

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

During the year, the Group was involved in the following principal activities:

- design and manufacture of electrical appliances
- trading of merchandise

2. IMPACT OF A REVISED STATEMENT OF STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRACTICE (“SSAP”)

SSAP 12 (Revised) “Income taxes” is effective for the first time for the current year’s financial statements and has had a significant impact thereon. The SSAP prescribes new accounting measurement and disclosure practices. It prescribes the accounting for income taxes payable or recoverable, arising from the taxable profit or loss for the current period (current tax); and income taxes payable or recoverable in future periods, principally arising from taxable and deductible temporary differences and the carryforward of unused tax losses (deferred tax).

The principal impact of the revision of this SSAP on these financial statements is that deferred tax liabilities have been recognised on the revaluation of the Group’s leasehold land and buildings and the related note disclosures are now more extensive than previously required. These disclosures are presented in notes 11 and 25 to the financial statements and include a reconciliation between the accounting profit/(loss) and the tax expense for the year.

Further details of these changes and the prior year adjustment arising from them are included in the accounting policy for deferred tax in note 3 and in note 25 to the financial statements.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statements of Standard Accounting Practice, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the periodic remeasurement of certain fixed assets, as further explained below.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2004. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are consolidated from or to their effective dates of acquisition or disposal, respectively. All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests represent the interests of outside shareholders in the results and net assets of the Company's subsidiaries.

Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is a company whose financial and operating policies the Company controls, directly or indirectly, so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries are included in the Company's profit and loss account to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Associates

An associate is a company, not being a subsidiary or a jointly-controlled entity, in which the Group has a long term interest of generally not less than 20% of the equity voting rights and over which it is in a position to exercise significant influence.

The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and reserves of associates is included in the consolidated profit and loss account and consolidated reserves, respectively. The Group's interests in associates are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses.

The results of associates are included in the Company's profit and loss account to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in associates are treated as long term assets and are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Related parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities.

Impairment of assets

An assessment is made at each balance sheet date of whether there is any indication of impairment of any asset, or whether there is any indication that an impairment loss previously recognised for an asset in prior years may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is calculated as the higher of the asset's value in use or its net selling price.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, when the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of an asset, however not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation), had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is credited to the profit and loss account in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, when the reversal of the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets, other than investment properties, are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditure incurred after fixed assets have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of the fixed asset, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost of that asset.

Changes in the values of fixed assets, other than investment properties, are dealt with as movements in the fixed asset revaluation reserve. If the total of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, on an individual asset basis, the excess of the deficit is charged to the profit and loss account. Any subsequent revaluation surplus is credited to the profit and loss account to the extent of the deficit previously charged. On disposal of a revalued asset, the relevant portion of the fixed asset revaluation reserve realised in respect of previous valuations is transferred to retained earnings as a movement in reserves.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost or valuation of each asset over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings	2% or over the lease terms if less than 50 years
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Machinery, engineering and other equipment	10%
Motor vehicles	10%
Moulds	10%

The gain or loss on disposal or retirement of a fixed asset recognised in the profit and loss account is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Investment properties

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings in respect of which construction work and development have been completed and which are intended to be held on a long term basis for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length. Such properties are not depreciated and are stated at their open market values on the basis of annual professional valuations performed at the end of each financial year.

Leased assets

Leases that transfer substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group, other than legal title, are accounted for as finance leases. At the inception of a finance lease, the cost of the leased assets is capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments and recorded together with the obligation, excluding the interest element, to reflect the purchase and financing. Assets held under capitalised finance leases are included in fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets. The finance costs of such leases are charged to the profit and loss account so as to provide a constant periodic rate of charge over the lease terms.

Assets acquired through hire purchase contracts of a financing nature are accounted for as finance leases, but are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Leases where substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Where the Group is the lessor, assets leased by the Group under operating leases are included in non-current assets and rentals receivable under the operating leases are credited to the profit and loss account on the straight-line basis over the lease terms. Where the Group is the lessee, rentals payable under the operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis and in the case of work in progress and finished goods, comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of overheads. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of consolidated cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired.

For the purpose of the balance sheet, cash and bank balances comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, which are not restricted as to use.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the profit and loss account or in equity if it relates to items that are recognised in the same or a different period, directly in equity.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences:

- except where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Income tax *(Continued)*

- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised:

- except where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Conversely, previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- (a) from the sale of goods, when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, provided that the Group maintains neither managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, nor effective control over the goods sold;
- (b) rental income, on a time proportion basis over the lease terms; and
- (c) interest income, on a time proportion basis, taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective interest rate applicable.

