent) per share with amount of approximately HK\$2,754,000 (2001: approximately HK\$5,571,000) has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the year of approximately HK\$8,087,000 (2001: approximately HK\$6,168,000) and the weighted average number of 555,598,268 (2001: 539,514,718) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

No diluted earnings per share has been presented because the exercise price of the Company's outstanding share options was higher than the average market price for shares in both years.

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | | | | | Furniture, | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | | Leasehold | Leasehold | Plant, | fixtures | | Construction | |
| | Land | land and | improve- | machinery | and office | Motor | in | |
| | use rights | buildings | ments | and moulds | equipment | vehicles | progress | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | | | |
| COST OR VALUATION | | | | | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2002 | 30,520 | 150,530 | 1,823 | 154,067 | 10,371 | 6,135 | - | 353,446 |
| Additions | - | 4 | 250 | 30,205 | 3,734 | 1,041 | 3,191 | 38,425 |
| On acquisition of a subsidiary | - | - | 1,305 | 6,152 | 368 | 431 | - | 8,256 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | (11,551) | (114) | - | - | (11,665) |
| Write-off | - | - | - | (15,296) | - | - | - | (15,296) |
| Revaluation | (583) | (3,061) | - | - | - | - | - | (3,644) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 29,937 | 147,473 | 3,378 | 163,577 | 14,359 | 7,607 | 3,191 | 369,522 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| COMPRISING: | | | | | | | | |
| At cost | _ | _ | 3,378 | 163,577 | 14,359 | 7,607 | 3,191 | 192,112 |
| At valuation – 2002 | 29,937 | 147,473 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 177,410 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 29,937 | 147,473 | 3,378 | 163,577 | 14,359 | 7,607 | 3,191 | 369,522 |
| | | | | | | 7,007 | | |
| DEPRECIATION AND | | | | | | | | |
| AMORTISATION | | | | | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2002 | | | 1,815 | 63,444 | 7,568 | 5,500 | | 78,327 |
| Provided for the year | 766 | 7,397 | 421 | 21,517 | 1,628 | 681 | _ | 32,410 |
| Eliminated on disposals | 700 | 7,397 | 421 | (3,260) | (18) | 001 | _ | (3,278) |
| Eliminated on disposals Eliminated on write-off | _ | _ | _ | | (10) | _ | _ | (7,249) |
| Eliminated on revaluation | (766) | (7,397) | _ | (7,249) | _ | _ | _ | (8,163) |
| Eliminated on revaluation | | | | | | | | (8,163) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | | | 2,236 | 74,452 | 9,178 | 6,181 | | 92,047 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 29,937 | 147,473 | 1,142 | 89,125 | 5,181 | 1,426 | 3,191 | 277,475 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2001 | 30,520 | 150,530 | 8 | 90,623 | 2,803 | 635 | | 275,119 |
| | | | | | | | | |

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12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

The net book value of the Group's land use rights and leasehold land and buildings shown above comprises properties held under medium-term leases situated in:

| | 2002 HK\$'000 | 2001 HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Hong Kong PRC, other than Hong Kong | 4,370 173,040 | 4,950 176,100 |
| | 177,410 | 181,050 |

The Group's land use rights and leasehold land and buildings were revalued as at 31 December 2002 by Chesterton Petty Limited, an independent firm of professional property valuers, on an open market value basis. The resulting revaluation surplus of approximately HK\$4,865,000 (2001: approximately HK\$6,247,000) has been credited to the asset revaluation reserve, and the resulting revaluation deficit of approximately HK\$346,000 (2001: approximately HK\$367,000) has been charged to the income statement.

If these land use rights and leasehold land and buildings had not been revalued, they would have been included at historical cost less depreciation and amortisation of approximately HK\$133,380,000 (2001: approximately HK\$138,923,000).

As at 31 December 2002, the net book value of property, plant and equipment included an amount of approximately HK\$20,861,000 (2001: approximately HK\$16,108,000) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

In addition, certain of the Group's properties with cost and accumulated depreciation and amortisation of approximately HK\$8,661,000 (2001: approximately HK\$8,661,000) and approximately HK\$3,989,000 (2001: approximately HK\$3,588,000) respectively are rented out under operating leases. The deprecation and amortisation charged to the income statement amounted to approximately HK\$401,000 (2001: approximately HK\$401,000).

