Consolidated Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31st March 2004

	Note	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Operating activities Net cash inflow generated from operations Interest received Interest paid Hong Kong profits tax paid	29(a)	27,942 1,062 (25,110) (2,861)	41,915 1,825 (24,541) (6,743)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,033	12,456
Investing activities Additions of fixed assets Cash outflow on disposal of an associate Acquisition of investments Decrease/(Increase) in pledged bank deposits Increase in amount due from intermediate holding company	15	(143,390) - (3,900) 4,566 -	(111,798) (2,096) – (27,360) (2,377)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(142,724)	(143,631)
Net cash outflow before financing activities		(141,691)	(131,175)
Financing activities Issue of shares — placement — exercise of employee share options Share issue expenses Repurchase of shares New long-term bank loans Repayment of long-term bank loans New short-term bank borrowings Repayment of short-term bank borrowings Repayment of capital element of finance lease obligations Advance from a director Repayment of amount due to a director Dividend paid	29(b)	94,936 16,563 (2,958) - 46,100 (86,677) 1,243,423 (1,110,349) (21,184) 15,590 (11,373) (11,216)	- 6,562 - (178) 135,494 (5,827) 1,095,891 (1,067,810) (27,197) 522 -
Net cash inflow from financing activities		172,855 	137,457
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		31,164	6,282
Cash and cash equivalents Beginning of year		9,931	3,649
End of year	29(d)	41,095	9,931