Employee benefits

Employment Ordinance long service payments

Certain of the Group's employees have completed the required number of years of service to the Group in order to be eligible for long service payments under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance in the event of the termination of their employment. The Group is liable to make such payments in the event that such a termination of employment meets the circumstances specified in the Employment Ordinance.

A provision is recognised in respect of the probable future long service payments expected to be made. The provision is based on the best estimate of the probable future payments which had been earned by the employees from their service to the Group to the balance sheet date.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Employee benefits *(Continued)*

Retirement benefits schemes

The Group operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, for those employees who are eligible to participate in the scheme. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' basic salaries and are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The Group's employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme.

The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in Mainland China are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a percentage of their payroll costs to the central pension scheme. The contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with rules of the central pension scheme.

Share option scheme

The Company operates a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. The financial impact of share options granted under the share option scheme is not recorded in the Company's or the Group's balance sheet until such time as the options are exercised, and no charge is recorded in the profit and loss account or balance sheet for their cost. Upon the exercise of share options, the resulting shares issued are recorded by the Company as additional share capital at the nominal value of the shares, and the excess of the exercise price per share over the nominal value of the shares is recorded by the Company in the share premium account. Options which are cancelled prior to their exercise date, or which lapse, are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the applicable exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the applicable exchange rates ruling at that date. Exchange differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

On consolidation, the financial statements of overseas subsidiaries and associates are translated into Hong Kong dollars using the net investment method. The profit and loss accounts of overseas subsidiaries and associates are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year, and their balance sheets are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting translation differences are included in the exchange fluctuation reserve.

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, the cash flows of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the cash flows. Frequently recurring cash flows of overseas subsidiaries which arise throughout the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented by way of two segment formats: (i) by business segment on a primary segment reporting basis; and (ii) by geographical segment on a secondary segment reporting basis.

(a) Business segments

The Group has two business segments, namely the design and manufacture of electrical appliances and the trading of merchandise. The design and manufacture of electrical appliances segment constitutes more than 90% of the consolidated turnover. Moreover, the segment results and segment assets for the trading of merchandise are less than 10% of the combined results and total assets of all segments, respectively. Therefore, no business segment analysis is presented.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) Geographical segments

In determining the Group's geographical segments, revenues are attributed to the segments based on the location of the customers, and assets are attributed to the segments based on the location of the assets.

The following table presents revenue and certain asset and expenditure information for the Group's geographical segments.

	Segment revenue		Other segment information			
	Sales to		Segment assets		Capital expenditure	
	external customers					
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Europe	119,486	102,018	23,175	8,602	84	107
North America	71,301	70,812	10,205	4,189	14	—
South America	10,903	11,112	280	2,304	—	—
Asia Pacific	20,662	19,349	179,025	163,034	12,929	9,397
Middle East	9,087	9,667	382	582	—	—
Oceania	7,766	8,172	401	757	—	—
Corporate and others	—	—	26,902	26,588	—	—
	239,205	221,130	240,370	206,056	13,027	9,504

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5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) In addition to the balances and transactions set out elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the year:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Interest expense paid to an associate	29	86

The interest expense related to an advance from an associate of HK\$22,760,000 (2003: HK\$22,760,000) at the balance sheet date. The interest was calculated at a rate of 0.125% (2003: at rates ranging from 0.13% to 0.88%) per annum (note 17) during the year.

- (b) A director of the Company has given a guarantee, amounting to HK\$22,000,000 (2003: HK\$16,000,000), together with the Group's land and buildings in Hong Kong and bank deposits, in favour of a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to the Group. As at 31 March 2004, total bank loan outstanding and the stand-by letters of credit given to a third party amounted HK\$17,201,000 (2003: HK\$2,278,000) and HK\$5,148,000 (2003: Nil), respectively.

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6. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND GAINS

Turnover represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowances for returns and trade discounts.

