

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2003

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

During 2002, the Board of Directors resolved to change the financial year end date of the Company from 31st March to 31st December in order to facilitate the preparation of accounts of the Group as most of the Group's investments and business activities principally operate in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and the relevant subsidiaries of the Company which carry on the businesses in the PRC have a financial year end date of 31st December. As a result of the change in the financial year end date, the condensed consolidated financial statements for the current period cover the period of six months from 1st January, 2003 to 30th June, 2003. Accordingly, the comparative amounts shown for the condensed consolidated income statement, condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity, condensed consolidated cash flow statement and related notes cover the period of six months from 1st April, 2002 to 30th September, 2002.



2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of investment properties.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's financial statements for the period of nine months from 1st April, 2002 to 31st December, 2002, except for the adoption of the SSAP 12 (revised) "Income Taxes". The principal effect of the implementation of SSAP 12 (Revised) is in relation to deferred tax. In previous years, partial provision was made for deferred tax using the income statement liability method, i.e. a liability was recognised in respect of timing differences arising, except where those timing differences were not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. SSAP 12 (Revised) requires the adoption of a balance sheet liability method, whereby deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax basis used in the computation of taxable profit, with limited exceptions. In the absence of any specific transitional requirements in SSAP 12 (Revised), the new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. The adoption of SSAP 12 (Revised) has no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods. Accordingly, no prior period adjustments has been required.

During the period, the Group issued floating rate notes ("FRNs") which are in bearer form in the denomination of HK\$500,000 each. The FRNs carry interest at Hong Kong Inter-bank Borrowing Rate plus 1% and are due in 2006. The interest are payable every three months. The costs incurred in connection with the issue of the FRNs are charged immediately to the income statement. Interest expenses are accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal amount outstanding and at the applicable interest rate.



3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into two operating divisions — manufacture of mould base and trading of metal and parts. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Six months ended 30th June, 2003

	Mould base HK\$'000	Metal and parts HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Total HK\$′000
TURNOVER				
External sales	489,851	70,820	_	560,671
Inter-segment sales		127,920	(127,920)	
	489,851	198,740	(127,920)	560,671
Inter-segment sales are	e charged at	prevailing r	market rates	
RESULTS				
Segment results	85,260	13,362	_	98,622
Unallocated corporate income				7,141
Profit from operations				105,763

Six months ended 30th September, 2002

	Mould base HK\$'000	Metal and parts HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
TURNOVER				
External sales	407,588	117,596	_	525,184
Inter-segment sales	10,948	82,679	(93,627)	_
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	418,536	200,275	(93,627)	525,184
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Inter-segment sales are o	charged at p	orevailing ma	arket rates	
RESULTS				
Segment results	72,378	14,481	_	86,859
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Unallocated corporate income				5,440
Profit from operations				92,299

4. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	Six months ended	
	30th June,	30th September,
	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss on disposal of property,		
plant and equipment	412	1,153
Interest income	(7,141)	(5,440)
Exchange (gain) loss	(1,242)	6,000



5. TAXATION

	Six months ended	
	30th June,	30th September,
	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong		
Profits tax	163	1,281
Deferred tax	(571)	_
	(408)	1,281
Taxation in jurisdictions outside		
Hong Kong	14,828	10,540
	14,420	11,821

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2002: 16%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period.

Taxation in jurisdictions outside Hong Kong is calculated based on the applicable rates in those jurisdictions.

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, the Company's PRC subsidiaries are entitled to an exemption from PRC income tax for two years starting from their first profit-making year, followed by a 50% reduction for the next three years. In the current period, certain PRC subsidiaries are exempted from PRC income tax, and other PRC subsidiaries enjoyed a 50% reduction on PRC income tax.

Certain income of the Group is not subject to taxation in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.



6. DIVIDENDS

On 14th May, 2003, a dividend of HK5 cents per share was paid to shareholders as final dividend for the period of nine months from 1st April, 2002 to 31st December, 2002 (final dividend for the year ended 31st March, 2002: HK5 cents per share).

The Directors have determined that an interim dividend of HK7 cents per share (for the six months ended 30th September, 2002: HK5 cents per share) should be paid to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Members on 19th September, 2003.



7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	Six months ended		
	30th June, 2003 HK\$'000	30th September, 2002 HK\$'000	
Earnings			
Earnings for the purposes of basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:	75,300	60,256	
Adjustment to the share of results of the group headed by Lung Kee Metal Holdings Limited based on dilution of their			
earnings per share	_	(289)	
Earnings for the purposes of diluted earnings per share	75,300	59,967	
Number of shares	′000	′000	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares on exercise of options of the	486,916	485,047	
Company	1,932		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted			
earnings per share	488,848	485,047	

8. MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

In the opinion of the Directors, there was no material difference between the carrying amount and the market value of the investment properties as at 30th June, 2003.

During the period, the Group incurred expenditure of approximately HK\$18,550,000 on the properties under construction in the PRC.

In addition, the Group spent HK\$45,689,000, HK\$3,609,000 and HK\$3,576,000 on acquisition of plant and machinery, furniture and equipment and other assets respectively, for the purpose of expanding the Group's business.

9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group allows an average credit period of 90 days to its trade customers.

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables of HK\$374,686,000 (31st December, 2002: HK\$350,230,000) and an aged analysis of which is as follows:

0 to 60 days
61 to 90 days
Over 90 days

31st December, 2002 HK\$'000
232,465 51,009 66,756
350,230

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Included in trade and other payables are trade payables of HK\$68,042,000 (31st December, 2002: HK\$65,016,000) and an aged analysis of which is as follows:

0 to 60 days
61 to 90 days
Over 90 days

30th June,	31st December,
2003	2002
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
39,578	56,413
18,421	5,002
10,043	3,601
68,042	65,016

11. UNSECURED BANK BORROWINGS

During the period, the Group raised new bank loans in the amount of approximately HK\$49,941,000, which were used for general working capital. The loans bear interest at market rates and are repayable within one year.

In addition, the Group repaid bank loans amounting to approximately HK\$11,927,000 during the period.

12. FLOATING RATE NOTES

During the period, a subsidiary of the Company issued FRNs in the amount of HK\$150 million which are due in 2006. The FRNs carry interest at Hong Kong Inter-bank Borrowing Rate plus 1% and are guaranteed by the Company.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised at		Issued and fully paid at	
	30th June,	31st December,	30th June,	31st December,
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of				
HK\$0.1 each				
At beginning of				
the period/year	60,000	60,000	48,684	48,395
Issue of new				
shares	_	_	_	289
Shares issued on				
exercise of				
share options	_	_	187	_
At end of the				
period/year	60,000	60,000	48,871	48,684

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30th June, 2003, the Group had capital expenditure amounting to approximately HK\$20,078,000 (31st December, 2002: HK\$59,532,000) in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided in the financial statements.

15. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

During the period, the Group entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement to dispose 60% interest in Sky Bright Metal Product Limited ("Sky Bright"), being the entire interest of Sky Bright held by the Group, with a consideration of HK\$6,805,800. The disposal was completed on 23rd May, 2003.

16. SHARE OPTIONS SCHEME

The following table discloses details of the Company's share options held by the employees and directors and movements in such holdings during the period:

	Number of share options			
	At 1st	Exercised	Cancelled	At 30th
	January,	during the	during the	June,
	2003	period	period	2003
Directors	2,500,000	_	_	2,500,000
Employees	2,500,000	(1,870,000)	(545,000)	85,000
Total	5,000,000	(1,870,000)	(545,000)	2,585,000

The closing price of the Company shares immediately before the date on which the options were exercised was HK\$2.90.