COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE OF THE LISTING RULES

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in the Listing Rules Appendix 14 Guidelines throughout the six months ended 30 June 2004, with the exception that all non-executive directors of the Company were not appointed for a specific term. Pursuant to clause 87(1) of the Bye-laws of the Company, non-executive directors are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election (if they offer themselves for re-election) at the Company's annual general meetings.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 27 August 2004 to 30 August 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to be qualified for the declared dividend, all completed transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Branch Registrars, Abacus Share Registrars Limited, at G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:00 p.m. on 26 August 2004.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited condensed interim accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2004.

> On behalf of the Board **Thomas CHAN Chun Hoo** *Chairman*

Hong Kong, 6 August 2004