An analysis of turnover, other revenue and gains is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover		
Sale of goods	239,205	221,130
Other revenue		
Interest income	40	52
Gross rental income	144	144
Sale of moulds	50	867
Sale of scrap materials	65	104
Others	449	836
	748	2,003
Gains		
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	880	541
Gain on disposal of an investment property	450	—
	1,330	541
	2,078	2,544

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7. PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The Group's profit/(loss) from operating activities is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	<i>Notes</i>	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold*		191,037	167,776
Depreciation	14	11,327	11,406
Minimum lease payments under operating leases for land and buildings		1,015	1,357
Auditors' remuneration		485	370
Staff costs (excluding directors' remuneration — <i>note 9</i>):			
Wages and salaries		28,062	24,605
Severance payments		—	548
Pension scheme contributions		381	168
		28,443	25,321
Provision for doubtful debts#		322	—
Exchange losses/(gains), net		708	(213)
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets#	14	(798)	(208)
Net rental income		(374)	(206)

* Included depreciation of HK\$8,687,000 (2003: HK\$8,325,000), staff costs of HK\$17,289,000 (2003: HK\$13,312,000) and write-back of inventory obsolescence of HK\$1,400,000 (2003: provision for inventory obsolescence of HK\$282,000).

Provision for doubtful debts and surplus on revaluation of fixed assets are included in other operating income on the face of the consolidated profit and loss account.

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8. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Interest on bank loans, overdraft and other loans wholly repayable within five years	1,022	1,290
Interest on finance leases	47	21
	1,069	1,311

9. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules and Section 161 of the Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Fees	150	150
Other emoluments:		
Salaries, commissions, allowances and benefits in kind*	6,207	6,066
Pension scheme contributions	60	48
	6,267	6,114
	6,417	6,264

* Included the minimum lease payments under operating leases for land and buildings of HK\$1,015,000 (2003: HK\$1,357,000).

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9. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (Continued)

Fees include HK\$101,000 (2003: HK\$100,000) payable to the independent non-executive directors. There were no other emoluments payable to the independent non-executive directors during the year (2003: Nil).

The number of directors whose remuneration fell within the following bands is as follows:

	Number of directors	
	2004	2003
Nil — HK\$1,000,000	4	4
HK\$1,500,001 — HK\$2,000,000	3	3
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There was no arrangement under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year.

10. SIX HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

The six (2003: six) highest paid individuals during the year included four (2003: four) directors, details of whose remuneration are set out in note 9 above. Details of the remuneration of the remaining two (2003: two) non-director, highest paid individuals for the year are as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Basic salaries, commissions and benefits in kind	990	984
Pension scheme contributions	24	24
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	1,014	1,008
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The remuneration for each of the two non-director, highest paid individuals was less than HK\$1,000,000 for the year.

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11. TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year. In the prior year, no provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere are calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Group:		
Current — Hong Kong	4	—
Current — Elsewhere	208	38
	212	38
Share of tax attributable to an associate	64	371
Tax charge for the year	276	409

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11. TAX (Continued)

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit/(loss) before tax using the statutory rate for the country in which the Company, its subsidiaries and associate are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rate, and a reconciliation of the applicable rate (i.e., the statutory tax rate) to the effective tax rate, is as follows:

	Group			
	2004		2003	
	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%
Profit/(loss) before tax	(8,898)		4,672	
Tax at the statutory tax rate	(1,557)	17.5	748	16.0
Different in tax rate for specific provinces or local authority	618	(6.9)	(115)	(2.5)
Income not subject to tax	(1,658)	18.6	(442)	(9.5)
Expenses not deductible for tax	359	(4.1)	653	14.0
Tax losses utilised from previous periods	(5)	0.1	(789)	(16.9)
Tax losses not recognised	2,021	(22.7)	90	1.9
Others	498	(5.6)	264	5.8
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	276	(3.1)	409	8.8

12. NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31 March 2004 dealt with in the financial statements of the Company, was HK\$1,164,000 (2003: net profit of HK\$75,000) (note 28(b)).

13. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders for the year of HK\$9,252,000 (2003: net profit of HK\$4,220,000) and 457,524,848 (2003: 457,524,848) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share amounts for the years ended 31 March 2004 and 2003 have not been disclosed as no diluting events existed during these years.

