

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(Amounts expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years/period, as extracted from the audited accounts was set out below.

Results

	Year ended 31st December, 1998 \$'000	Year ended 31st December, 1999 \$'000	Year ended 31st December, 2000 \$'000	17-month period ended 31st May, 2002 \$'000	Year ended 31st May, 2003 \$'000
Turnover	1,689,685	2,542,438	2,454,236	3,174,230	2,577,917
Cost of sales	(1,051,832)	(1,552,757)	(1,507,331)	(1,907,969)	(1,567,640)
Gross profit	637,853	989,681	946,905	1,266,261	1,010,277
Other revenues	111,479	64,990	61,742	225,541	174,174
Distribution costs	(300,674)	(414,060)	(450,214)	(771,072)	(535,779)
Administrative expenses	(269,930)	(380,793)	(379,303)	(533,210)	(451,067)
Operating profit	178,728	259,818	179,130	187,520	197,605
Finance costs	(69,751)	(80,018)	(76,231)	(112,646)	(83,254)
Profit before share of profit/(loss) of associated companies	108,977	179,800	102,899	74,874	114,351
Share of profit /(loss) of associated companies	15,447	20,285	20,455	(1,681)	12,267
Profit before taxation	124,424	200,085	123,354	73,193	126,618
Taxation	(3,625)	(24,965)	(18,774)	(10,381)	(20,727)
Profit after taxation	120,799	175,120	104,580	62,812	105,891
Minority interests	(2,772)	(21,696)	(12,827)	(10,710)	(17,842)
Profit attributable to shareholders	118,027	153,424	91,753	52,102	88,049
Earnings per share					
Basic	14.71 cents*	15.90 cents*	8.59 cents*	4.54 cents	7.81 cents
Diluted	13.46 cents*	15.64 cents*	8.26 cents*	4.54 cents	7.73 cents

Note:

* The earnings per share were adjusted due to the rights issue and bonus issue in 1998, the bonus issue in 1999 and the Share Consolidation in 2002.

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Assets and liabilities

	At 31st December, 1998 \$'000	At 31st December, 1999 \$'000	At 31st December, 2000 \$'000	At 31st May, 2002 \$'000	At 31st May, 2003 \$'000
Total assets	2,533,890	2,674,553	2,793,670	3,123,942	3,373,038
Total liabilities and minority interests	(1,438,175)	(1,538,096)	(1,564,596)	(1,828,513)	(2,096,331)
Shareholders' funds	1,095,715	1,136,457	1,229,074	1,295,429	1,276,707