Ching Hing (Holdings) Limited





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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHING HING (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim financial report set out on pages 2 to 14.

Directors' responsibilities

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with SSAP 25 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial report are the responsibility of, and have been approved by, the directors.

Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with SAS 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 interim financial report 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 interim financial report.

Review conclusion

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modification that should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30 June 2003.

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Certified Public Accountants

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Hong Kong, 25 September 2003

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The directors are pleased to present the Group's Interim Report and condensed accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2003. The consolidated results and consolidated cash flow statement for the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2003, and the consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at 30 June 2003, all of which are unaudited and condensed, along with selected explanatory notes, are set out on pages 6 to 14 of this report.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2003

		Unaudite	d		
		Six months ended 30 June			
		2003	2002		
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Turnover	2	127,996	122,285		
Cost of sales		(103,612)	(110,849)		
Gross profit		24,384	11,436		
Other revenues		181	2,285		
Distribution costs		(6,680)	(8,407)		
Administrative expenses		(13,494)	(14,260)		
Other operating expenses		(915)	(1,246)		
Operating profit/(loss)	3	3,476	(10,192)		
Finance costs		(2,406)	(2,766)		
Profit/(loss) before taxation		1,070	(12,958)		
Taxation (charge)/credit	4	(28)	303		
Profit/(loss) after taxation		1,042	(12,655)		
Minority interests		364	(449)		
Profit/(loss) attributable					
to shareholders		1,406	(13,104)		
Basic earnings/(loss) per share	5	0.44 cents	(4.09) cents		

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2003

	Note	Unaudited 30 June 2003 HK\$'000	Audited 31 December 2002 HK\$'000
Goodwill Fixed assets Other investment	6 7	11,514 95,396 590	12,224 101,158 590
		107,500	113,972
Current assets Inventories Trade receivables	8	34,590 59,139	39,846 79,596
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Deposits with banks Bank balances and cash		2,144 37,500 14,912	5,573 37,121 16,922
		148,285	179,058
Current liabilities Trade payables Other payables and	9	25,696	46,226
accrued charges Amount due to a related company Amount due to a director Trust receipt loans, secured		4,265 6,154 147 14,411	6,845 3,847 2,117 16,869
Current portion of long-term liabilities Short-term bank loans, secured Obligation under a finance lease Taxation payable	10 11	2,993 28,888 218 4,163	6,678 40,368
Bank overdrafts, secured		18,451	14,875
		105,386	141,986
Net current assets		42,899	37,072
Net assets		150,399	151,044
Financed by:			
Share capital Reserves	12	16,017 132,445	16,017 131,039
Shareholders' funds Long-term bank loans, secured Obligation under a finance lease	10	148,462 493 527	147,056 2,708
Minority interests		917	1,280
		150,399	151,044

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2003 — unaudited

						Retained	
			Properties			earnings/	
	Share	Share	revaluation	Statutory	Capital (a	ccumulated	
	capital	premium	reserves	reserves	reserves	loss)	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 31 December							
2002	16,017	51,574	17,733	7,611	51,834	2,287	147,056
Profit attributable							
to shareholders	-	-	-	-	_	1,406	1,406
At 30 June 2003	16,017	51,574	17,733	7,611	51,834	3,693	148,462
At 31 December							
2001	16,017	51,574	12,924	7,611	51,834	8,963	148,923
Loss attributable							., .
to shareholders						(13,104)	(13,104)
At 30 June 2002	16,017	51,574	12,924	7,611	51,834	(4,141)	135,819
At 50 June 2002	16,017	51,574	12,924	/,011	51,834	(4,141)	133,819

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2003 — unaudited

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2003	2002	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from	15 270	(22.954)	
operating activities	15,379	(33,954)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,872)	(5,992)	
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(16,635)	19,017	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,128)	(20,929)	
Cash and cash equivalents at I January	(14,822)	5,040	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	(17,950)	(15,889)	
Analysis of balance of cash and cash equivale	nts:		
Bank balances and cash	14,912	12,835	
Bank overdrafts	(18,451)	(4, 67)	
Trust receipt loans	(14,411)	(14,557)	
	(17,950)	(15,889)	

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25, Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA"), and requirements of Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2002 annual report.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002 except that the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following its adoption of the SSAP 12 (Revised) "Income Taxes" issued by the HKSA which is effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2003.