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14. FIXED ASSETS

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	Leasehold land and buildings <i>HK\$'000</i>	Furniture and fixtures <i>HK\$'000</i>	Machinery, engineering and other equipment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Motor vehicles <i>HK\$'000</i>	Moulds <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Cost or valuation:						
At beginning of year	56,550	8,187	24,025	5,930	46,487	141,179
Additions	—	2,960	2,610	—	7,457	13,027
Disposals	(1,780)	—	—	—	—	(1,780)
Written off	—	(400)	(4,785)	(2,400)	(2,879)	(10,464)
Revaluation deficit	(210)	—	—	—	—	(210)
At 31 March 2004	54,560	10,747	21,850	3,530	51,065	141,752
Analysis of cost or valuation:						
At cost	—	10,747	21,850	3,530	51,065	87,192
At valuation	54,560	—	—	—	—	54,560
	54,560	10,747	21,850	3,530	51,065	141,752
Accumulated depreciation and impairment:						
At beginning of year	—	3,403	15,212	4,855	19,516	42,986
Depreciation provided during the year	1,435	1,834	2,672	472	4,914	11,327
Disposals	(40)	—	—	—	—	(40)
Written off	—	(400)	(4,785)	(2,400)	(2,879)	(10,464)
Written back on revaluation	(1,395)	—	—	—	—	(1,395)
At 31 March 2004	—	4,837	13,099	2,927	21,551	42,414
Net book value:						
At 31 March 2004	54,560	5,910	8,751	603	29,514	99,338
At 31 March 2003	56,550	4,784	8,813	1,075	26,971	98,193

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14. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

The net book value of fixed assets held under finance leases included in the total amount of machinery, engineering and other equipment at 31 March 2004 amounted to HK\$1,655,000 (2003: HK\$792,000).

An analysis of the Group's leasehold land and buildings, which are stated at professional valuation and held under medium term leases, is as follows:

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Hong Kong	13,860	14,700
Elsewhere	40,700	41,850
	<u>54,560</u>	<u>56,550</u>

The Group's leasehold land and buildings were revalued individually at the balance sheet date by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited, independent professionally qualified valuers, at an aggregate open market value of HK\$54,560,000 based on their existing use. A reversal of prior year revaluation deficit of HK\$798,000 (2003: HK\$208,000) and a revaluation surplus of HK\$387,000 (2003: deficit of HK\$55,000), resulting from the above valuations, have been credited to the profit and loss account and the fixed asset revaluation reserve, respectively.

Had the Group's leasehold land and buildings been carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, their carrying amounts would have been approximately HK\$34,820,000 (2003: HK\$38,301,000).

At 31 March 2004, certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings with a net book value of HK\$13,860,000 (2003: HK\$14,700,000) were pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group (note 23).

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15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At beginning of year	1,290	1,290
Disposal	(1,290)	—
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At 31 March	—	1,290
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16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	60,953	60,953
Due from subsidiaries	151,691	152,271
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	212,644	213,224
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Less: provision for impairment	(129,182)	(129,182)
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	83,462	84,042
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The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

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16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Particulars of the subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued shares/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Anex Electrical Company Limited ("AECL")	Hong Kong	HK\$9,000 ordinary shares HK\$3,000,000 non-voting deferred shares #	100	—	Sale of electrical appliances and property investment
Anex Industrial Corporation Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$500,000 ordinary shares	—	100	Property investment
Anco Industrial Company Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Mainland China	US\$100 ordinary shares	—	100	Dormant##
Anex USA Products, Inc.*	United States of America	US\$10,000 ordinary shares	—	100	Sale of electrical appliances
Melwick (HK) Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	—	Dormant
Antec Appliances Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	—	Investment holding
Anco Industrial Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000 ordinary shares	—	100	Dormant
Anex Germany Products GmbH	Republic of Germany	EUR25,565 ordinary shares	—	95	Sale of electrical appliances

16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued shares/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Anex Japan Corporation*	Japan	JPY10,000,000 ordinary shares	—	95	Dormant
東莞安達電器製品 有限公司**	Mainland China	HK\$20,000,000	—	100	Manufacture of electrical appliances

The non-voting deferred shares do not entitle the holders thereof to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any general meeting of AECL by virtue or in respect of their holdings of such non-voting deferred shares. The holders of the non-voting deferred shares shall not be entitled to any participation in the profit or assets of AECL except that a fixed non-cumulative dividend at the rate of 5% per annum for any financial year of AECL in respect of which the net profit of AECL available for dividend exceeds HK\$1,000,000,000. On a winding-up, the holders of the non-voting deferred shares shall be entitled, out of the surplus assets of AECL, to a return of the capital paid up on the non-voting deferred shares held by them respectively after a total sum of HK\$100,000,000,000 has been distributed in such winding-up in respect of each of the ordinary shares of AECL.

Anco Industrial Company Limited, incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, has ceased its operation in the manufacture of electrical appliances in December 2003. The Company has become dormant thereafter.