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13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

| | THE GROUP |
|------------------------|-----------|
| | HK\$'000 |
| COST | |
| | |
| As at 1 January 2002 | 9,360 |
| Additions | 9,360 |
| | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 18,720 |
| | |
| AMORTISATION | |
| As at 1 January 2002 | 1,170 |
| Provided for the year | 9,360 |
| | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 10,530 |
| | |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 8,190 |
| | |
| As at 31 December 2001 | 8,190 |
| | |

The amount represents development costs which are stated at cost less amortisation, and is amortised on a straight-line basis over an estimated life of two years.

14. NEGATIVE GOODWILL

| | THE GROUP HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------|
| GROSS AMOUNT On acquisition of a subsidiary during the year and as at 31 December 2002 | (1,868) |
| RELEASED TO INCOME Released for the year and as at 31 December 2002 | 374 |
| CARRYING AMOUNT As at 31 December 2002 | (1,494) |

The negative goodwill is released to income on a straight-line basis over five years.

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15. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

| | THE COMPANY | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Unlisted shares | 103,710 | 103,710 | |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries | 116,078 | 118,106 | |
| | | | |
| | 219,788 | 221,816 | |

The carrying amount of the unlisted shares is based on the book values of the underlying net assets of the subsidiaries attributable to the Group as at the date on which the Company became the holding company of the Group under the group reorganisation in 1997.

The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. In the opinion of the directors, the amounts will not be repaid within the next twelve months from the balance sheet date and therefore are shown as non-current.

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2002 are set out in Note 35.

16. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

| | THE GROUP | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Share of net assets | 143 | - | |
| Loan to an associate | 28,458 | - | |
| | | | |
| | 28,601 | | |

During the year, an associate, Ascalade Communications Holdings Limited was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The associate, together with its subsidiaries, are engaged in the design, manufacture and sale of electronic, wireless telecommunication products. As at 31 December 2002, the Group has 49% interest in the issued share capital of the associate.

The loan to an associate is unsecured, bears interest at LIBOR and is repayable by monthly instalments of approximately HK\$2,184,000 commencing 15 January 2004.

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17. INVENTORIES

| | THE GROUP | | |
|--|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Raw materials | 32,747 | 44,314 | |
| Work in progress | 8,696 | 8,976 | |
| Finished goods | 18,684 | 26,937 | |
| | | | |
| | 60,127 | 80,227 | |
| | | | |
| Finished goods carried at net realisable value | 2,027 | 2,636 | |

18. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade customers.

An aged analysis of trade receivables is as follows:

| | THE GROUP | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Not yet due or overdue within 30 days | 64,914 | 52,521 | |
| Overdue for 31-60 days | 13,437 | 9,415 | |
| Overdue for 61-90 days | 3,802 | 1,452 | |
| Overdue for more than 90 days | 9,198 | 4,092 | |
| | | | |
| | 91,351 | 67,480 | |
| Other receivables | 3,030 | 4,189 | |
| | | | |
| | 94,381 | 71,669 | |
| | | | |

19. AMOUNT DUE FROM AN ASSOCIATE

The amount is unsecured, bears interest at prime rate and has no fixed terms of repayment.

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20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

An aged analysis of trade payables is as follows:

| | THE GROUP | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Not yet due or overdue within 30 days | 50,740 | 46,521 | |
| Overdue for 31-60 days | 11,750 | 12,847 | |
| Overdue for 61-90 days | 6,110 | 5,248 | |
| Overdue for more than 90 days | 11,408 | 6,440 | |
| | | | |
| | 80,008 | 71,056 | |
| Other payables | 51,150 | 46,861 | |
| | | | |
| | 131,158 | 117,917 | |

21. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

THE GROUP

| | | | Present value | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|--|
| | Mini | mum | of minimum | | |
| | lease pa | yments | lease p | ayments | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Amounts payable under finance leases: | | | | | |
| Within one year | 9,025 | 4,861 | 8,393 | 4,463 | |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | 12,580 | 6,994 | 12,166 | 6,714 | |
| | 21,605 | 11,855 | 20,559 | 11,177 | |
| Less: Future finance costs | (1,046) | (678) | | | |
| Present value of lease obligations | 20,559 | 11,177 | 20,559 | 11,177 | |
| Less: Amount due within one year | | | | | |
| shown under current liabilities | | | (8,393) | (4,463) | |
| Amount due after one year | | | 12,166 | 6,714 | |