SSAP 12 (Revised) principally prescribes the accounting treatment and disclosures for deferred tax. In prior years, deferred tax is provided using the income statement liability method on all significant timing differences to the extent it is probable that the liability will crystallise in the foreseeable future. A deferred tax asset is not recognised until its realisation is assured beyond the reasonable doubt. SSAP 12 (Revised) requires the adoption of the balance sheet liability method, whereby deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of the revised SSAP did not have a material impact on the results of the Group for the current and prior accounting periods, accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

2. Turnover, revenue and segment information

The Group principally engages in the provision of fabric processing, sale of fabrics and garments manufacturing and trading.

Primary report format - business segments

The Group is organised into three main business segments:

_	Fabric processing	—	provision of fabric processing services
_	Sale of fabrics	_	manufacture, wholesale and distribution of

- manufacture, wholesale and distribution of fabrics
- Sale of garments and accessories
 manufacture, wholesale and distribution of garments and accessories

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2. Turnover, revenue and segment information (Continued)

Secondary report format — geographical segments

The Group's three business segments are operated in four main geographical areas:

_	Hong Kong	_	fabric processing and sale of fabrics
_	United States	—	sale of garments and accessories
_	The People's Republic of		
	China (the "PRC")	—	fabric processing, sale of fabrics and garments
_	Other countries		
	(principally Bangladesh,		
	Vietnam and India)	_	sale of garments and accessories

Primary report format — business segments

	Turn Unau		Operating pr Unaud	• • •
	Six mont	hs ended	Six months ended	
	30 J	une	30 Ju	ine
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Business segments:				
Fabric processing	34,473	19,373	4,562	(3,101)
Sale of fabrics	41,495	42,626	2,444	(3,960)
Sale of garments and accessories	52,028	60,286	(1,085)	(251)
Unallocated revenue and				
expenses			(2,445)	(2,880)
	127,996	122,285	3,476	(10,192)

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2. Turnover, revenue and segment information (Continued)

Secondary report format — geographical segments

	Unau Six mont	Turnover Unaudited Six months ended 30 June		ofit/(loss) ited s ended ne
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Geographical segments:				
Hong Kong	57,511	42,320	4,979	(4,424)
United States	41,528	47,131	193	(95)
PRC	16,264	17,267	837	(2,402)
Other countries	12,693	15,567	(88)	(391)
Unallocated revenue and				
expenses			(2,445)	(2,880)
	127,996	122,285	3,476	(10,192)

3. Operating profit/(loss)

	Unaudited		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2003	2002	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Operating profit/(loss) is stated after			

crediting and charging the following:

Crediting		
Interest income		
Chanaina		

Charging		
Depreciation	7,299	7,735
Amortisation of goodwill	710	621
Operating leases rentals in respect of land		
and buildings	210	210

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4. Taxation (charge)/credit

Hong Kong profits tax had been provided at the rate of 17.5% on the estimated assessable profit arising in Hong Kong for the six months ended 30 June 2003 (2002: 16%). Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation (charged)/credited to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June		
	2003	2002	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Hong Kong profits tax	(2)	_	
PRC taxation	(26)	_	
Over provision in prior periods		303	
	(28)	303	

5. Earnings/(loss) per share

Earnings/(loss) per share are calculated based on the Group's profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1,406,000 (2002: loss of HK\$13,104,000) and the weighted average of 320,349,468 shares (2002: 320,349,468 shares) in issue during the period.

The outstanding share options as at 30 June 2003 have not been included in the calculation of the diluted earnings per share as the exercise of these share options would have an anti-dilutive effect.

6. Goodwill

	HK\$'000
Six months ended 30 June 2003	
Opening net book amount	12,224
Amortisation charge	(710)
Closing net book amount	11,514

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7. Capital expenditure

	Fixed assets HK\$'000
Six months ended 30 June 2003	
Opening net book amount	101,158
Additions	1,705
Disposals	(168)
Depreciation	(7,299)
Closing net book amount	95,396

8. Trade receivables

Details of the aging analysis of trade receivables were as follows:

	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2003	31 December 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current	27,244	58,295
31 — 60 days	24,683	13,181
61 — 90 days	4,208	4,274
91 — 120 days	961	1,647
Over 120 days	3,734	3,272
	60,830	80,669
Less: provision on doubtful debts	(1,691)	(1,073)
	59,139	79,596

Sale of fabrics and processing of fabrics are with credit terms of 45 days whereas sale from trading of garments and accessories are with credit terms of 120 days. The Group has a defined credit policy which varies with financial strength of individual customers. Sale from trading of garments and accessories is mostly covered by letter of credits.