* Not audited by Ernst & Young Hong Kong or other Ernst & Young International member firms.

** Registered as a wholly-foreign owned enterprise under the PRC Law.

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17. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Unlisted shares, at cost	—	—	—	—
Share of net assets	21,990	21,859	—	—
Due from an associate	21,475	21,475	21,475	21,475
Due to an associate	(22,760)	(22,761)	—	—
	20,705	20,573	21,475	21,475

The balances with the associate are unsecured, have no fixed terms of repayment and interest-free, except for an amount of HK\$22,760,000 (2003: HK\$22,760,000) due to the associate which bears interest at a rate of 0.125% (2003: at rates ranging from 0.13% to 0.88%) per annum.

Particulars of the associate are as follows:

Name	Business structure	Place of incorporation and operations	Percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group	Principal activity
Ancen Properties Limited	Corporate	Hong Kong	40	Real estate development

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17. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

Extracts of the financial statements of the Group's associate are as follows:

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Consolidated profit and loss account		
Turnover	12,151	7,408
Net profit attributable to shareholders	<u>328</u>	<u>9,040</u>
Consolidated balance sheet		
Non-current assets	4,819	4,819
Current assets#	106,285	106,371
Current liabilities	(12,227)	(12,642)
Non-current liabilities	<u>(43,902)</u>	<u>(43,901)</u>

- # A time deposit and certain cash and bank balances of Ancen Properties Limited and its subsidiary (the "Ancen Group") amounting to HK\$2,637,000 as at 31 March 2004 (2003: HK\$2,235,000) were pledged to a bank as security for its obligation under a buy-back undertaking entered into between the Ancen Group and the bank. Under this buy-back undertaking, the Ancen Group may be obliged to buy back properties in the event of any defaults by the initial mortgagors (who are unrelated to the Group) of properties sold. As at 31 March 2004, the outstanding mortgage balances granted by the bank amounted to HK\$10,557,000 (2003: HK\$7,171,000).

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18. NOTE RECEIVABLE

	Group and Company	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Notes receivable	5,400	5,900
Portion classified as current assets	—	(500)
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,400</u>
<i>Less: provision for a note receivable</i>	<u>(295)</u>	<u>(295)</u>
Long term portion	<u>5,105</u>	<u>5,105</u>

The note receivable of HK\$5,400,000 (2003: HK\$5,400,000) from Cosmedia Limited bears interest at a rate of 0.5% per annum, is repayable on or before September 2006 and is secured against the shares in Cosmedia Limited.

19. INVENTORIES

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Raw materials	26,566	23,803
Work in progress	15,022	9,812
Finished goods	17,479	12,044
	<u>59,067</u>	<u>45,659</u>

The carrying amount of inventories is arrived at after charging a general provision of HK\$6,700,000 (2003: HK\$8,100,000) as at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of inventories carried at net realisable value included in the above balance was HK\$2,591,000 (2003: Nil) as at the balance sheet date.

20. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit and letter of credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance and cash on delivery are normally required. Invoices are normally payable between 30 and 60 days after issuance, except for certain well-established customers, where the terms are extended to 90 days. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the balance sheet date, based on invoice date and net of provisions, is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	25,274	6,958
31 – 60 days	3,916	2,403
61 – 90 days	963	2,623
More than 90 days	3,344	3,383
	33,497	15,367

21. TRADE PAYABLES

An aged analysis of the trade payables as at the balance sheet date, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	16,174	9,195
31 – 60 days	9,510	5,863
61 – 90 days	4,792	3,068
More than 90 days	19,261	9,646
	49,737	27,772

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22. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

		Group	
		2004	2003
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Packing loans, secured		13,597	—
Trust receipt loans, secured		3,604	2,278
	23	17,201	2,278
Current portion of finance lease payables	24	591	257
		17,792	2,535

23. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER LOANS

		Group	
		2004	2003
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Packing loans, secured		13,597	—
Trust receipt loans, secured		3,604	2,278
Other loans, unsecured		10,800	12,250
		28,001	14,528
Packing loans repayable within one year		13,597	—
Trust receipt loans repayable within one year		3,604	2,278
Other loans repayable in the second year		10,800	12,250
		28,001	14,528
Portion classified as current liabilities — note 22		(17,201)	(2,278)
Long term portion		10,800	12,250

23. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER LOANS *(Continued)**Notes:*

- (a) The Group's bank loans are secured by mortgages over certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings which had an aggregate net book value at the balance sheet date of HK\$13,860,000 (2003: HK\$14,700,000) (note 14).
- (b) Other loans are unsecured and bear interest at rates ranging from 5.0% to 7.1% (2003: 5.0% to 7.3%) per annum.