It is the Group's policy to lease certain of its plant and machinery under finance leases. The average lease term is three years. The average effective borrowing rate was 3.8% for the year. Interest rates are fixed at the contract date. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

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22. BANK BORROWINGS

| | THE GROUP | | |
|---|-----------|---|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Bank borrowings comprise: | | | |
| | | | |
| Bank loans | 58,879 | 53,271 | |
| Trust receipt loans | 5,417 | 4,624 | |
| | | | |
| | 64,296 | 57,895 | |
| | | | |
| Analysed as: | | | |
| Secured | 57.010 | F2 271 | |
| Unsecured | 57,010 | 53,271 4,624 | |
| Onsecured | 7,286 | 4,024 | |
| | 64,296 | 57,895 | |
| | | ======================================= | |
| The bank borrowings are repayable as follows: | | | |
| The bank boffowings are repayable as follows. | | | |
| Within one year | 8,221 | 11,166 | |
| Between one to two years | 10,281 | 935 | |
| Between two to five years | 45,794 | 45,794 | |
| | | | |
| | 64,296 | 57,895 | |
| Less: Amount due within one year shown under | | | |
| current liabilities | (8,221) | (11,166) | |
| | | | |
| Amount due after one year | 56,075 | 46,729 | |
| | | | |

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23. DEFERRED TAXATION

| | THE GROUP | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| As at 1 January | _ | 266 | |
| Credit for the year (Note 9) | _ | (266) | |
| | | | |
| As at 31 December | _ | _ | |
| | | | |

Deferred taxation has not been provided on the surplus or deficit arising on the revaluation of properties as profits or losses arising on the disposal of these assets would not be subject to taxation. Accordingly, the revaluation surplus or deficit does not constitute a timing difference for tax purposes.

A net deferred tax asset of approximately HK\$2,709,000 (2001: approximately HK\$1,144,000) has not been recognised in the financial statements in respect of timing difference mainly attributable to tax loss available to offset future assessable profit as it is not certain that the timing difference will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

24. SHARE CAPITAL

| | Number | of shares | Amount | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | | | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each | | | | | |
| Authorised: | | | | | |
| At beginning and end of the year | 2,000,000,000 | 2,000,000,000 | 200,000 | 200,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| Issued and fully paid: | | | | | |
| At beginning of the year | 537,144,000 | 540,000,000 | 53,714 | 54,000 | |
| Issue of shares (note a) | 20,000,000 | - | 2,000 | - | |
| Shares repurchased and cancelled | | | | | |
| (note b) | (6,368,000) | (2,856,000) | (636) | (286) | |
| | | | | | |
| At end of the year | 550,776,000 | 537,144,000 | 55,078 | 53,714 | |
| | | | | | |

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24. SHARE CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (a) Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement entered into between Prove Limited and Tachibana Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, on 15 October 2001, the Company issued and allotted 20,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each at a price of HK\$0.28 per share on 2 January 2002 and agreed to pay HK\$2 million to Prove Limited for the acquisition of the entire equity interest in Dongguan Tehsutec Electronic Company Limited. The new shares are credited as fully paid and rank pari passu with the existing shares in issue in all respects.
- (b) During the year, the Company repurchased its own shares through the Stock Exchange as follows:

| Month of | Number of | Price pe | Aggregate | |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| repurchase | ordinary shares | Highest | Lowest | consideration paid |
| | | HK\$ | HK\$ | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | |
| July | 412,000 | 0.185 | 0.181 | 76 |
| August | 912,000 | 0.180 | 0.172 | 161 |
| October | 3,320,000 | 0.128 | 0.118 | 419 |
| November | 1,724,000 | 0.143 | 0.132 | 238 |
| | | | | |
| | 6,368,000 | | | 894 |

The above shares were cancelled upon repurchase.