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9. Trade payables

Details of the aging analysis of trade payables were as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2003 <i>HK</i> \$'000	Audited 31 December 2002 <i>HK</i> \$'000
Current	11,095	27,347
31 — 60 days	6,063	9,416
61 — 90 days	3,956	2,690
Over 90 days	4,582	6,773
	25,696	46,226

10. Long-term liabilities

	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2003 31	December 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank loans, secured	3,486	9,386
Current portion of long-term liabilities	(2,993)	(6,678)
	493	2,708

At 30 June 2003, the Group's bank loans, bank overdrafts including trust receipt loans were repayable as follows:

	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2003	31 December 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	64,743	78,790
In the second year	493	2,708
	65,236	81,498

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11. Obligation under a finance lease

			Present	t value
	Minimum		of minimum	
	lease p	ayments	lease pa	yments
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Amounts payable under a finance lease:				
Within one year	251	_	218	_
In the second to fifth years inclusive	595	_	527	_
	846	_	745	_
Less:				
Future finance charges	101			
Present value of lease obligations	745			
Less:				
Amount due for settlement within 12 m (shown under current liabilities)	onths		527	
Amount due for settlement after 12 mo	onths		218	

It is the company's policy to lease certain of its motor vehicles under finance leases. The average lease term is 3.5 years. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

12. Share capital

	Authorised Ordinary shares of \$0.05 each		
	No. of shares	HK\$'000	
At 30 June 2003 and 31 December 2002	1,000,000,000	50,000	
	Issued and fully	y paid	
	Ordinary shares of	\$0.05 each	
	No. of shares	HK\$'000	
At 30 June 2003 and 31 December 2002	320,349,468	16,017	

13. Share options (outstanding)

On 27 May 2002, the Company adopted a new share option scheme to replace the old one adopted on 29 December 1999. There are no significant changes on the aggregate of 23,800,000 share options granted by the Company on 13 June 2001 to certain employees including executive directors of the Company. The holders of the share options are entitled to subscribe for shares of HK\$0.05 each at an exercise price of HK\$0.36 per share. The options are exercisable at any time during the period from 13 June 2001 to 12 December 2004. As at 30 June 2003, all the share options remained outstanding.

14. Banking facilities

As at 30 June 2003, banking facilities of HK\$120,127,000 (2002: HK\$168,103,000) granted by the banks to the Group are secured by the following:

- legal charges over the Group's properties with net book value of HK\$41,947,000 (2002: HK\$42,978,000);
- (b) guarantees given by the Company and the minority shareholders of subsidiaries for HK\$77,000,000 (2002: HK\$82,000,000) and HK\$73,330,000 (2002: HK\$73,330,000) respectively; and
- (c) charges over bank deposits of the Group amounting to HK\$30,800,000 (2002: (HK\$36,800,000).

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15. Commitments under operating leases

At 30 June 2003, the Group had total future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings which expire as follows:

	Unaudited	Audited
	30 June 2003	31 December 2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	681	1,033
In the second to fifth year inclusive	327	205
	1,008	1,238

16. Related party transactions

Significant related party transaction, which was carried out in the normal course of the Group's business is as follows:

	Unaudited		
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2003 20		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Rental paid to a related company (note a)	420	420	
Interest paid to a related company (note b)	192		

Notes:

- (a) The related company is beneficially owned by Mr. Yiu Ching On, an executive director of the Company.
- (b) The related company is beneficially owned by Ms. Wong Kai Chun, Mr. Yiu Ching On and Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy, executive directors of the Company.

RESULTS

The Group had recognised an unaudited net profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2003 as compared with a net loss of HK\$13.1 million in the same period last year. Turnover had increased by 4.7% over the same period last year to HK\$128 million as a result of substantial increase in provision of fabric processing services by the Group. Gross profit margin had increased to about 19.1% as compared with 9.4% of last period. The Group had recorded a basic earning per share of 0.44 cents as compared with a basic loss per share of 4.09 cents in the same period last year.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2003 (2002: Nil).

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Fabric Processing Section

As we had mentioned in last year's interim report, we had restructured the sales department by phasing out those under-performed staff and absorbed a number of experienced team leaders to strengthen our marketing team. We had also reformed their rewards system by incorporating a larger portion of commission in their remuneration package. After these restructuring measures, we had seen a substantial increments in sales quantities and amount generated by this section. Turnover in this section had increased by 77.9% over the same period last year to HK\$34.5 million. Unit processing charges were maintained in a relatively stable level even though competition from PRC state-owned enterprises was intense. In future, we will look for opportunity to train up potential sales staff by providing them attractive package, and head-hunt competent and enthusiastic marketing leaders from the industry.

