

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	<i>Note</i>	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000 (restated)
Interest income		1,034,173	1,248,660
Interest expense		<u>(363,995)</u>	<u>(499,289)</u>
Net interest income		670,178	749,371
Other operating income	5	<u>213,840</u>	<u>200,846</u>
Operating income		884,018	950,217
Operating expenses	6	<u>(463,154)</u>	<u>(439,261)</u>
Operating profit before provisions and disposal of long-term assets		420,864	510,956
Charge for bad and doubtful debts		(62,803)	(129,027)
Net losses from disposal of property and equipment		(2,664)	(231)
Gains less losses from disposal of other securities		22,192	–
Provision for diminution in value of other investments		<u>(7,809)</u>	<u>–</u>
Profit from operations		369,780	381,698
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(9,510)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		367,780	372,188
Taxation	8	<u>(56,305)</u>	<u>(60,777)</u>
Net profit for the year		<u><u>311,475</u></u>	<u><u>311,411</u></u>
Dividends	9	<u><u>217,500</u></u>	<u><u>217,500</u></u>
Earnings per share, basic and diluted	10	<u><u>HK\$0.72</u></u>	<u><u>HK\$0.72</u></u>