None of the Company's subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

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25. RESERVES

| | | | | | Asset | | | Capital | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Share | Capital | Special | Statutory | revaluation | Exchange | Goodwill | redemption | Retained | |
| | premium | reserve | reserve | reserves | reserve | reserve | reserve | reserve | profits | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2001 | 79,648 | 35,597 | 19,487 | 6,246 | 44,867 | (1,847) | (31,539) | - | 91,225 | 243,684 |
| On repurchase of shares | (626) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 286 | (286) | (626) |
| Revaluation surplus on | | | | | | | | | | |
| land and buildings | - | - | - | - | 6,247 | - | - | - | - | 6,247 |
| Minority share of post-acquisition | | | | | | | | | | |
| reserve | - | - | - | - | (52) | - | - | - | - | (52) |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,168 | 6,168 |
| Transfer - | | | | 307 | | | | | (307) | |
| As at 31 December 2001 | 79,022 | 35,597 | 19,487 | 6,553 | 51,062 | (1,847) | (31,539) | 286 | 96,800 | 255,421 |
| On repurchase of shares | (258) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 636 | (636) | (258) |
| On issue of shares | 3,600 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,600 |
| Revaluation surplus on land and buildings | _ | _ | _ | _ | 4,865 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 4,865 |
| Minority share of post-acquisition | | | | | | | | | | |
| reserve | _ | _ | _ | _ | (39) | _ | _ | _ | _ | (39) |
| Final dividend for 2001 | | | | | (, | | | | | (**) |
| paid | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | (5,571) | (5,571) |
| Profit for the year | - | - | _ | - | _ | _ | - | _ | 8,087 | 8,087 |
| · | | | | | | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 82,364 | 35,597 | 19,487 | 6,553 | 55,888 | (1,847) | (31,539) | 922 | 98,680 | 266,105 |
| | | | | | | | (Ac | cumulate | d | |
| | | | | | | Caj | pital | losses |)/ | |
| | | | Share | Con | tributed | redemp | tion | Retaine | d | |
| | | | premium | | surplus | res | erve | profit | ts | Total |
| | | | HK\$'000 | j | HK\$'000 | HK\$ | '000 | HK\$'00 | 00 F | IK\$'000 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| THE COMPANY | 7 | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | Capital | losses)/ | |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Share | Contributed | redemption | Retained | |
| | premium | surplus | reserve | profits | Total |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | |
| THE COMPANY | | | | | |
| As at 1 January 2001 | 79,648 | 68,510 | _ | (1,388) | 146,770 |
| On repurchase of shares | (626) | _ | 286 | (286) | (626) |
| Profit for the year | _ | _ | _ | 21,654 | 21,654 |
| | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2001 | 79,022 | 68,510 | 286 | 19,980 | 167,798 |
| On issue of shares | 3,600 | _ | _ | _ | 3,600 |
| On repurchase of shares | (258) | _ | 636 | (636) | (258) |
| Final dividend for 2001 paid | _ | - | - | (5,571) | (5,571) |
| Loss for the year | _ | _ | _ | (1,417) | (1,417) |
| | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2002 | 82,364 | 68,510 | 922 | 12,356 | 164,152 |

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25. RESERVES (CONTINUED)

The special reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal amount of the share capital issued by the Company's subsidiaries in exchange for the nominal value of the issued share capital of other subsidiaries pursuant to the Group's reorganisation.

The capital reserve of the Group represents the reserve arising from the acquisition of a further interest in the share capital of a subsidiary at nil consideration pursuant to the Group's reorganisation and capitalisation of retained profits of a subsidiary.

The statutory reserves of the Group represent reserves required by the relevant PRC laws applicable to the Group's PRC subsidiaries.

The retained profits of the Group include approximately HK\$124,000 (2001: Nil) retained by an associate of the Group.

The contributed surplus of the Company represents the difference between the consolidated shareholders' funds of the subsidiaries at the date on which they were acquired by the Company, and the nominal amount of the Company's shares issued for the acquisition pursuant to the Group's reorganisation.

In addition to the retained profits, under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), contributed surplus is also available for distribution to shareholders. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus if:

- (a) the Company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (b) the realisable value of the Company's assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.

In the opinion of the directors, the Company's reserves available for distribution to shareholders were as follows:

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| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Contributed surplus | 68,510 | 68,510 |
| Retained profits | 12,356 | 19,980 |
| | | |
| | 80,866 | 88,490 |

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26. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY

During the year, the Group acquired the entire equity interest in Dongguan Tehsutec Electronic Company Limited for a consideration of approximately HK\$7,600,000. This transaction has been accounted for by the acquisition method of accounting. The amount of negative goodwill arising as a result of the acquisition was approximately HK\$1,868,000.

