1. GENERAL

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

In October 2002, ITC Corporation Limited ("ITC"), a former substantial shareholder of the Company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, made a voluntary cash offer to acquire all the issued shares in, and warrants of, the Company other than those already held by ITC and its subsidiaries. The voluntary cash offer was closed in December 2002 and ITC's beneficial interest in the Company increased to more than 50%. Details of the transaction are disclosed in a circular dated 6th December, 2002. Accordingly, ITC, an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with its shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, has become the ultimate holding company of the Company.

The Company is an investment holding company and the activities of its principal subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are set out in note 45.

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:

Presentation of financial statements SSAP 1 (Revised)

SSAP 11 (Revised) Foreign currency translation

SSAP 15 (Revised) Cash flow statements SSAP 33 Discontinuing operations SSAP 34 Employee benefits

The adoption of these SSAPs has resulted in change in the format of presentation of the 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

In accordance with SSAP 1 (Revised), the consolidated statement of recognised gains and losses is replaced by the consolidated 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, SSAP 11 (Revised) is required to be applied retrospectively. The Group has adopted the transitional provision of this SSAP that where the calculation of a prior period adjustment is impractical, these changes in policy are applied only to current and future financial statements and the effect on the results for the current year is not significant.

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. Dividends paid and received are classified as financing and operating cash flows, respectively. Comparative amounts have been reclassified in order to achieve a consistent presentation.

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

Discontinuing operations

Under SSAP 33, financial information relating to the discontinuing operation are disclosed separately from the point at which either a binding sale agreement is entered into or a detailed plan for the discontinuance is announced. The adoption of SSAP 33 has resulted in the identification of the Group's hotel and catering activities as discontinuing operations in the current year, details of which are disclosed in note 5.

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 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 investment properties and investments in securities, 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 31st March each year.

The results of subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities 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.

Investment properties

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length. Investment properties are stated at their open market values at the balance sheet date. No depreciation is provided on investment properties except where the unexpired term of the relevant lease, including the renewable period, is twenty years or less.

Any surplus or deficit arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, in which case the excess of the deficit over the balance of the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a deficit has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation surplus subsequently arises, this surplus is credited to the income statement to the extent of the deficit previously charged. On disposal of an investment property, the balance of the investment property revaluation reserve attributable to that property is transferred to the income statement.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, other than hotel properties, are stated at cost less depreciation, amortisation and any identified impairment loss.

Hotel properties are stated at cost and no depreciation is provided on hotel properties held on leases of more than twenty years. It is the Group's practice to maintain the properties in a continual state of sound repairs and maintenance and, accordingly, the directors consider that depreciation is not necessary due to their high residual value. The related maintenance expenditure is dealt with in the income statement in the year of expenditure.



3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

The cost of leasehold land is amortised over the remaining period of the relevant leases using the straight line method.

The cost of buildings is depreciated over the remaining period of the relevant leases or fifty years, whichever is shorter, using the straight line method.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of other assets over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method, at rates ranging from 10% to 331/3% per annum.

The gain or loss arising from 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.

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 or associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is included within the carrying amount of the associate. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary is presented separately in the balance sheet.

On disposal of a subsidiary or associate, the attributable amount of unamortised goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

Properties held for resale

Completed properties held for resale are classified under current assets and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises the acquisition cost, borrowing costs capitalised and other direct costs attributable to such properties. Net realisable value is determined by reference to management estimates of the selling price based on prevailing market conditions, less all estimated costs to be incurred in marketing and selling.

Investments in subsidiaries

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

Interests in 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 plus the premium on acquisition in so far as it has not already been written off or amortised, less any identified impairment loss.

Interests in jointly controlled entities

Joint venture arrangements which involve the establishment of a separate entity in which each venturer has an interest are referred to as jointly controlled entities.

The Group's interests in jointly controlled entities are included in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of the net assets of the relevant jointly controlled entities, less any identified impairment loss. The Group's share of the post-acquisition results of jointly controlled entities is included in the consolidated income statement.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2003

3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, so far as 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.

Investments in securities

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at cost.

Investments other than held-to-maturity debt securities are classified as investment securities or other investments.

Investment securities, which are securities held for an identified long term strategic purpose, are measured at subsequent reporting dates at cost, as reduced by any impairment loss.

Other investments are measured at fair value, with unrealised gains and losses included in net profit or loss for the year.

Other long term investments

Other long term investments are stated at cost, less any identified impairment loss.

Construction contracts

When the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, contract costs are recognised as expenses by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the balance sheet date on the same basis as contract revenue. When the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. Provision is made for foreseeable losses as soon as they are anticipated by management.

Where contract costs incurred to date plus recognised profit less recognised loss exceed progress billings, the excess is shown as amount due from a customer for contract work. Where progress billings exceed contract costs incurred to date plus recognised profit less recognised loss, the excess is shown as amount due to a customer for contract work.

Operating lease

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the terms of the relevant leases.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total value of contract work certified and the gross proceeds received and receivable from project management services in connection with contract work rendered by the Group, revenue generated from hotel operations, property rental and related income, and gross proceeds received and receivable from sale of property during the year.



3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue from a fixed price construction contract is recognised on the percentage of completion method, measured by reference to the value of work certified during the year.

Revenue from hotel operations is recognised when services are rendered.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment has been established.

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

Rental income under operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the terms of the relevant leases.

Capitalisation of borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets i.e. assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs capitalised.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year after adjusting for items which are nonassessable 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 under 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 translated at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars are retranslated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on exchange are dealt with in the income statement.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's operations outside Hong Kong are translated at 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 translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised as income or expenses in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

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4. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS**

Business segments

For management purposes, the Group's operations are currently organised into seven operating divisions namely building construction, civil engineering, specialist works, construction materials, engineering and infrastructure services, property leasing and sale of property. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. During the year, the Group discontinued its hotel and catering operations at the time of disposal of certain subsidiaries as detailed in note 5.

In the opinion of the directors, the inclusion of the proportionate share of turnover of the associates and jointly controlled entities is meaningful in providing a clearer indication of the Group's activity.

Business segment information for the year ended 31st March, 2003 is presented below:

| | | Continuing operations | | | | | Discontinui operation | - | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Engineering and | | | | _ | |
| | Building construction HK\$'000 | Civil engineering | Specialist works HK\$'000 | Construction materials HK\$'000 | infrastructure services HK\$'000 | Property leasing HK\$'000 | Sale of property | Hotel and catering | Eliminations HK\$'000 | Consolidated |
| TURNOVER | | | | | | | | | | |
| External sales | 2,232,876 | 555,794 | 720,304 | 14,488 | - | 55,733 | 8,340 | 48,647 | - | 3,636,182 |
| nter-segment sales | 47,016 | 127 | 103,722 | 45,472 | - | 19,846 | - | - | (216,183) | - |
| | 2,279,892 | 555,921 | 824,026 | 59,960 | - | 75,579 | 8,340 | 48,647 | (216,183) | 3,636,182 |
| Share of associates and | | | | | | | | | | |
| jointly controlled entities | 50,816 | 109,900 | - | 3,501 | 3,801,765 | - | - | - | - | 3,965,982 |
| [otal | 2,330,708 | 665,821 | 824,026 | 63,461 | 3,801,765 | 75,579 | 8,340 | 48,647 | (216,183) | 7,602,164 |
| RESULT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment result | (40,625) | (56,092) | (55,264) | (21,324) | - | 25,749 | 209 | (1,972) | | (149,319) |
| mpairment loss on property, | | | | | | | | | | |
| plant and equipment | | | | | | | | | | (110,327) |
| inance costs | | | | | | | | | | (25,794) |
| Net investment expenses | | | | | | | | | | (32,036) |
| Deficit arising on revaluation | | | | | | (00,000.) | | | | (00.000) |
| of investment properties | - | - | - | - | - | (99,392) | - | - | | (99,392) |
| Allowance for amounts due | | | | | | | | | | (12.04.6) |
| from associates | | | | | | | | | | (13,964) |
| oss on dilution of interest in an associate | | | | | | | | | | (4,665) |
| thane of results of associates | 2,404 | (17) | | 306 | 121,836 | | | | | 124,529 |
| thate of results of jointly | 2,404 | (17) | | 300 | 121,000 | | | | | 124,027 |
| controlled entities | _ | 5,920 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | 5,920 |
| mpaiment loss on interest | | 0,720 | | | | | | | | 0,720 |
| in an associate | | | | | | | | | | (11,670) |
| oss before taxation | | | | | | | | | | (316,718) |
| Taxation | | | | | | | | | | (32,496) |
| oss before minority interests | | | | | | | | | | (349,214) |
| Minority interests | | | | | | | | | | 498 |
| Loss for the year | | | | | | | | | | (348,716) |

Inter-segment sales are charged at market price or, where no market price was available, at terms determined and agreed by both parties.



4. BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

| | | | | | | | | Discontinuing | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| | | Continuing operations | | | | | operations | | | |
| | | | | | Engineering | | | | | |
| | | | | | and | | | | | |
| | Building | Civil | Specialist | Construction | infrastructure | Property | Sale of | Hotel and | | |
| | construction | engineering | works | materials | services | leasing | property | catering | Others | Consolidated |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| BALANCE SHEET | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 1,069,212 | 368,008 | 193,942 | 96,168 | - | 619,005 | - | - | - | 2,346,335 |
| Interests in associates | 43,231 | 293 | - | 3,093 | 906,634 | - | - | - | - | 953,251 |
| Interests in jointly controlled | | | | | | | | | | |
| entities | - | 8,743 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8,743 |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | | | | | | 1,560,662 |
| Total assets | | | | | | | | | | 4,868,991 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 871,883 | 298,347 | 95,744 | 47,353 | - | 22,770 | - | - | - | 1,336,097 |
| Unallocated corporate liabilities | | | | | | | | | | 805,733 |
| Total liabilities | | | | | | | | | | 2,141,830 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital additions | 1,866 | 1,855 | 3,388 | 15,895 | - | 4,734 | - | 383 | 490 | 28,611 |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 2,306 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,306 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | | | | | | | | | |
| of property, plant and | | | | | | | | | | |
| equipment | 16,708 | 6,473 | 22,179 | 7,479 | - | 10,819 | - | 9,366 | 5,977 | 79,001 |
| Impairment loss on unlisted | | | | | | | | | | |
| other investments | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,463 | 7,463 |
| Impairment loss on listed | | | | | | | | | | |
| investment securities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11,376 | 11,376 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

4. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS** (Continued)

Business segment information for the year ended 31st March, 2002 is presented below:

| | | | | | | | | Discontinuing | | |
|--|--------------|---|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | Cor | ntinuing operati | | | | operation | | |
| | | | | | Engineering and | | | | | |
| | Building | Civil | Specialist | Construction | infrastructure | Property | Sale of | Hotel and | | |
| | construction | engineering | works | materials | services | leasing | property | catering | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| TURNOVER | | | | | | | | | | |
| External sales | 3,116,878 | 1,329,728 | 586,850 | 25,389 | - | 49,030 | 167,372 | 68,563 | - | 5,343,810 |
| Inter-segment sales | 49,240 | 1,564 | 67,173 | 45,765 | - | 23,679 | - | - | (187,421) | - |
| | 3,166,118 | 1,331,292 | 654,023 | 71,154 | - | 72,709 | 167,372 | 68,563 | (187,421) | 5,343,810 |
| Share of associates and jointly controlled entities | 55,862 | 341,737 | _ | 3,862 | 3,064,498 | | | | _ | 3,465,959 |
| · · | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3,221,980 | 1,673,029 | 654,023 | 75,016 | 3,064,498 | 72,709 | 167,372 | 68,563 | (187,421) | 8,809,769 |
| RESULT | 7.75/ | 10.010 | (05.070) | (20.004) | | 01.004 | 00.000 | (10 (07) | | 10 100 |
| Segment result | 7,756 | 19,210 | (25,079) | (20,394) | - | 21,994 | 28,308 | (13,607) | | 18,188 |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | | | | (38,301) |
| Net investment income | | | | | | | | | | 70,714 |
| Deficit arising on revaluation | | | | | | (21 120) | | | | (21 120) |
| of investment properties Loss on dilution of interest | - | - | - | - | - | (31,130) | - | - | | (31,130) |
| in an associate | | | | | | | | | | (6,688) |
| Share of results of associates | 3,368 | 694 | _ | 1,509 | 110,000 | _ | _ | _ | | 115,571 |
| Share of results of jointly | 0,000 | • | | 1,007 | 110,000 | | | | | |
| controlled entities | - | 8,559 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 8,559 |
| Impairment loss on interest | | | | | | | | | | |
| in an associate | | | | | | | | | | (11,670) |
| Profit before taxation | | | | | | | | | | 125,243 |
| Taxation | | | | | | | | | | (47,935) |
| Profit before minority interests | | | | | | | | | | 77,308 |
| Minority interests | | | | | | | | | | (6,605) |
| Profit for the year | | | | | | | | | | 70,703 |

Inter-segment sales are charged at market price or, where no market price was available, at terms determined and agreed by both parties.



BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (Continued)

| | | | | | | | | Discontinuing | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| | | Continuing operations | | | | operations | | | | |
| | | | | | Engineering | | | | | |
| | Building | Civil | Specialist | Construction | and infrastructure | Property | Sale of | Hotel and | | |
| | construction | engineering | works | materials | services | leasing | property | catering | Others | Consolidated |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| BALANCE SHEET | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 1,494,521 | 707,593 | 354,230 | 78,857 | - | 717,670 | 9,874 | 675,450 | - | 4,038,195 |
| Interests in associates | 58,043 | 1,526 | - | 3,519 | 773,794 | - | - | - | 11,670 | 848,552 |
| Interests in jointly controlled | | | | | | | | | | |
| entities | - | 7,823 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7,823 |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | | | | | | 1,298,429 |
| īotal assets | | | | | | | | | | 6,192,999 |
| IABILITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | 960,621 | 628,893 | 182,572 | 26,993 | - | 13,024 | 9,231 | 9,552 | - | 1,830,886 |
| Unallocated corporate liabilities | | | | | | | | | | 1,351,419 |
| Otal liabilities | | | | | | | | | | 3,182,305 |
| OTHER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital additions | 1,941 | 1,289 | 1,930 | 8,745 | _ | 38,118 | _ | 14,163 | 2,962 | 69,148 |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 2.305 | - | - | - | _ | - | _ | - | | 2,305 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | _,,,, | | | | | | | | | _, |
| of property, plant and | | | | | | | | | | |
| equipment | 18,314 | 7,195 | 22,383 | 5,812 | - | 8,633 | - | 14,602 | 6,092 | 83,031 |
| Write back of impairment | | | | | | | | | | |
| losses of property interests | - | - | - | - | - | 8,829 | - | 45,000 | - | 53,829 |
| mpairment loss on unlisted | | | | | | | | | | |
| investment securities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| mpaiment loss on listed | | | | | | | | | | |
| investment securities | | | | | | | | | | |

Geographical segments

The Group's operations are located in the People's Republic of China other than Hong Kong (the "PRC") and Hong Kong.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's turnover by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods/services:

| Tur | nover |
|-----------|-----------|
| 2003 | 2002 |
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| 3,609,919 | 5,262,554 |
| 26,263 | 81,256 |
| 3,636,182 | 5,343,810 |

During the year, revenue from the Group's discontinuing operations was derived principally from Hong Kong of HK\$48,647,000 (2002: HK\$64,918,000).

4. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS** (Continued)

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets and capital additions, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

| | • | g amount nent assets | Capital additions | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Hong Kong | 3,822,000 | 5,225,775 | 13,416 | 24,907 | |
| PRC | 114,510 | 134,551 | 15,195 | 44,241 | |
| Pacific region and South East Asia | 932,481 | 832,673 | - | - | |
| | 4,868,991 | 6,192,999 | 28,611 | 69,148 | |

5. **DISCONTINUING OPERATIONS**

In July 2002, the Group entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement to dispose of the entire issued share capital of, and shareholder's loan to, Rosedale Hotel Group Limited (together with its subsidiaries, "Rosedale Hotel Group BVI"), which is engaged in the business of hotel and catering, for a cash consideration of HK\$250,000,000. The transaction was completed on 2nd December, 2002.

The results of the hotel and catering operations for the period from 1st April, 2002 to 30th November, 2002, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements, were as follows:

| | 1.4.2002 | 1.4.2001 |
|---|------------|-----------|
| | to | to |
| | 30.11.2002 | 31.3.2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Turnover | 48,647 | 64,918 |
| Operating costs | (50,619) | (74,820) |
| Write back of impairment loss on hotel property | - | 45,000 |
| Finance costs | (10,151) | (17,644) |
| (Loss) profit before taxation | (12,123) | 17,454 |
| Taxation | - | - |
| (Loss) profit for the period/year | (12,123) | 17,454 |

During the year, Rosedale Hotel Group BVI contributed approximately HK\$3,796,000 (2002: used approximately HK\$1,544,000) to the Group's net operating cash flows, paid approximately HK\$355,000 (2002: HK\$75,260,000) and approximately HK\$7,652,000 (2002: generated approximately HK\$382,356,000) in respect of investing and financing activities, respectively.

The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of Rosedale Hotel Group BVI at the date of disposal, and at 31st March, 2002, are disclosed in note 36.

A loss of approximately HK\$1,701,000 arose on the disposal of Rosedale Hotel Group BVI, being the proceeds of disposal less the carrying amount of the subsidiaries' net assets. No tax charge or credit arose from the transaction.



