DEFINITION

In this Annual Report, the following expressions shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

"A.M. Best" A.M. Best Company Limited

"CICUK" China Insurance Company (U.K.) Limited

"CIGAML" China Insurance Group Assets Management Limited

"CIG (Nominee)" C.I.G. (Nominee) Limited

"CIGSL" China Insurance Group Securities Limited

"CIHC" China Insurance (Holdings) Company, Limited

"CIHK" China Insurance H.K. (Holdings) Company Limited

"CIIH (BVI)" CIIH (BVI) Limited

"CIRC" China Insurance Regulatory Commission

"CIRe" China International Reinsurance Company Limited

"CLICL" China Life Insurance Company, Limited

"CLTL" China Life Trustees Limited

"Dragon Jade" Dragon Jade Industrial District Development (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.

"Fitch" Fitch Ratings Limited

"Fortis" Fortis International N.V.

"Golden Win" Golden Win Development Limited

"HKSA" Hong Kong Society of Accountants

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"Huatai" Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Limited

"ICBC" Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

"ICBC (Asia)" Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited

"Listing Rules" The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange

"Ming An" The Ming An Insurance Company (Hong Kong), Limited

"MPF scheme" Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme

"last year" The year ended 31 December 2002

"SARS" Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

"SFO" Securities and Futures Ordinance

"Share China" Share China Assets Limited

"SINO-RE Reinsurance Brokers Limited

"SSAP" Hong Kong Statements of Standard Accounting Practice

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"the Company" or "CIIH" China Insurance International Holdings Company Limited

"the Group" CIIH and its subsidiaries

"the PRC" The People's Republic of China

"the year" The year ended 31 December 2003

"Toplap" Toplap Investments Limited

"TPI" The Tai Ping Insurance Company, Limited

"TPL" Tai Ping Life Insurance Company, Limited