

Review Report of the Auditors



To the Board of Directors of First Pacific Company Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Introduction

We have been instructed by the Company to review the Condensed Interim Financial Statements set out on pages 14 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of Condensed Interim Financial Statements to be in compliance with SSAP 25 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. The Condensed Interim Financial Statements are the responsibility of, and have been approved by, the Directors. It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the Condensed Interim Financial Statements and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 “Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports” issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of Group management and applying analytical procedures to the Condensed Interim Financial Statements and based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the Condensed Interim Financial Statements.

Review conclusion

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2003.

Ernst & Young

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Hong Kong

18 August 2003