The Group is required to observe a financial covenant underlying trade finance facilities, which requires the Group's consolidated net asset value to be maintained at an amount of not less than HK\$150 million. As at the balance sheet date, the total bank loan outstanding and the stand-by letters of credit given to a third party amounted to approximately HK\$17 million and HK\$5.1 million, respectively, were fully secured by the Group's leasehold land and buildings in Hong Kong, and were guaranteed by the Company and a director of the Company at HK\$22 million. The stand-by letters of credit given to a third party were also secured by the Group's time deposits of HK\$2.6 million. As the Group's audited net asset value at the balance sheet date was less than HK\$150 million, the Group was unable to meet the financial covenant requirement. The directors have discussed with the bank for the non-compliance and no adverse opinion from the bank is noted. The directors are of the opinion that such technical non-compliance would not have a material impact on the financial position of the Group.

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24. FINANCE LEASE PAYABLES

The Group leases certain of its engineering equipment for its design and manufacture business. These leases are classified as finance leases and have remaining lease terms ranging from two to three years.

At the balance sheet date, the total future minimum lease payments under finance leases and their present values were as follows:

	Minimum lease payments 2004 HK\$'000	Minimum lease payments 2003 HK\$'000	Present value of minimum lease payments 2004 HK\$'000	Present value of minimum lease payments 2003 HK\$'000
Amounts payable:				
Within one year	639	283	591	257
In the second year	379	283	359	273
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	207	24	204	23
Total minimum finance lease payments	1,225	590	1,154	553
Future finance charges	(71)	(37)		
Total net finance lease payables	1,154	553		
Portion classified as current liabilities — note 22	(591)	(257)		
Long term portion	563	296		

25. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

	Revaluation of leasehold land and buildings <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 April 2002	
As previously reported	—
Prior year adjustment:	
SSAP 12 — restatement of deferred tax	<u>5,592</u>
As restated	5,592
Deferred tax debited to fixed asset revaluation reserve during the year	<u>5</u>
At 31 March 2003	<u>5,597</u>
At 1 April 2003	
As previously reported	—
Prior year adjustment:	
SSAP 12 — restatement of deferred tax	<u>5,597</u>
As restated	5,597
Deferred tax credited to fixed asset revaluation reserve during the year	<u>(12)</u>
At 31 March 2004	<u>5,585</u>

The Group has tax losses arising in Hong Kong of HK\$82,282,000 (2003: HK\$70,763,000) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time.

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25. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES *(Continued)*

At 31 March 2004, there was no significant unrecognised deferred tax liability (2003: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain of the Group's subsidiaries or associate as the Group has no liability to additional tax should such amounts be remitted.

SSAP 12 (revised) was adopted during the year, as further explained in note 2 to the financial statements. This change in accounting policy has resulted in an increase in the Group's deferred tax liabilities as at 31 March 2004 and 2003 by HK\$5,585,000 and HK\$5,597,000, respectively. As a consequence, the fixed asset revaluation reserve at 1 April 2003 and 2002 has been reduced by HK\$5,597,000 and HK\$5,592,000, respectively, as detailed in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

26. SHARE CAPITAL

Shares

	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<i>Authorised:</i>		
800,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
<i>Issued and fully paid:</i>		
457,524,848 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	<u>45,752</u>	<u>45,752</u>

Share options

Details of the Company's share option scheme are included in note 27 to the financial statements.

27. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the “Scheme”) for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group’s operations. Eligible participants of the share option scheme include the Company’s directors and other employees of the Group. The Scheme became effective on 9 September 2002 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date.

The maximum number of unexercised share options currently permitted to be granted under the Scheme is an amount equivalent, upon their exercise, to 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the Ordinary Resolution on 9 September 2002 (the “General Scheme Limit”). The Company may seek approval of the shareholders in a general meeting to refresh the General Scheme Limit. The maximum number of shares issuable under share options to each eligible participant in the Scheme within any 12-month period, is limited to 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders’ approval in a general meeting.