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Net assets acquired: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 8,256 | _ |
| Inventories | 2,435 | _ |
| Trade and other receivables | 5,412 | _ |
| Bank balances and cash | 775 | _ |
| Trade and other payables | (5,541) | _ |
| Short-term bank loan | (1,869) | _ |
| | | |
| | 9,468 | _ |
| Negative goodwill | (1,868) | _ |
| regative goodwin | | |
| Total consideration | 7,600 | |
| Total consideration | 7,000 | |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| Shares allotted | 5,600 | _ |
| Cash paid | 512 | _ |
| Consideration payable included in trade and other payables | 1,488 | _ |
| * ' | | |
| | 7,600 | _ |
| | | |
| Net cash inflow arising on acquisition: | | |
| | | |
| Cash paid | (512) | _ |
| Bank balances and cash acquired | 775 | |
| | | |
| Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the | | |
| acquisition of a subsidiary | 263 | |

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26. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY (CONTINUED)

The subsidiary acquired during the year contributed approximately HK\$64,485,000 to the Group's turnover, and approximately HK\$5,341,000 to the Group's profit from operations. The subsidiary acquired during the year contributed approximately HK\$5,927,000 to the Group's net cash from operating activities and used approximately HK\$3,269,000 in the Group's investing activities.

27. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTION

During the year, the Group entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of assets with a total capital value at the inception of the leases of approximately HK\$10,186,000 (2001: approximately HK\$10,925,000).

In addition, the Group transferred certain assets and liabilities to an associate at an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$16,684,000 (2001: Nil) for a consideration of the same amount. The consideration was settled through amount due from the associate.

28. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

Pursuant to the Company's share option scheme (the "Old Share Option Scheme") which was adopted on 14 February 1998, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including directors, of the Company and any of its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Company.

As at 31 December 2002, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted under the Old Spare Option Scheme was 9,694,000 (2001: 9,694,000), representing 1.76% (2001: 1.80%) of the shares of the Company in issue at that date. The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Old Share Option Scheme is not permitted to exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time. The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual is not permitted to exceed 2.5% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time.

No consideration is payable on the grant of an option. Options may be exercised in phases at any time from the date of grant of the share option to the third anniversary of the date of grant. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of 80% of the average of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the options, and the nominal value of the shares.

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28. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

Details of movements during the year in the Company's share options which were granted on 24 July 2000 pursuant to the Old Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.528 per share are as follows:

| | Number | of share to be iss | ued | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | upon exerc | ise of the share o | ptions | Exercisable period | | |
| | Balance | Lapsed | Balance | 24.7.2000 | 24.7.2001 | 24.7.2002 |
| | as at | during | as at | to | to | to |
| Capacity | 1.1.2002 | the year | 31.12.2002 | 23.7.2003 | 23.7.2003 | 23.7.2003 |
| Directors | 4,324,000 | - | 4,324,000 | 1,729,600 | 1,297,200 | 1,297,200 |
| Ex-directors | 1,546,000 | (1,546,000) | - | - | - | - |
| Employees | 3,824,000 | | 3,824,000 | 1,459,200 | 1,152,400 | 1,212,400 |
| | 9,694,000 | (1,546,000) | 8,148,000 | 3,188,800 | 2,449,600 | 2,509,600 |
| | Number | of share to be iss | ued | | | |
| | upon exerc | ise of the share o | ptions | Ex | ercisable period | |
| | Balance | Lapsed | Balance | 24.7.2000 | 24.7.2001 | 24.7.2002 |
| | as at | during | as at | to | to | to |
| Capacity | 1.1.2002 | the year | 31.12.2002 | 23.7.2003 | 23.7.2003 | 23.7.2003 |
| Directors | 5,870,000 | - | 5,870,000 | 2,348,000 | 1,761,000 | 1,761,000 |
| Employees | 6,340,000 | (2,516,000) | 3,824,000 | 1,459,200 | 1,152,400 | 1,212,400 |
| | 12,210,000 | (2,516,000) | 9,694,000 | 3,807,200 | 2,913,400 | 2,973,400 |

During the year, no options were granted or exercised pursuant to the Old Share Option Scheme. No options were granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

The Old Share Option Scheme was terminated pursuant to the annual general meeting held by the Company on 29 May 2002 and a new share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") was adopted on the same date. The Share Option Scheme complied with the amended rules of Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. Except that the Company can no longer grant any further share options under the Old Share Option Scheme, all share options granted prior to the termination of the Old Share Option Scheme will remain in full force and effect.

