



# Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000
Interest income		723,327	800,349
Interest expense		(32,366)	(29,189)
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>		<b>690,961</b>	771,160
Other operating income	5	169,988	167,958
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>860,949</b>	939,118
Operating expenses	6	(186,313)	(200,203)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS</b>		<b>674,636</b>	738,915
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	8	(415,173)	(477,213)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		<b>259,463</b>	261,702
Gain on disposal of an associate		–	3,557
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b>		<b>259,463</b>	265,259
Tax	11	(27,460)	(28,438)
<b>PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS</b>		<b>232,003</b>	236,821
Minority interests		130	517
<b>NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>	12	<b>232,133</b>	237,338
<b>DIVIDENDS</b>	13		
Interim		169,860	32,005
Proposed final		–	95,547
		<b>169,860</b>	127,552
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE (cents)</b>	14		
Basic		32.8	33.5
Diluted		N/A	N/A