

The Company maintains a share option scheme, pursuant to which share options are granted to selected eligible executives, with a view to provide senior management with an appropriate incentive interest in the growth of the Group.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 2 January 2004 to Thursday, 8 January 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all share transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with Company's branch share registrars in Hong Kong, Secretaries Limited of Ground Floor, BEA Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on 31 December 2003.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS**

As at 30 September 2003, the interests and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)("SFO")) which had been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions in which they were deemed or taken to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or which were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies contained in the Listing Rules to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