6. (LOSS) PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

| | | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|-------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | my ooo | 111(4 000 |
| Loss | s) profit from operations has been arrived at after charging: | | |
| ١mo | rtisation of goodwill (included in administrative expenses) | 2,306 | 2,305 |
| | tors' remuneration | 2,065 | 2,138 |
| | reciation and amortisation of property, plant and | | 70.000 |
| | uipment (note (a) below) | 78,095 | 78,932 |
| | on disposal of property, plant and equipment mum lease payments under operating leases in respect of: | 4,475 | 8,768 |
| | emises | 3,206 | 5,788 |
| | ant and machinery | 692 | 9,206 |
| | costs (note (b) below) | 134,503 | 137,284 |
| nd | after crediting: | | |
| ent | al income under operating leases in respect of: | | |
| | emises, net of outgoings of HK\$19,691,000 (2002: HK\$13,437,000) | 27,625 | 23,925 |
| Plc | ant and machinery | 2,596 | 1,454 |
| lote. | c. | | |
| 0,0 | | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| a) | Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment: | | |
| | Owned assets | 79,001 | 76,321 |
| | Assets held under finance leases | - | 6,710 |
| | | 79,001 | 83,031 |
| | Less: Amount capitalised in respect of contracts in progress | (906) | (4,099) |
| | | 78,095 | 78,932 |
| 0) | Staff costs: | | |
| | Directors' emoluments (note 9): | | |
| | Fees Retirement benefit scheme contributions | 73 1,217 | 90 882 |
| | Other emoluments | 14,732 | 19,705 |
| | | 16,022 | 20,677 |
| | Other staff costs: | ŕ | |
| | Salaries and other benefits | 417,730 | 473,714 |
| | | | |
| | Retirement benefit scheme contributions, net of | | |
| | | 5,590 | 9,947 |
| | Retirement benefit scheme contributions, net of forfeited contributions of approximately | 5,590 439,342 | |
| | Retirement benefit scheme contributions, net of forfeited contributions of approximately | 5,590 439,342 (304,839) | 9,947 504,338 (367,054) |

7. FINANCE COSTS

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Borrowing costs on: | | |
| Bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years | 17,215 | 26,703 |
| Bank borrowings not wholly repayable within five years | 10,892 | 15,793 |
| Convertible notes | _ | 1,275 |
| Obligations under finance leases | - | 265 |
| Others | 515 | 3,273 |
| | 28,622 | 47,309 |
| Less: Amount capitalised in respect of contracts in progress | (2,828) | (9,008) |
| | 25,794 | 38,301 |

8. INVESTMENT (EXPENSES) INCOME - NET

| | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Gain (loss) on disposal of: | | |
| Unlisted short term investments | _ | (22,000) |
| Listed investment securities | 1,605 | - |
| Listed other investments | _ | 4,795 |
| Impairment loss on: | | |
| Unlisted investment securities | _ | (1,000) |
| Listed investment securities | (11,376) | (1,462) |
| Unlisted other investments | (7,463) | _ |
| Interest income | 9,550 | 38,312 |
| Net unrealised holding loss on listed other investments | (24,352) | (1,760) |
| Write back of impairment losses on: | | |
| Hotel properties | _ | 45,000 |
| Properties under development held for resale | - | 8,829 |
| | (32,036) | 70,714 |



DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

Particulars of the emoluments of the directors and five highest paid individuals for the year are as follows:

(a) Directors' emoluments

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Fees: | | |
| Executive directors | 53 | 43 |
| Non-executive directors | 20 | 47 |
| | 73 | 90 |
| Other emoluments: | | |
| Executive directors | | |
| Salaries and other benefits | 13,865 | 18,705 |
| Retirement benefit scheme contributions | 1,217 | 882 |
| Non-executive directors | | |
| Salaries and other benefits | 867 | 1,000 |
| | 15,949 | 20,587 |
| | 16,022 | 20,677 |

The amounts disclosed above include directors' fee of HK\$20,000 (2002: HK\$20,000) and other emoluments of HK\$867,000 (2002: HK\$1,000,000) paid to independent non-executive directors.

The emoluments of the directors were within the following bands:

| | Number of directors | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| Nil to HK\$1,000,000 | 6 | 7 | |
| HK\$3,000,001 to HK\$3,500,000 | 2 | _ | |
| HK\$3,500,001 to HK\$4,000,000 | 1 | _ | |
| HK\$4,000,001 to HK\$4,500,000 | 1 | 1 | |
| HK\$4,500,001 to HK\$5,000,000 | _ | 2 | |
| HK\$6,000,001 to HK\$6,500,000 | - | 1 | |

(b) **Employees' emoluments**

The five highest paid individuals in the Group for the year included five directors as at 31st March, 2003 (2002: four), of whom one was appointed as director during the year. Particulars of the emoluments of these five highest paid individuals are as follows:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Fees | 41 | 40 |
| Salaries and other benefits | 15,325 | 20,206 |
| Discretionary bonus | 2,080 | 927 |
| Retirement benefit scheme contributions | 1,246 | 997 |
| | 18,692 | 22,170 |

Number of employees

9. **DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)**

(b) Employees' emoluments (Continued)

Their emoluments were within the following bands:

| | Nulliber of | Number of employees | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| HK\$2,500,001 to HK\$3,000,000 | _ | 1 | |
| HK\$3,000,001 to HK\$3,500,000 | 2 | _ | |
| HK\$3,500,001 to HK\$4,000,000 | 1 | _ | |
| HK\$4,000,001 to HK\$4,500,000 | 2 | 1 | |
| HK\$4,500,001 to HK\$5,000,000 | _ | 2 | |
| HK\$6,000,001 to HK\$6,500,000 | - | 1 | |

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the five highest paid individuals, including directors, as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. In addition, none of the directors has waived any emoluments during the year.

10. **TAXATION**

| | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| The charge comprises: | | |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax: | | |
| Current year | 42 | 7,721 |
| Under(over)provision in previous years | 22,471 | (638) |
| | 22,513 | 7,083 |
| Overseas taxation | 5,453 | 4,390 |
| Share of tax on results of associates | 36,484 | 42,924 |
| Share of tax on results of jointly controlled entities | · - | 12 |
| | 64,450 | 54,409 |
| Deferred taxation | (31,954) | (6,474) |
| | 32,496 | 47,935 |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at the rate of 16% (2002: 16%) of the estimated assessable profits derived from Hong Kong for the year.

Overseas taxation is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

Details of deferred taxation are set out in note 30.

DIVIDENDS 11.

| | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Interim dividend paid for 2003 – 1.0 cent (2002: 1.0 cent) per share Final dividend proposed for 2003 – 1.0 cent | 10,491 | 10,246 |
| (2002: 1.0 cent) per share | 10,630 | 10,367 |
| | 21,121 | 20,613 |

Of the dividends paid during the year, approximately HK\$2,301,000 and HK\$3,423,000 (2002: HK\$5,674,000 and HK\$3,034,000) were settled in shares under the Company's scrip dividend schemes announced by the directors of the Company on 18th July, 2002 and 18th December, 2002, respectively, and were credited to the accumulated profits during the year.

The amount of the final dividend proposed for the year ended 31st March, 2003, which will be in scrip form with a cash option, has been calculated by reference to the 1,063,016,037 issued shares as at the date of this report.



12. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share for the year is based on the following data:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| (Loss) earnings: | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| (Loss) earnings for the purposes of basic (loss) earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares: Adjustment to the share of results of an associate based on | (348,716) | 70,703 |
| dilution of its earnings per share | (2,944) | (2,892) |
| (Loss) earnings for the purposes of diluted (loss) earnings per share | (351,660) | 67,811 |
| Number of shares: | | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share | 1,042,310,331 | 1,002,323,116 |

For the year ended 31st March, 2003, the computation of diluted loss per share has not assumed the conversion of the Company's share options and warrants since their exercise prices are higher than the average market price per share for the year.

For the year ended 31st March, 2002, the computation of diluted earnings per share has not assumed the conversion of the Company's share options, warrants and secured convertible redeemable note since their exercise prices were higher than the average market price per share for that year.

13. **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

| | THE GROUP | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| VALUATION | | |
| Balance brought forward | 675,900 | 585,130 |
| Transfer from properties under development held for resale | _ | 85,000 |
| Other addition | - | 36,900 |
| Disposals | (3,900) | - |
| Deficit arising on revaluation | (99,392) | (31,130) |
| Balance carried forward | 572,608 | 675,900 |

The Group's investment properties are held for rental purposes under operating leases.

The investment properties situated in Hong Kong were revalued on 31st March, 2003, on an open market value basis, by RHL Appraisal Ltd., an independent professional valuer. The valuation attributable to these investment properties amounted to HK\$529,000,000. The investment properties situated in the PRC were revalued on 31st March, 2003 by the directors at HK\$43,608,000 with reference to the value as quoted in a sale and purchase agreement entered into by the Group in April 2003. The aggregate deficit arising on revaluation amounting to HK\$99,392,000 (2002: HK\$31,130,000) has been charged to the income statement.