Due to the continuously bleak economic outlook in these few years, a number of competitors had closed down their operations and therefore some of their sales orders had shifted to our production base in Zhongshan. We expect this trend will continue until most of the small and financially weak factories have been phased out from the market.

Since the total yardage of fabrics processed by our Zhongshan factory had substantially increased by about 62% during this period as compared with the same period last year, the coal-fired power and steam generators built up in 2001 could generate power and steam at a lower costs. We noted that the direct cost of processing had reduced by about 27% as compared with last year. If the total yardage of fabrics processed by the factory continues to increase to about 32,000,000 yards per annum, we expect the direct cost of processing will reduce further by 10% by end of 2003.

In 2003 and 2004, efforts will be made to further reduce administrative and finance expenses by 10%. In the coming few months, we will target to substantially cutting down interest expenses charged by our principal bankers.

Fabric Trading Section

Because the international price of grey cloth fluctuated materially in the first half of 2003, we had downsized the sales order of fabric trading to reduce the adverse impact caused by the wide variation of cost of materials. Therefore, the total yardage of fabrics traded remained at a level similar to that of the same period last year.

China is continuously accumulating huge foreign exchange surplus through its export industries, particularly against the United States. Accordingly, Renminbi is facing a great pressure of appreciation by the US government. We expect the China government will gradually reduce and eventually withdraw the value-added tax refund policy to help to ease the pressure imposed upon by the US government. Accordingly, in monetary terms, high-quality grey cloth produced in Pakistan will have competitive advantage over those manufactured in China. We expect this trend will continue and large amount of sales orders will be obtained by those foreign manufacturers situated in Pearl River Delta which can easily import grey cloth produced in Pakistan as materials. Accordingly, we expect sales orders in this section will increase hugely in the run-up to the end of 2003.

Garment Manufacturing and Trading Section

Competition for garments manufacturing and trading orders were keen in recent years. Profit margin was squeezed substantially. We expect global competition will still be intense in the next few years. Accordingly, we have adopted a stringent selective approach in the order soliciting process in order to maintain a safer profit margin. We noted that turnover in this section had decreased by 13.7% as compared with the same period last year due to stiff competition. We expect this trend will continue and therefore we will only focus on sales orders with high margin in 2003. In addition, we will try our best to reduce direct and indirect costs to combat the large decrease in turnover in this section.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2003, the Group had total asset of HK\$255.8 million which were financed by current liabilities of HK\$105.4 million, long-term liabilities of HK\$1.0 million and shareholders' equity of HK\$148.5 million. Accordingly, the Group's ratio of debt to total assets and debt to equity were 41.6% and 71.6%, respectively. In the environment of global stagflation, the Group will focus on reducing the gearing ratio to an even safer level.

The Group financed its operation mainly by internal resources and bank financing. During the period, no new equity shares had been issued for fund raising.

As at 30 June 2003, the Group had cash on hand and in bank for an aggregate amount of about HK\$52.4 million, which we consider was sufficient for normal daily operation and expansion.

EMPLOYEE

As at 30 June 2003, the Group employed about 500 employees including factory workers employed in the PRC and sales and merchandising staff situated in India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam and Los Angeles. Employees are remunerated based on market and industry practice.

The remuneration policy and package of the Group's employees are regularly reviewed by the Board. Apart from provident fund scheme and medical insurance, discretionary bonuses and employee share options are also awarded to employees according to the assessment of individual performance.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 30 June 2003, the directors or their associates have the following interests or short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies contained in the Listing Rules ("Model Code"):—

(i) Shares — long position

	Number of shares held				
	Personal	Family	Corporate	Other	
	interests	interests	interests	interests	Total
Name of directors					
Mr. Yiu Ching On	4,252,000	_	_	_	4,252,000
Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy	1,100,000	2,610,637 (note a)	, ,	123,833,866 (note b)	145,401,645
Mr. Yiu Kwok Yung	_	_	62,500,000 (note d)	123,833,866 (note b)	186,333,866
Mr. Lo Wai Kon	218,000	_	_	_	218,000

The Company:

Notes:

- (a) Such shares are beneficially owned by his spouse.
- (b) Determine Win Investments Limited in its capacity as trustee of The Yiu's Family Unit Trust owns approximately 94.98% of the issued share capital of Jarak Assets Limited which in turn holds 123,833,866 shares. HSBC International Trustee Limited holds 99.99% units in issue in The Yiu's Family Unit Trust in its capacity as the trustee of The Yiu's Family Unit Trust, the beneficiaries of which include Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy and Mr. Yiu Kwok Yung.
- (c) Such shares are beneficially owned by Cotton Row Limited, a company whollyowned by Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy, a director of the Company.
- (d) Such shares are beneficially owned by Modern Fashion Inc., a company whollyowned by Mr. Yiu Kwok Yung, a director of the Company.
- (e) All the interests disclosed under this section represent long position in the shares of the Company.

Associated corporation:

Name of associated corporation:	Name of director	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests
Ching Hing Weaving Dyeing & Printing Factory Limited	Mr. Yiu Ching On	4, 96,59	376,427 (note b)	28,023,134 (note c)
	Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy	_	1,000,000 (note b)	_

Notes:

- (a) The above represent interests in non-voting deferred shares.
- (b) Such non-voting deferred shares are beneficially owned by the spouse of the respective directors.
- (c) Filand Limited and Clear Picture Holdings Limited, companies wholly-owned by Mr. Yiu Ching On, a director of the Company, beneficially owned 10,633,875 and 17,389,259 non-voting deferred shares respectively.

(ii) Share Options

Details of the directors' interests in share options to subscribe for shares in the Company pursuant to the Company's employee share option scheme adopted on 27 May 2002 pursuant to a new share option scheme are as follows:

	Number of options outstanding	
Name of directors	Date of grant	at 30 June 2003
Mr. Yiu Ching On	13 June 2001	3,000,000
Mr. Yiu Kwok Ming, Tommy	13 June 2001	3,000,000
Mr. Yiu Kwok Yung	13 June 2001	3,000,000
Ms. Wong Kai Chun	13 June 2001	3,000,000

The exercise price per share of the above options is HK0.360. The above options are exercisable from the date of grant to 12 December 2004. At 30 June 2003, a total of 20,800,000 share options were outstanding.

No options had been granted and 3,000,000 options had lapsed during the six months ended 30 June 2003.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period had the directors (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) have any interest in, or been granted, or exercised, any rights to subscribe for shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations.

At no time during the period was the Company or its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2003, the following companies have long positions in the shares and underlying shares as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

		Percentage of
	Number of	issued share capital
Name	shares held	as at 30 June 2003
Jarak Assets Limited (note a)	123,833,866	38.66%
Determine Win Investments Limited (note a)	123,833,866	38.66%
HSBC International Trustee Limited (note b)	123,833,866	38.66%
HSBC Investment Bank Holdings B.V. (note b)	123,833,866	38.66%
HSBC Holdings B.V. (note b)	123,833,866	38.66%
HSBC Finance (Netherlands) (note b)	123,833,866	38.66%
HSBC Holdings plc (note b)	123,833,866	38.66%
Modern Fashion Inc. (note c)	62,500,000	19.51%

Notes:

- (a) Jarak Assets Limited is owned as to approximately 94.98% by Determine Win Investments Limited in its capacity as the trustee of The Yiu's Family Unit Trust.
- (b) HSBC International Trustee Limited holds 99.99% units in issue in The Yiu's Family Unit Trust in its capacity as the trustee of The Yiu's Family Unit Trust.

HSBC International Trustee Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary within the HSBC Group. Their interests in the shares of the Company duplicate with each other.

- (c) Modern Fashion Inc. is wholly-owned by Mr. Yiu Kwok Yung, a director of the Company.
- (d) All the interests disclosed under this section represent long position in the shares of the Company.

Save as disclosed therein, no other person has an interest or a short position in the shares and underlying shares as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

PURCHASES, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

The Company has not redeemed any of its listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2003. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the same period.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE OF THE LISTING RULES

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange throughout the accounting period, except that the independent non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term since they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Company's bye-laws.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The written terms of reference which describe the authority and duties of the Audit Committee were prepared and adopted with reference to "A Guide for The Formation of An Audit Committee" published by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

The Audit Committee provides an important link between the Board and the Company's auditors in matters coming within the scope of the Group audit. It also reviews the effectiveness of the external audit and internal controls and risk evaluation. The Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors, namely Messrs. Cheung Wing Yui, Wong Shiu Hoi, Peter and Lo Wai Kon.

> On behalf of the Board Yiu Ching On Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 September 2003