The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from the adoption date after which no further options may be issued. Pursuant to the Share Option Scheme, the board of the directors may grant options to eligible participants, including employees and directors, of the Company and any of its subsidiaries to subscribe shares of the Company.

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28. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

The number of shares, which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted under the Share Option Scheme and other schemes adopted by the Group, is not permitted to exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time. The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme and other schemes adopted by the Group in aggregate is not permitted to exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at the adoption date. The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual is not permitted to exceed 1% of the share of the Company in issue at any 12-month period.

Consideration of HK\$1 is payable by the grantee on the acceptance of option granted. Option may be exercised from the date of acceptance of the offer of such option to the earlier of the date on which such option lapses and 10 years from the offer date of that option. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange on the date of the grant of the options, the average of the closing prices of the shares for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant of the options and the nominal value of the shares.

No options have been granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

29. RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEMES

The Group participates in both a defined contribution scheme which is registered under the Occupational Retirement Scheme Ordinance (the "ORSO Scheme") and a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme") established under the Mandatory Provident Fund Ordinance in December 2000. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group, in funds under the control of trustees. Employees who were members of the ORSO Scheme prior to the establishment of the MPF Scheme were offered a choice of staying within the ORSO Scheme or switching to the MPF Scheme, whereas all new employees joining the Group on or after 1 December 2000 are required to join the MPF Scheme.

The retirement benefits scheme contributions charged to the income statement represent contributions payable to the schemes by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the schemes. Where there are employees who leave the ORSO Scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions, the amounts of the forfeited contributions will be used to reduce future contributions payable by the Group.

During the year, the retirement benefits scheme contributions, net of forfeited contributions of approximately HK\$645,000 (2001: Nil), are approximately HK\$1,225,000 (2001: approximately HK\$820,000).

As at 31 December 2002, the Group did not have any forfeited contributions available to offset future employers' contributions to the ORSO Scheme (2001: approximately HK\$178,000).

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30. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

| | THE | GROUP | THE COMPANY | | |
|---|----------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Guarantees given to banks in respect of: | | | | | |
| Guarantees given to banks in respect on | | | | | |
| Banking facilities utilised by subsidiaries | _ | _ | 5,417 | 4,624 | |
| Bills discounted with recourse | 11,890 | _ | 11,890 | _ | |
| | | | | | |
| | 11,890 | | 17,307 | 4,624 | |

31. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

| | THE GROUP | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Capital expenditure in respect of the acquisition of | | |
| property, plant and equipment contracted for but not | | |
| provided in the financial statements | 7,984 | 468 |
| | | |

The Company did not have any significant capital commitment.

32. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Group as lessee:

As at the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of office premises which fall due as follows:

| | THE GROUP | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within one year | 706 | 369 |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | 374 | 150 |
| | | |
| | 1,080 | 519 |
| | | |

Leases are negotiated for terms range from one to three years at fixed monthly rentals.

The Company did not have any operating lease commitment.

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32. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Group as lessor:

Certain of the Group's properties have been rented out under operating leases. These properties have committed tenants for the next year.

As at the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

| | THE GROUP | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within one year | 35 | 140 |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | _ | 35 |
| | | |
| | 35 | 175 |

33. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2002, the Group has pledged certain of its land and buildings of approximately HK\$173,040,000 (2001: approximately HK\$176,100,000) and construction in progress of approximately HK\$3,191,000 (2001: Nil) to banks to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

34. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Group entered into the following transactions with the associate:

| Nature of transaction | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Sales by the Group (note a) | 7,548 | - |
| Interest charged by the Group (note b) | 964 | - |
| Subcontracting fee income charged by the Group (note c) | 1,507 | - |
| Rental income charged by the Group (note c) | 117 | - |
| Compensation income charged by the Group (note d) | 6,326 | - |
| Assets and liabilities transferred by the Group (note e) | 16,684 | _ |
| | | |

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34. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

The above transactions were entered into on the following bases:

- a. Sales transactions were carried out at market price.
- b. Interest was charged at LIBOR or prime rate on the amounts owed by the associate.
- c. Subcontracting fee income and rental income were carried out at rates agreed by the parties involved.
- d. Compensation income, representing the reimbursement of pre-operating losses, was charged at actual-incurred-basis.
- e. Assets and liabilities were transferred at net book values.

35. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2002 are as follows:

| | | Nominal value of | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Place of | issued and fully | Attributable | |
| | incorporation | paid ordinary | equity | |
| | or registration/ | share capital/ | interest held | |
| Name of company | operation | registered capital | by the Group | Principal activities |
| | | | | |
| 東莞虎門泰達電子有限公司 | PRC | HK\$103,367,589 | 100% | Manufacture and |
| Dong Guan Humen Taida | | Registered capital | | sale of electronic |
| Electric Co., Ltd. | | | | calculators, |
| | | | | electronic |
| | | | | organisers and |
| | | | | related products |
| | | | | |
| 東莞沙田德盛硅橡膠制品有限公司 | PRC | HK\$38,000,000 | 100% | Manufacture and sale |
| Dongguan Shatian Tehsheng | | Registered capital | | of conductive silicon |
| Silicon Rubber Products Co., Ltd. | | | | rubber products |
| | | | | |
| 東莞德鉅電子有限公司 | PRC | HK\$8,000,000 | 100% | Manufacture and sale |
| Dongguan Tehsutec Electronic | | Registered capital | | of conductive silicon |
| Company Limited | | | | rubber products |
| | | | | |
| 東莞泰山電子有限公司 | PRC | HK\$18,600,000 | 85% | Manufacture and sale |
| Dongguan Tai Shan Electronics | | Registered capital | | of printed circuit |
| Co., Ltd. ("Tai Shan") | | | | boards |
| | | | | |
| Dragon Spirit Enterprise Limited | British Virgin | US\$100 | 100% | Investment holding |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | |

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35. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

| | | Nominal value of | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--|
| | Place of | issued and fully | Attributable | |
| | incorporation | paid ordinary | equity | |
| | or registration/ | share capital/ | interest held | |
| Name of company | operation | registered capital | by the Group | Principal activities |
| Habermann Limited | British Virgin | US\$2 | 100% | Investment holding |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | |
| | | • | | |
| Hong Shing Industrial Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$10,000 | 100% | Trading in electronic |
| | | Ordinary shares | | calculators, |
| | | | | electronic |
| | | | | organisers and other household |
| | | | | products |
| | | | | I |
| Jet Master Limited | British Virgin | US\$100 | 85% | Investment holding |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | |
| | | | | |
| Joyham Jade Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$2 | 100% | Investment holding |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | |
| Karce Co. Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$10,000 | 100% | Trading in electronic |
| | | Ordinary shares | | calculators, |
| | | | | electronic organisers |
| | | | | and related products |
| Karce Communications Limited | Duitish Winsin | TICOS | 1000/ | Tuadina in soudless |
| Karce Communications Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$2 Ordinary shares | 100% | Trading in cordless telephone products |
| | 13141143 | Ordinary shares | | telephone products |
| Karce Electronics Toys Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$20,000 | 100% | Manufacture and sale |
| | | Ordinary shares | | of electronic toys |
| | | | | |
| Redditch Enterprises Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$10,000 | 100% | Investment holding |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | |
| Sabic Electronic Limited | British Virgin | US\$2 | 100% | Investment holding and |
| | Islands | Ordinary shares | | trading in electronic |
| | | | | calculators |
| | | ***** | | 5 |
| Sunmaster Co., Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 Ordinary shares | 100% | Provision of administrative and |
| | | Ordinary shares | | management services |
| | | | | management dervices |
| T & S Industrial Company Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$200,000 | 100% | Provision of |
| | | Ordinary shares | | purchasing agency |
| | | | | services |
| Tashihana Limitad | Duitish Winnin | LICALOR | 1000/ | Investment by 111: |
| Tachibana Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$100 Ordinary shares | 100% | Investment holding |
| | Islanus | Ordinary snares | | |

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35. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Only Redditch Enterprises Limited is directly held by the Company.

All the subsidiaries established in the PRC, except for Tai Shan, are registered as foreign investment enterprise. Tai Shan is registered as a contractual joint venture.

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities outstanding as at 31 December 2002 or at any time during the year.