Motor

Furniture

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2003

13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

The carrying amount of investment properties held by the Group at the balance sheet date comprises the following:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Long term leasehold properties in: | | |
| Hong Kong | 74,000 | 85,000 |
| PRC | _ | 3,900 |
| Medium term leasehold properties in: | | |
| Hong Kong | 455,000 | 525,000 |
| PRC | 43,608 | 62,000 |
| | 572,608 | 675,900 |

14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| | | | MOTOR | Furniture | |
|------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Hotel | Land and | Plant and | vehicles | and | |
| properties | buildings | machinery | and yachts | fixtures | Total |
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 605,000 | 277,441 | 465,936 | 61,854 | 188,412 | 1,598,643 |
| - | 103,000 | - | - | - | 103,000 |
| - | 700 | 7,583 | 453 | 19,875 | 28,611 |
| - | - | (33,207) | (4,442) | (1,210) | (38,859) |
| (605,000) | - | - | (302) | (67,316) | (672,618) |
| - | (110,327) | - | - | - | (110,327) |
| - | 270,814 | 440,312 | 57,563 | 139,761 | 908,450 |
| | | | | | |
| - | 29,070 | 285,341 | 34,069 | 69,548 | 418,028 |
| - | 7,133 | 42,365 | 5,789 | 23,714 | 79,001 |
| - | - | (17,576) | (2,842) | (1,058) | (21,476) |
| - | - | - | (100) | (25,159) | (25,259) |
| _ | 36,203 | 310,130 | 36,916 | 67,045 | 450,294 |
| | | | | | |
| - | 234,611 | 130,182 | 20,647 | 72,716 | 458,156 |
| 605,000 | 248,371 | 180,595 | 27,785 | 118,864 | 1,180,615 |
| | ### properties HK\$'000 605,000 (605,000) | properties buildings HK\$'000 HK\$'000 605,000 277,441 - 103,000 - 700 - - (605,000) - - 270,814 - 29,070 - 7,133 - - - 36,203 - 234,611 | properties buildings machinery HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 605,000 277,441 465,936 - 103,000 - - 700 7,583 - - (33,207) (605,000) - - - (110,327) - - 270,814 440,312 - 29,070 285,341 - 7,133 42,365 - - (17,576) - - 36,203 310,130 - 234,611 130,182 | Hotel properties Land and buildings Plant and machinery vehicles and yachts HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 605,000 277,441 465,936 61,854 - 103,000 - - - 700 7,583 453 - - (33,207) (4,442) (605,000) - - (302) - (110,327) - - - 270,814 440,312 57,563 - 29,070 285,341 34,069 - 7,133 42,365 5,789 - - (17,576) (2,842) - - - (100) - 36,203 310,130 36,916 | Hotel properties Land and buildings Plant and machinery and yachts vehicles fixtures HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 605,000 277,441 465,936 61,854 188,412 - 103,000 - - - - - 700 7,583 453 19,875 - - (33,207) (4,442) (1,210) (605,000) - - (302) (67,316) - (110,327) - - - - 270,814 440,312 57,563 139,761 - 29,070 285,341 34,069 69,548 - 7,133 42,365 5,789 23,714 - - (17,576) (2,842) (1,058) - - - (100) (25,159) - 36,203 310,130 36,916 67,045 - 234,611 130,182 20,647 72,716 |

The net book value of hotel properties and land and buildings held by the Group at the balance sheet date comprises the following:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| ong term leasehold properties in: | | |
| Hong Kong | _ | 605,000 |
| PRC | 1,646 | 1,680 |
| Medium term leasehold properties in: | | |
| Hong Kong | 232,361 | 246,068 |
| PRC | 604 | 623 |
| | 234,611 | 853,371 |



14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

At 31st March, 2003, the directors reviewed the carrying value of the Group's properties and identified that the recoverable amount of the properties, estimated by reference to the cash flows from the properties discounted at the prevailing interest rates, is below their carrying values. Accordingly, an impairment loss of approximately HK\$110,327,000 was recognised in the consolidated income statement for the year.

15. GOODWILL

| | THE GROUP |
|---|-----------|
| | HK\$'000 |
| COST | |
| At 1st April, 2002 and 31st March, 2003 | 385,531 |
| AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT | |
| At 1st April, 2002 | 367,089 |
| Provided for the year | 2,306 |
| At 31st March, 2003 | 369,395 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31st March, 2003 | 16,136 |
| At 31st March, 2002 | 18,442 |
| | |

The amortisation period adopted for goodwill is 20 years.

16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

| | THE C | THE COMPANY | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Unlisted shares | 212,921 | 212,921 | |
| Loans to subsidiaries | 160,900 | 160,900 | |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries | 3,566,811 | 3,587,249 | |
| | 3,940,632 | 3,961,070 | |
| Less: Impairment loss recognised | (704,302) | (457,468) | |
| | 3,236,330 | 3,503,602 | |

The unlisted shares are stated at their carrying values which are 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 a group reorganisation in 1993.

In the opinion of the directors, the loans to subsidiaries and amounts due from subsidiaries will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and are therefore shown as non-current.

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities outstanding at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries at 31st March, 2003 are set out in note 45.

16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

At 31st March, 2003, the directors reviewed the carrying value of the Company's interests in subsidiaries and identified that certain loss making subsidiaries are not expected to generate income from their future operations. Accordingly, impairment losses of approximately HK\$246,834,000 (2002: HK\$457,468,000), which represent the excess of carrying value of the interests in subsidiaries over their recoverable amounts estimated by reference to the net selling prices of the underlying assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries, were recognised in the income statement for the year.

17. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

| | THE | THE GROUP | |
|---|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Share of net assets: | | | |
| Listed investments overseas (note (a) below) | 649,099 | 495,691 | |
| Unlisted investments | (2,986) | 10,723 | |
| Premium on acquisition of associates (note (b) below) | 257,535 | 278,103 | |
| | 903,648 | 784,517 | |
| Amount due from an associate (note (c) below) | 49,603 | 64,035 | |
| | 953,251 | 848,552 | |
| Market value of listed investments | 935,290 | 1,300,600 | |

Notes:

(a) Downer EDI Limited ("Downer"), which was formerly a subsidiary of the Company, became the Group's principal associate since February 2001. Downer is a company listed in Australia and New Zealand and its financial year end date is 30th June. Commencing on 1st April, 2001, only published financial information of Downer will be available and used by the Group in applying the equity method. Accordingly, the Group's share of interest in Downer at 31st March, 2003 is calculated based on the net assets of Downer at 31st December, 2002 and the results from 1st January, 2002 to 31st December, 2002 whilst the Group's share of interest in Downer at 31st March, 2002 was calculated based on the net assets of Downer at 31st December, 2001 and the results from 1st April, 2001 to 31st December, 2001.

The following details have been extracted from the published financial information of Downer, the Group's significant associate:

| | 1.1.2002 | 1.4.2001 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | to | to |
| | 31.12.2002 | 31.12.2001 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Results for the year/period: | | |
| Revenue from ordinary activities | 10,322,467 | 5,145,763 |
| Profit from ordinary activities before taxation | 348,302 | 129,025 |
| Profit from ordinary activities after taxation | 249,036 | 84,285 |
| Financial position: | | |
| Non-current assets | 4,141,241 | 3,789,308 |
| Current assets | 4,249,336 | 3,300,160 |
| Current liabilities | (2,392,544) | (1,860,501) |
| Non-current liabilities | (2,506,737) | (2,393,676) |
| Preference share capital | (285,987) | (251,613) |



17. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

Movement of premium on acquisition of associates is analysed as follows:

| THE GROUP |
|-----------|
| HK\$'000 |
| |
| 340,969 |
| 15,009 |
| (14,734) |
| 341,244 |
| |
| 62,866 |
| 23,709 |
| (2,866) |
| 83,709 |
| |
| 257,535 |
| 278,103 |
| |

The amortisation period adopted for goodwill is 20 years.

The amount due from an associate is unsecured and bears interest at 1% (2002: 1%) over Hong Kong prime rate. In (c) the opinion of the directors, the amount will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and is therefore shown as non-current.

Particulars of the Group's principal associates at 31st March, 2003 are set out in note 45.

The Group's share of losses of an associate amounting to approximately HK\$123,711,000 (2002: HK\$123,735,000) has not been accounted for by the Group as those losses arise on a contract are recoverable in full under guarantees provided by an ex-shareholder of the associate. The Group proceeded a court action against the ex-shareholder to recover the losses together with interest and other expenses incurred. The directors, having taken legal advice, believe that the suit is valid and the losses can be fully recovered from the ex-shareholder.

18. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

| | THE | THE GROUP | |
|---|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Share of net assets | 3,743 | 2,823 | |
| Amount due from a jointly controlled entity | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| | 8,743 | 7,823 | |

The amount due from a jointly controlled entity is unsecured and interest free. In the opinion of the directors, the amount will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and is therefore shown as non-current.

Particulars of the Group's jointly controlled entities at 31st March, 2003 are set out in note 45.

19. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

| | | estment curities | inv | Other restments | ī | otal |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | |
| Listed equity securities: | | | | | | |
| in Hong Kong | 650,063 | 644,030 | 26,527 | 34,005 | 676,590 | 678,035 |
| in overseas | 3,623 | 22,823 | - | _ | 3,623 | 22,823 |
| Unlisted debt securities | - | - | | 100,000 | - | 100,000 |
| | 653,686 | 666,853 | 26,527 | 134,005 | 680,213 | 800,858 |
| Market value of listed securities | 14,483 | 64,045 | 26,527 | 34,005 | 41,010 | 98,050 |
| Carrying amount analysed | | | | | | |
| for reporting purposes as: | | | | | | |
| Non-current | 653,686 | 659,029 | _ | _ | 653,686 | 659,029 |
| Current | _ | 7,824 | 26,527 | 134,005 | 26,527 | 141,829 |
| | 653,686 | 666,853 | 26,527 | 134,005 | 680,213 | 800,858 |

The listed investment securities in Hong Kong represent a 14.55% interest in China Strategic Holdings Limited ("China Strategic"), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with its shares and warrants listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. China Strategic is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries principally engage in the business of tire manufacturing, manufacturing, retailing and distribution of Chinese medicine, western pharmaceuticals and health food and investment in infrastructure projects. The directors are of the opinion that the recoverable amount of the investment securities, estimated by reference to the cash flows from the investment projects discounted at the prevailing interest rates, are worth at least their carrying value.

OTHER LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 20.

| | THE | THE GROUP | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| d investments, at cost: | | | |
| g | 15,093 | 15,901 | |
| in overseas | 388 | 388 | |
| | 15,481 | 16,289 | |

In the opinion of the directors, the above investments are worth at least their carrying value.



21. AMOUNTS DUE FROM RELATED COMPANIES

| | THE GROUP | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Loans receivable: | | |
| Associates of ITC | 190,054 | 25,054 |
| Rosedale Hotel Group Limited ("Rosedale") | 121,000 | _ |
| China Strategic | 108,337 | - |
| | 419,391 | 25,054 |
| Other receivables: | | |
| Subsidiaries of ITC | _ | 62 |
| Associates of ITC | 8,518 | 8,979 |
| Rosedale and its subsidiaries | 10,498 | _ |
| China Strategic and its subsidiaries | 4,939 | _ |
| Other related companies | 2,157 | - |
| | 445,503 | 34,095 |

Rosedale, China Strategic and other related companies are companies under common directorship with ITC.

The amounts are unsecured and repayable as follows:

| | THE | GROUP |
|--|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Loans receivable: | | |
| Hong Kong prime rate | 114,000 | - |
| 1% over Hong Kong prime rate | 7,000 | - |
| 2% over Hong Kong prime rate | 273,337 | - |
| 3% over Hong Kong prime rate | 25,054 | 25,054 |
| | 419,391 | 25,054 |
| Other receivables | 26,112 | 9,041 |
| | 445,503 | 34,095 |
| Less: Amount due within one year shown | | |
| under current assets | (277,195) | (34,095) |
| Amount due after one year | 168,308 | - |

22. AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) CUSTOMERS FOR CONTRACT WORKS

| | THI | THE GROUP | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Contracts in progress at the balance sheet date: | | | |
| Contract costs incurred to date | 32,580,432 | 31,249,672 | |
| Recognised profits less recognised losses | 865,832 | 941,835 | |
| | 33,446,264 | 32,191,507 | |
| Less: Progress billings | (33,740,185) | (32,430,004) | |
| | (293,921) | (238,497) | |
| Represented by: | | | |
| Amounts due from customers for contract works | 200,934 | 375,414 | |
| Amounts due to customers for contract works | (494,855) | (613,911) | |
| | (293,921) | (238,497) | |

At 31st March, 2003, retentions held by customers for contract works amounting to approximately HK\$367,453,000 (2002: HK\$544,866,000) were included in debtors, deposits and prepayments.

At 31st March, 2002, advances received from customers for contract works amounting to approximately HK\$7,346,000 were included in creditors and accrued expenses.

23. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

The Group's credit terms for its contracting business are negotiated with, and entered into under, normal commercial terms with its trade customers. Trade debtors arise from property leasing business are payable monthly in advance and the credit terms granted by the Group to other trade debtors normally range from 30 days to 90 days.

Included in debtors, deposits and prepayments are trade debtors of approximately HK\$475,084,000 (2002: HK\$640,904,000) and their aged analysis is as follows:

| | THE C | THE GROUP | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Within 90 days | 404,414 | 590,357 | |
| More than 90 days and within 180 days | 6,896 | 14,520 | |
| More than 180 days | 63,774 | 36,027 | |
| | 475,084 | 640,904 | |

AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) ASSOCIATES AND AMOUNTS DUE TO JOINTLY CONTROLLED 24. **ENTITIES**

The amounts are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment.



25. UNSECURED LOANS RECEIVABLE

The amounts are unsecured, receivable within one year and bear interest at the following rates:

| | THE GROUP | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Interest free | 138,697 | - |
| 1% over Hong Kong prime rate | 6,500 | 144,340 |
| 2% over Hong Kong prime rate | 10,500 | 40,500 |
| 3% over Hong Kong prime rate | - | 5,000 |
| | 155,697 | 189,840 |

26. CREDITORS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Included in creditors and accrued expenses are trade payables of approximately HK\$317,178,000 (2002: HK\$514,356,000) and their aged analysis is as follows:

| | THE GROUP | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Within 90 days | 297,674 | 492,249 |
| More than 90 days and within 180 days | 4,277 | 7,581 |
| More than 180 days | 15,227 | 14,526 |
| | 317,178 | 514,356 |

27. **AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED COMPANIES**

The amounts are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. The amounts are due to the following parties:

| THE GROUP | | |
|-----------|----------|--|
| 2003 | 2002 | |
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| - | 247 | |
| - | 1,220 | |
| - | 1,467 | |

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28. BANK BORROWINGS

| | THE GROUP | | THE COMPANY | |
|--|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| | 2003 2002 | | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Bank borrowings comprise: | | | | |
| Mortgage loans | 446,135 | 816,328 | - | _ |
| Bank loans | 290,000 | 391,725 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Trust receipt loans | 23,358 | 7,037 | 354 | 5,743 |
| Bank overdrafts | 22,105 | 80,759 | 1,998 | 1,995 |
| | 781,598 | 1,295,849 | 12,352 | 17,738 |
| Analysed as: | | | | |
| Secured | 726,135 | 1,168,053 | - | - |
| Unsecured | 55,463 | 127,796 | 12,352 | 17,738 |
| | 781,598 | 1,295,849 | 12,352 | 17,738 |
| The bank borrowings are repayable as follows: | | | | |
| Within one year or on demand More than one year, but not | 144,423 | 468,267 | 12,352 | 17,738 |
| exceeding two years | 30,900 | 104,101 | - | _ |
| More than two years, but not | | | | |
| exceeding five years | 578,700 | 459,521 | - | _ |
| More than five years | 27,575 | 263,960 | - | _ |
| | 781,598 | 1,295,849 | 12,352 | 17,738 |
| Less: Amount due within one year | | | | |
| or on demand shown under | | | | |
| current liabilities | (144,423) | (468,267) | (12,352) | (17,738) |
| Amount due after one year | 637,175 | 827,582 | - | _ |

29. PROVISION FOR LONG SERVICE PAYMENTS

| | THE G | ROUP |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| brought forward | _ | _ |
| year | 1,727 | - |
| vard | 1,727 | _ |

The provision represents long service payments made in respect of qualified employees of the Group pursuant to the requirements under the Employment Ordinance.



30. DEFERRED TAXATION

| | THE G | ROUP |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Balance brought forward | 35,884 | 42,358 |
| Credit for the year | (36, 124) | (6,474) |
| Change in tax rate | 4,170 | - |
| Balance carried forward | 3,930 | 35,884 |

At the balance sheet date, the major components of the deferred taxation liability (asset) of the Group, provided and unprovided, are as follows:

| | Provided | | Unprovided | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Tax effect of timing differences | | | | |
| attributable to: | | | | |
| Excess of tax allowances | | | | |
| over depreciation | 14,294 | 28,425 | (6,702) | 11,299 |
| Prepayments claimed for | | | | |
| taxation purposes | - | 4,091 | - | 24 |
| Different method in recognition of | | | | |
| contract income for accounting | | | | |
| and taxation purposes | (3,169) | 5,187 | (3,508) | 2,155 |
| Unutilised tax losses | (7,195) | (1,819) | (117,781) | (43,834) |
| | 3,930 | 35,884 | (127,991) | (30,356) |

The net deferred taxation asset has not been recognised in the financial statements as realisation of this asset in the foreseeable future is uncertain.

