

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

Other than the interests disclosed above in respect of certain directors, the register of substantial shareholders maintained under Section 336 of the SFO showed that the following shareholders had an interest of 5% or more of the issued capital of the Company as at 30 September, 2003:

Name of shareholder	Long Position	Short Position	Number of Shares held/ Approximate shareholding percentage		
			Lending Pool	Total	%
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. (Note 1)	36,712,595	–	9,929,767	46,642,362	13.91
Preferable Situation Assets Ltd.	16,816,000	–	–	16,816,000	5.01

Note 1: J.P. Morgan Chase & Co's interests in the Company are held through its subsidiaries, JP Morgan Investment Management Inc., JP Morgan Chase Bank, JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management (UK) Ltd. and JF Asset Management Ltd.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER

The Register of Shareholders will be closed from 30 December, 2003 to 2 January, 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.

All transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrars, Standard Registrars Limited at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:00 p.m. on 29 December, 2003, in order to qualify for the interim dividend above mentioned.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September, 2003.

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the accounting period under review.