Share options granted to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or to any of their associates, are subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive directors. In addition, any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company, or to any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time or with an aggregate value (based on the price of the Company’s shares at the date of the grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, within any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders’ approval in advance in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 28 days from the date of the offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors, and commences after a certain vesting period and ends on a date which is not later than 10 years from the date of the offer of the share options or the expiry date of the Scheme, if earlier.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors, but may not be less than the highest of (i) the Stock Exchange closing price of the Company’s shares on the date of the offer of the share options; and (ii) the average Stock Exchange closing price of the Company’s shares for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the offer; and (iii) the nominal value of the Company’s shares.

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27. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at shareholders' meetings.

No share option has been granted since the Scheme became effective in September 2002.

28. RESERVES

(a) Group

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein for the current and prior years are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 22 to 23 of the financial statements.

(b) Company

		Share premium account	Contributed surplus	Distributable reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	Notes	HK\$'000	(i) HK\$'000	(ii) HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2002		103,948	60,733	—	(99,028)	65,653
Net profit for the year		—	—	—	75	75
At 31 March 2003 and beginning of year		103,948	60,733	—	(98,953)	65,728
Reduction of share premium account	(ii)	(103,948)	—	4,995	98,953	—
Net loss for the year		—	—	—	(1,164)	(1,164)
At 31 March 2004		—	60,733	4,995	(1,164)	64,564

28. RESERVES *(Continued)***(b) Company** *(Continued)**Notes:*

- (i) The contributed surplus of the Company represents the excess of the fair value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the Group reorganisation in June 1991 over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange therefor. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus is distributable to shareholders in certain circumstances.
- (ii) Pursuant to a special resolution passed on 15 September 2003, the share premium account of the Company was reduced by an amount of HK\$103,948,000 to zero and of which HK\$98,953,000 was applied towards the elimination of the accumulated losses of the Company as at 31 March 2003, with the remaining balance of HK\$4,995,000 being credited to a distributable reserve of the Company. The reduction of share premium account was effective on 6 October 2003.

29. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**Major non-cash transactions**

- (a) Included in the prior year were mould deposits of approximately HK\$6,868,000 which were transferred to moulds under fixed assets in the current year; and
- (b) During the year, the Group entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of fixed assets with a total capital value at the inception of the leases of HK\$986,000 (2003: HK\$819,000).

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30. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) At the balance sheet date, contingent liabilities not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bills discounted with recourse	1,767	1,866	—	—
Stand-by letters of credit given to a third party	5,148	—	—	—
Guarantees granted to subsidiaries for:				
Banking facilities	—	—	22,000	16,000
Finance lease facilities	—	—	296	553
	—	—	22,296	16,553

As at 31 March 2004, the guarantees given in connection with facilities granted to subsidiaries by the Company were utilised to the extent of HK\$17,497,000 (2003: HK\$2,831,000).

- (b) The Inland Revenue Department (“IRD”) issued a letter of query in June 2003 challenging the profits tax computation basis of certain subsidiaries of the Group for the years of assessment from 1997/98 to 2001/02.

The directors, based on the advice from the Group’s tax representatives, believe that no potential tax liability is likely to arise in view of the fact that the revised tax computations submitted to the IRD in January 2004 were prepared on the basis as suggested by the IRD. If the IRD does not accept the revised allocation, the additional total profits tax liabilities on a subsidiary of the Group will be approximately HK\$1.7 million for the years of assessment from 1997/98 to 2001/02.

31. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) As lessor

At 31 March 2003, the Group had a total future minimum lease receivable under a non-cancellable operating lease with its tenant falling due within one year of HK\$144,000. The Group has disposed of its investment property (note 15 to the financial statements) during the year.

(b) As lessee

The Group leases certain of its staff quarters under operating lease arrangements. Leases for these properties are negotiated for terms ranging one to two years.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,020	1,092
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	22	550
	1,042	1,642

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32. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

In addition to the operating lease commitments detailed in note 31(b) above, the Group had the following capital commitments at the balance sheet date:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Contracted, but not provided for:		
Mould deposits	340	85
Capital contribution into a subsidiary	—	3,930
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	340	4,015
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The Company had no significant commitments at the balance sheet date (2003: Nil).

33. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS

As further explained in note 2 to the financial statements, due to the adoption of a revised SSAP during the current year, the accounting treatment and presentation of certain items and balances in the financial statements have been revised to comply with the new requirements. Accordingly, a prior year adjustment has been made and certain comparative amounts have been restated to conform with the current year's presentation.

34. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 28 July 2004.