The major components of deferred taxation charge (credit) of the Group not recognised in the financial statements for the year are as follows:

| statements for the year ale as follows. | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Tax effect of timing differences attributable to: | | |
| Difference between tax allowances and depreciation | (19,060) | 5,993 |
| Prepayments claimed for taxation purposes | (24) | (226) |
| Different method in recognition of contract income | | |
| for accounting and taxation purposes | (5,865) | 3,069 |
| Tax losses arising | (69,837) | (970) |
| Change in tax rate | (2,849) | _ |
| | (97,635) | 7,866 |

The Company did not have any significant unprovided deferred taxation for the year or at the balance sheet date.

31. SHARE CAPITAL

| | Number of shares | Value HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each: | | |
| Authorised: | | |
| At 1st April, 2001, 31st March, 2002 and 31st March, 2003 | 3,000,000,000 | 300,000 |
| Issued and fully paid: | | |
| At 1st April, 2001 | 992,488,392 | 99,249 |
| Issue of new shares pursuant to scrip dividend scheme | 44,256,532 | 4,426 |
| At 31st March, 2002 | 1,036,744,924 | 103,675 |
| Issue of new shares pursuant to scrip dividend scheme | 26,271,113 | 2,627 |
| At 31st March, 2003 | 1,063,016,037 | 106,302 |

Pursuant to the scrip dividend schemes which were announced by the Company on 18th July, 2002 and 18th December, 2002, the Company issued 12,357,385 and 13,913,728 (2002: 32,113,356 and 12,143,176) new shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company to shareholders who elected to receive scrip dividends in respect of the final dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2002 and the interim dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2003, respectively. The scrip shares did not rank for the final dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2002 and the interim dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2003, respectively.

32. WARRANTS

| | Number of shares upon subscription | Aggregate subscription amount HK\$'000 |
|--|--|---|
| 2003 Warrants | | TIIIQ 000 |
| Warrants at a subscription price of HK\$0.40 each: Balance in issue at 1st April, 2002 and 31st March, 2003 | 204,920,349 | 81,968 |

The rights attached to each of the 2003 Warrants to subscribe in cash for one new ordinary share of HK\$0.10 each in the Company at a price of HK\$0.40 each will expire on 29th August, 2003.

33. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

(a) **Initial Share Option Scheme**

In accordance with the Company's share option scheme (the "Initial Share Option Scheme") which was adopted on 1st September, 1993 for recognition of past services contributed by the eligible directors and employees and will expire on 31st August, 2003, the directors of the Company may at their discretion grant options to any directors or full time employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Company.

At 31st March, 2003, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the Initial Share Option Scheme was 16,100,000 (2002: 54,449,206), representing 1.51% (2002: 5.25%) of the shares of the Company in issue at that date. The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Initial Share Option Scheme is not permitted to exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time.



33. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (Continued)

(a) **Initial Share Option Scheme** (Continued)

No option may be granted to any individual under the Initial Share Option Scheme which, if exercised in full, would result in the total number of shares of the Company already issued and issuable under all the options previously granted and to be granted to him which are for the time being subsisting and unexercised exceed 25% of the aggregate number of shares of the Company for the time being issued and issuable under the Initial Share Option Scheme.

The offer of a grant of options may be accepted within 28 days from the date of offer of options, upon payment of a consideration of HK\$1.00 by the grantee. In each grant of options, the directors of the Company may at their discretion determine the specific exercise period and in any event such period of time shall not exceed a period of three years commencing on the expiry of six months after the date of acceptance of options. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of the nominal value of the shares of the Company, and 80% of the average closing prices of the shares of the Company on the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer of options.

The following table discloses details of the Company's share options under the Initial Share Option Scheme and movements in such holdings during the year:

| | Number of shares of the Company to be issued upon exercise of the share options | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Date of grant | Exercise price per share HK\$ | At 1.4.2001 & 1.4.2002 | Lapsed during the year | At 31.3.2003 | |
| 18th December, 1998 | 0.6048 | 38,349,206 | (38,349,206) | - | |
| 17th December, 1999 | 0.5552 | 16,100,000 | - | 16,100,000 | |
| | | 54,449,206 | (38,349,206) | 16,100,000 | |

The outstanding options can be exercised at any time during a period of three years commencing on the expiry of six months after the date of acceptance of the options.

During the year, no options have been granted under the Initial Share Option Scheme.

Pursuant to a special general meeting held by the shareholders of the Company on 27th August, 2002, the Company has terminated the Initial Share Option Scheme and adopted a new share option scheme (the "New Share Option Scheme") in order to comply with the amended rules of Chapter 17 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). Consequently, the Company can no longer grant any further options under the Initial Share option Scheme on its termination. However, all outstanding share options granted under the Initial Share Option Scheme remain in full force and effect.

(b) **New Share Option Scheme**

On 27th August, 2002, the Company adopted the New Share Option Scheme for the purpose of providing incentive or reward to any employees, executives or officers, directors of the Group or any invested entity and any celebrity, consultant, adviser or agent of any member of the Group or any invested entity, who have contributed or will contribute to the growth and development of the Group or any invested entity ("Eligible Person"). The New Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten years from that date.

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33. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (Continued)

(b) New Share Option Scheme (Continued)

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the directors of the Company may at their discretion grant options to any Eligible Person to subscribe for shares in the Company without consideration. The directors may at their discretion determine the specific exercise period which should expire in any event no later than ten years from date of adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company and will be at least the higher of: (i) the subscription price as is permissible under the Listing Rules from time to time; and (ii) the nominal value of the Company's shares.

The total number of shares of the Company in respect of which options may be granted under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme(s) of the Company shall not exceed 103,674,492 shares, representing 9.75% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this report. Subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting, the limit may be refreshed to 10% of the total number of shares in issue as at the date of approval by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme(s) of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the total number of shares in issue from time to time.

The maximum number of shares of the Company in respect of which options may be granted to each Eligible Person under the New Share Option Scheme and any other share option scheme(s) of the Company (including both exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the total number of shares in issue from time to time unless such grant has been duly approved by shareholders of the Company at general meeting at which the Eligible Person and his associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) abstained from voting. Options granted to a substantial shareholder and/or an independent non-executive director or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) in any 12-month period in excess of 0.10% of total number of shares in issue and have an aggregate value exceeding HK\$5 million must be approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting in advance.

No options have been granted under the New Share Option Scheme since its adoption.

34. RESERVES

| | Share | Capital | Contributed | Accumulated | |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | premium | reserve | surplus | profits | Total |
| | | (note (a) | (note (b) | | |
| | | below) | below) | | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| THE COMPANY | | | | | |
| At 1st April, 2001 | 219,807 | 3,126,941 | 155,846 | 73,470 | 3,576,064 |
| Issue of shares under | | | | | |
| scrip dividend scheme | (4,426) | _ | _ | _ | (4,426) |
| Credit arising on scrip | | | | | |
| dividends (note 11) | - | _ | - | 8,708 | 8,708 |
| Share issue expenses | (535) | _ | _ | _ | (535) |
| Transfer | - | - | (155,846) | 155,846 | - |
| Loss for the year | - | _ | _ | (177,542) | (177,542) |
| Dividends paid | - | _ | - | (20,171) | (20,171) |
| At 31st March, 2002 | 214,846 | 3,126,941 | _ | 40,311 | 3,382,098 |
| Issue of shares under | | | | | |
| scrip dividend scheme | (2,627) | - | - | - | (2,627) |
| Credit arising on scrip | | | | | |
| dividends (note 11) | - | _ | - | 5,724 | 5,724 |
| Share issue expenses | (188) | - | - | _ | (188) |
| Transfer | _ | (646,941) | _ | 646,941 | _ |
| Loss for the year | _ | _ | _ | (246,808) | (246,808) |
| Dividends paid | - | _ | - | (20,858) | (20,858) |
| At 31st March, 2003 | 212,031 | 2,480,000 | _ | 425,310 | 3,117,341 |

Notes:

- (a) The capital reserve of the Company comprises the credit arising from the cancellation of share premium and the reduction of paid up share capital upon capital reorganisation. The Company has given a guarantee in favour of, and entered into a letter of undertaking (the "Letter of Undertaking") with, a bank in connection with a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") entered into between certain subsidiaries of the Company and the bank. Pursuant to the Letter of Undertaking, so long as any sums remain outstanding under the Loan Agreement, the Company cannot, under certain circumstances, without the prior consent from the bank, reduce or distribute or use the capital reserve including the transfer to the contributed surplus account. During the year, an amount of approximately HK\$646,941,000 was transferred from the capital reserve to accumulated profits for future distribution.
- The contributed surplus of the Company represented the difference between the underlying net assets of the (b) subsidiaries acquired by the Company and the nominal amount of the Company's share capital issued as consideration for the acquisition.

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, the contributed surplus account of the Company is available for distribution. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if:

- (i) the Company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- 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.

During the year ended 31st March, 2002, the contributed surplus was transferred to accumulated profits for future distribution.

34. RESERVES (Continued)

In the opinion of the directors, the Company's reserves available for distribution to shareholders at 31st March, 2003 amounted to approximately HK\$425,310,000 (2002: HK\$40,311,000).

