

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2004

	NOTE	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit from operations		227,242	196,138
Adjustments for:			
Dividend income		–	(494)
Interest income		(895)	(1,345)
Depreciation		25,472	35,615
Gain on disposal of investments in securities		(4,471)	–
Allowance for amounts due from associates		3,044	–
Revaluation (increase) decrease on revaluation of land and buildings		(933)	759
Revaluation decrease on revaluation of investment properties		–	800
Loss on deemed disposal of a subsidiary		2,555	–
Amortisation of goodwill		678	–
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		22	806
Release of negative goodwill		(169)	(75)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		252,545	232,204
(Increase) decrease in inventories		(202,870)	117,826
Increase in trade and other receivables		(433,521)	(95,540)
Increase in trade receivables with insurance coverage		(147,489)	(45,226)
Decrease in advances to suppliers		5,115	50,876
(Increase) decrease in amounts due from associates		(5,210)	964
Decrease in trade receivables from associates		75,692	15,050
(Decrease) increase in trade and other payables		(214,902)	96,153
Decrease in discounting advances drawn on trade receivables with insurance coverage		(8,566)	(12,875)
Cash (used in) generated from operation		(679,206)	359,432
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(2,303)	(2,445)
Overseas tax paid		(250)	(265)
Interest paid		(76,186)	(72,617)
NET CASH (USED IN) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(757,945)	284,105
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(36,096)	(17,500)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		6,380	9,526
Purchase of investments in securities		(13,500)	(4,817)
Acquisition of interests in associates		(3,159)	–
Acquisition of business	37	(23,285)	–
Proceeds on disposal of investments in securities		25,603	9,840
Dividend income		–	494
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary		(1,251)	(2,449)
Decrease (increase) in pledged deposits		7,379	(10,022)
Interest received		895	1,345
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(37,034)	(13,583)

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issue of ordinary share capital	372,588	20,069
Shares issue expenses	(6,552)	–
Contribution from minority shareholders	69,364	2
Net bank borrowings raised (repaid)	550,033	(81,278)
Repayment of other borrowing	–	(63,278)
Dividend paid	(32,100)	(28,280)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders	(8,614)	(8,113)
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NET CASH FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	944,719	(160,878)
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NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	149,740	109,644
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	193,680	83,900
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EFFECT OF TRANSLATION DIFFERENCE	–	136
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	<u>343,420</u>	<u>193,680</u>
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Represented by:		
Bank balances and cash	358,458	210,434
Bank overdrafts	(15,038)	(16,754)
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	<u>343,420</u>	<u>193,680</u>
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