Other than the interests disclosed under the section "Directors' and chief executives' interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation", the Company had not been notified of the any other substantial shareholders' interests and short position, being 5% or more of the Company's shares and underlying shares to record in the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 336 of the SFO.

## COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE OF THE LISTING RULES

None of the directors of the Company is aware of any information that would indicate that the Group is not, or was not, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited at any time during the six months ended 30th June, 2003, except that the independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as they are subject to retirement by rotation and reelection at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited condensed accounts for the six months ended 30th June, 2003 with the directors.

By Order of the Board **Lee Fong Lit, David** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 19th September, 2003

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