35. **ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES**

In May 2002, the Group acquired the entire issued share capital of, and shareholder's loan to, Unicon Industrial Group Limited ("Unicon") for a cash consideration of HK\$103,000,000. Unicon, together with its subsidiary, solely held certain leasehold land and buildings in Hong Kong with carrying value of HK\$103,000,000. The effect of the acquisition is summarised as follows:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Net assets acquired: | | |
| | 100.000 | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 103,000 | |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| | | |
| Cash paid | 103,000 | _ |

Unicon and its subsidiary did not make any significant impact on the Group's results and cash flows for the year.

36. **DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES**

As detailed in note 5, in December 2002 the Group disposed of the entire issued share capital of, and shareholder's loan to, Rosedale Hotel Group BVI for a cash consideration of HK\$250,000,000. The effect of the disposal is summarised as follows:

| ' | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net assets disposed of: | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 647,359 | _ |
| Debtors, deposits and prepayments | 12,555 | _ |
| Bank balances and cash | 595 | _ |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | (8,808) | _ |
| Bank loan | (400,000) | - |
| | 251,701 | - |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiaries | (1,701) | - |
| | 250,000 | _ |
| Satisfied by: | | |
| Cash received | 250,000 | _ |



DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Analysis of net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the disposal of subsidiaries:

| | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cash consideration received Bank balances and cash disposed of | 250,000 (595) | - - |
| Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the disposal of subsidiaries | 249,405 | - |

The impacts on the Group's results and cash flows are disclosed in note 5.

37. **MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, the Group had the following major non-cash transactions:

- (a) Issue of additional shares as scrip dividends as set out in note 31.
- (b) Receipt of scrip dividends of HK\$7,307,000 (2002: Nil) from investment in an associate.
- An unsecured loan receivable of HK\$42,000,000 (2002: Nil) has been settled as deposit paid for the (c) acquisition of certain property interests in the PRC. The amount has been reclassified to debtors, deposits and prepayments.

38. **RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES**

The Group operates defined contribution retirement benefit schemes for qualifying employees. The assets of the schemes are separately held in funds under the control of trustees.

The cost charged to the income statement represents contributions payable to the funds by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the schemes. Where there are employees who leave the schemes prior to vesting fully in the contributions, the contributions payable by the Group are reduced by the amount of forfeited contributions.

At the balance sheet date, there were no material forfeited contributions which arose upon employees leaving the schemes prior to their interests in the Group's contributions becoming fully vested and which are available to reduce the contributions payable by the Group in future years.

With effective from 1st December, 2000, the Group has joined a mandatory provident fund scheme ("MPF Scheme"). The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rules of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at the rates specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme. No forfeited contribution is available to reduce the contribution payable in the future years.

The retirement benefit scheme contributions arising from the MPF Scheme charged to the income statement represent contributions payable to the funds by the Group at the rates specified in the rules of the scheme.

39. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

| | THE GROUP | | THE COMPANY | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 |
| Outstanding performance bonds in respect of construction contracts | 740,529 | 607,447 | - | - |
| Guarantees given to banks and financial institutions in respect of general banking facilities granted to: | | | | |
| Subsidiaries | _ | _ | 1,510,955 | 1,886,345 |
| Associates | 2,419 | 84,717 | 2,419 | 84,717 |
| A jointly controlled entity | _ | 8,360 | - | 8,360 |
| | 742,948 | 700,524 | 1,513,374 | 1,979,422 |

In addition to the above, the Group has received claims for damages and injuries relating to its construction business. No provision has been made for these claims as they are either covered by insurance or will be indemnified by other parties.

40. **OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS**

(a) The Group as a lessee:

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

| | THE C | THE GROUP | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | | |
| Within one year | 1,015 | 2,409 | | |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | 1,958 | 908 | | |
| After five years | 1,026 | 476 | | |
| | 3,999 | 3,793 | | |

Leases are negotiated, and monthly rentals are fixed, for an average term of two years.

(b) The Group as a lessor:

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for future minimum lease payments which fall due as follows:

| | THE C | THE GROUP | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | 2003 | 2002 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Within one year | 26,082 | 28,808 | |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | 10,298 | 9,025 | |
| | 36,380 | 37,833 | |

The properties held have committed tenants for the next two years.

The Company did not have any significant operating lease arrangements at the balance sheet date.



41. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31st March, 2003, certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment and debtors with an aggregate value of approximately HK\$890,903,000 (2002: HK\$1,553,970,000) and the issued shares of certain subsidiaries of the Company and the Group's benefits under certain construction contracts, have been pledged to banks and financial institutions to secure general credit facilities granted to the Group. Facilities amounting to approximately HK\$726,135,000 (2002: HK\$1,168,053,000) were utilised at 31st March, 2003.

42. COMMITMENTS

| | THE (| THE GROUP | | |
|---|----------|-----------|--|--|
| | 2003 | | | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | | |
| Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in | | | | |
| the financial statements in respect of the acquisition of | | | | |
| an associate | 36,660 | - | | |

The Company did not have any significant capital commitment at the balance sheet date.

43. **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT**

On 8th July, 2003, the Company and Hanny Holdings Limited ("Hanny") jointly announced that through Kingsway SW Securities Limited, they will make a voluntary conditional cash offer at the price of HK\$0.10 for each share and HK\$0.001 for each warrant of China Strategic respectively, other than those owned by the Company and Hanny and parties acting in concert with them, and to cancel all outstanding share options of China Strategic at HK\$0.001 each. The Company and Hanny further jointly announced that after the purchase at the open market on 9th July 2003, the Company and Hanny and their concert parties are interested in 291,675,000 shares of China Strategic, representing approximately 35.16% of the issued share capital of China Strategic, thus triggering a mandatory offer during the offer period of a voluntary offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Company and Hanny have notified China Strategic that, to make the offer price more attractive to the shareholders of China Strategic, the offer price per share of China Strategic is to be increased from HK\$0.10 to HK\$0.139, representing an increase of 39%. The shares and warrants of China Strategic to be acquired by Kingsway SW Securities Limited will be distributed to the Company and Hanny in the same proportion.

Following the close of the offer, the Company and Hanny intend to take appropriate steps to ensure that not less than 25% of the shares of China Strategic will be held by the public.

44. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES**

During the year, the Group entered into the following transactions with its related parties:

| Class of related party | Nature of transactions | 2003 HK\$'000 | 2002 HK\$'000 | |
|--|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| Associates of the Group | Construction works charged by the Group | 2,809 | 177,418 | |
| | Purchase of concrete products by the Group | 6 | 145 | |
| | Subcontracting fees charged to the Group | 9,839 | 57,192 | |
| | Interest income charged by the Group | - | 4,975 | |
| | Loan commitment fee charged by the Group Rentals and related building management | 113 | 236 | |
| | fee charged by the Group | 3,073 | 3,667 | |
| | Service fees charged to the Group | 70 | 493 | |
| | Purchase of equipment by the Group Project management fees charged | - | 832 | |
| | to the Group | 15,000 | - | |
| Jointly controlled entities of the Group | Construction works charged by the Group Project management fees charged by | 1,337 | 11,257 | |
| | the Group | 5,000 | 6,125 | |
| | Subcontracting fees charged to the Group | 242,639 | 350,683 | |
| | Service fees charged by the Group | 276 | 342 | |
| Subsidiaries of ITC | Rentals and related building management | | | |
| | fee charged by the Group | 748 | 247 | |
| | Purchase of building materials and related | | | |
| | installation works by the Group | 551 | 882 | |
| | Sales of motor car registration mark | 790 | - | |
| Associates of ITC | Rentals and related building management | | | |
| | fee charged by the Group | 8,246 | 8,049 | |
| | Interest income charged by the Group | 8,128 | 7,221 | |
| Other related | Rental and related building management | | | |
| companies | fee charged by the Group | 4,613 | - | |
| | Interest income charged by the Group | 4,569 | - | |
| | Subcontracting fees charged by the Group | 371 | _ | |
| | Project management fees charged by | | | |
| | the Group | 2,321 | - | |
| | Purchase of medicine and health products | | | |
| | by the Group | 374 | _ | |
| | Service fees charged to the Group | 802 | - | |

Other related companies are companies under common directorship or common control with ITC.



RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (Continued)

The above transactions were carried out on the following bases:

- Construction works and subcontracting fees were charged at market price or, where no market price (a) was available, at terms determined and agreed by both parties.
- (b) Purchase of equipment, medicine and health products, concrete products and building materials and sales of motor car registration number were carried out in accordance with the negotiated prices.
- (c) Interest was charged by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate determined and agreed by both parties.
- Building management fee, service fee, project management fee and loan commitment fee were (d) charged at the pre-agreed rates.
- (e) Rentals were charged at the pre-agreed fixed monthly amounts.

Details of the balance with associates, jointly controlled entities and related companies at the balance sheet date are set out in notes 17, 18, 21, 24 and 27.

45. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED **ENTITIES**

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries at 31st March, 2003 are as follows: (a)

| | | Issued and | Percentage share co registered | ıpital/ | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Place of incorporation/ | fully paid share capital/ | held by the Company */ | attributable to the | |
| Name of subsidiary | registration | registered capital | subsidiaries % | Group % | Principal activities |
| Calisan Developments Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$1 ordinary share | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Corless Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Cycle Company Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Property investment and holding |
| | | HK\$2 non-voting deferred shares (note (i) below) | - | - | |
| DH Holdings Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$1 ordinary share | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Full Winners Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Property sale and holding |
| Gunnell Properties Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$1 ordinary share | 100 | 100 | Property investment and holding |



45. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED **ENTITIES** (Continued)

| | | Issued and | Percentage share co registered | pital/ | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name of subsidiary | Place of incorporation/ registration | fully paid share capital/ registered capital | held by the Company */ subsidiaries % | attributable to the Group % | Principal activities |
| Hamker Concrete Products Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$5,000,000 ordinary shares | 70 | 70 | Manufacturing and trading of concrete products |
| Nation Cheer Investment Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$1,200,000 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Securities investment and trading |
| Paul Y CREC Engineering Co., Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$10 ordinary shares | 70 | 70 | Civil engineering |
| Paul Y CREC Joint Venture | Hong Kong | - (note (ii) below) | 70 | 70 | Civil engineering |
| Paul Y ITC (E & M) Contractors Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$20,000,000 ordinary shares | 99.9998 | 99.9998 | Provision of electrical, mechanical and building services |
| Paul Y ITC Construction Group Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| | | HK\$1,000,000 non-voting deferred shares (note (iii) below) | - | - | |
| Paul Y ITC Construction Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$102,000,000 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Building construction |
| Paul Y ITC Construction & Engineering Co. Limited | Hong Kong d | HK\$42,000,000 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Building construction and specialist works |
| Paul Y ITC General Contractors Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$36,000,000 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Civil engineering and building construction |
| Paul Y ITC Interior Contractors Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Interior decoration works |
| Paul Y ITC Investments Group Limited | British Virgin Islands | US\$1 ordinary share | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Paul Y ITC Management Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Management services |
| Paul Y ITC Plant Hire Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Hire of motor vehicles and plant and machinery |

45. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED **ENTITIES** (Continued)

Percentage of issued

| | | Percentage of issued share capital/ | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | | Issued and | registered | | |
| | Place of | fully paid | held by the | attributable | |
| | incorporation/ | share capital/ | Company */ | to the | |
| Name of subsidiary | registration | registered capital | subsidiaries | Group | Principal activities |
| italile of substatuty | legistration | registered capital | % | % | i ilicipai activities |
| | | | | | |
| Paul Y. Building | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | 100 | Property management |
| Management Limited | | ordinary shares | | | services |
| | | | | | |
| Paul Y. Construction | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | 100 | Civil engineering, |
| Company, Limited | | ordinary shares | | | building construction |
| | | LIIVĖEO 000 000 | | | and investment |
| | | HK\$50,000,000 | - | - | holding |
| | | non-voting | | | |
| | | preferred shares (note (iv) below) | | | |
| | | (Hote (W) Delow) | | | |
| Paul Y. Foundation | British Virgin | US\$1 | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Holdings Limited | Islands | ordinary share | | | |
| · · | | , | | | |
| Paul Y. Foundation Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$10,000,000 | 100 | 100 | Civil engineering and |
| | | ordinary shares | | | foundation works |
| | | | | | |
| Paul Y. Properties | British Virgin | US\$1 | 100* | 100 | Investment holding |
| Group Limited | Islands | ordinary share | | | |
| Paul Y. Tunnel | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | 100 | Civil engineering |
| Engineering Co. Limited | riong kong | ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Civil engineening |
| Lingineening Co. Linnied | | ordinary strates | | | |
| Skylink Enterprises | Hong Kong | HK\$10 | 100 | 100 | Holding of land use |
| Limited | 0 0 | ordinary shares | | | right |
| | | | | | |
| Tai Shan Paul Y. | PRC | US\$5,005,340 | 100 | 100 | Civil engineering and |
| Construction Co., Ltd. | | registered capital | | | building construction |
| | | (note (v) below) | | | |
| Technico Investments | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | 100 | Holding of land uso |
| Limited | Hong Kong | ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Holding of land use right |
| LIITIII GQ | | ordinary strates | | | ngm |
| Unicon Concrete Products | Hong Kong | HK\$12,000,002 | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing and |
| (HK) Limited | | ordinary shares | | | trading of concrete |
| | | , | | | products |
| | | | | | |
| Unicon Industrial Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 | 100 | 100 | Property holding |
| | | ordinary shares | | | |
| Unistress Concrete | Hong Vong | HK\$200 | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing and |
| Products (H.K.) Limited | Hong Kong | ordinary shares | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing and |
| Products (n.k.) Limited | | ordinary snares | | | trading of concrete products |
| | | HK\$1,000,000 | 100 | 100 | production |
| | | non-voting | | .00 | |
| | | deferred shares | | | |
| | | (note (iii) below) | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Unistress Group | British Virgin | US\$1 | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Limited | Islands | ordinary share | | | |
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PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED 45. **ENTITIES** (Continued)

All of the above subsidiaries operate in Hong Kong except Hamker Concrete Products Limited and Tai Shan Paul Y. Construction Co., Ltd. which operate in the PRC.

All of the above subsidiaries are private limited companies except Paul Y. - CREC Joint Venture which is an unincorporated business.

Notes:

- (i) The holders of the non-voting deferred shares are not entitled to vote, are not entitled to any dividends unless the net profits of the company available for dividend exceed HK\$100,000,000,000,000 in which case they should be entitled to a fixed non-cumulative dividend at the rate of 5% per annum for any financial year and are, on winding up, only entitled out of the surplus assets of the company to a return of the capital after a total sum of HK\$100,000,000,000,000 has been distributed to the holders of the ordinary shares of the company.
- (ii) No capital has been contributed by the joint venture partners of the joint venture.
- (iii) The holders of the non-voting deferred shares are not entitled to vote, are not entitled to any dividends for any financial year and are, on winding up or otherwise, only entitled out of the surplus assets of the company to a return of the capital after a total sum of HK\$100,000,000,000,000 has been distributed to the holders of the ordinary shares of the company.
- The holders of the non-voting preferred shares are not entitled to vote, are not entitled to any dividends (iv) unless the net profits of the company available for dividend exceed HK\$100,000,000,000 in which case they should be entitled to a fixed non-cumulative dividend at the rate of 5% per annum for any financial year and are, on winding up, only entitled out of the surplus assets of the company to a return of the capital after a total sum of HK\$10,000,000,000 has been distributed to the holders of the ordinary shares of the company.
- (v) The company is a sino-foreign equity joint venture company.
- (b) Particulars of the Company's principal associates at 31st March, 2003 are as follows:

| Name of associate | Place of incorporation/registration | Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital | Percentage of issued share capital/registered capital attributable to the Group | Principal activities |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| ThyssenKrupp Elevator (HK) Limited (formerly Bongear Elevator (HK) Limited) | Hong Kong | HK\$116,800,000 ordinary shares | 22.1 | Elevators and escalators installation and maintenance |
| Downer EDI Limited ("Downer") | Australia | A\$484,870,365 ordinary shares | 36.6 | Investment holding |
| Hang Pak Engineering Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$100,000 ordinary shares | 25.5 | Elevators and escalators maintenance |
| Paul Y CREC Construction Co., Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$100 ordinary shares | 50.0 | Civil engineering |
| Paul Y SELI Joint Venture | Hong Kong | (note (i) below) | 50.0 | Civil engineering |
| Zhujiang Kwan On Concrete Products Co., Ltd. | PRC PRC | RMB6,320,000 registered capital (note (ii) below) | 50.0 | Manufacturing and trading of concrete products |



45. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED **ENTITIES** (Continued)

All of the above associates are private limited companies except (i) the joint ventures which are unincorporated businesses and (ii) Downer which is listed in Australia and New Zealand.

All of the above associates are held by the Company indirectly.

Notes:

- (i) No capital has been contributed by the joint venture partners of this joint venture.
- The company is a sino-foreign equity joint venture company. (ii)
- (c) Particulars of the Company's jointly controlled entities at 31st March, 2003 are as follows:

| Name of jointly controlled entity | Place of incorporation | Issued and fully paid share capital | Percentage of issued share capital attributable to the Group | Principal activities |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| DL & PY JV Limited | Hong Kong | HK\$2 ordinary shares | 50 | Civil engineering |
| Paul Y Penta-Ocean Joint Venture | Hong Kong | - (note below) | 50 | Civil engineering |

Note: No capital has been contributed by the joint venture partners, although the Group has contributed working capital amounting to HK\$5,000,000 to this joint venture.

The above tables list the subsidiaries and associates of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries and associates would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length.