

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

	Note	Half-year ended 30 June 2004 HK\$m	(Audited) Half-year ended 30 June 2003 HK\$m
Interest income		7,304	9,358
Interest expense		(1,795)	(2,774)
Net interest income		5,509	6,584
Other operating income	2	2,514	2,252
Operating income		8,023	8,836
Operating expenses	3	(2,667)	(2,697)
Operating profit before provisions		5,356	6,139
Write-back of/(charge for) bad and doubtful debts	4	1,240	(1,669)
Operating profit after provisions		6,596	4,470
Net gain/(loss) from disposal/revaluation of fixed assets	5	48	(1,241)
Net gain from disposal of held-to-maturity securities and investment securities		1	1
Write-back of provision for impairment on held-to-maturity securities and investment securities		—	20
Net loss on disposal of a subsidiary		—	(1)
Write-back of provision for impairment on investments in associates		150	6
Share of profits less losses of associates		(19)	(10)
Profit before taxation		6,776	3,245
Taxation	6	(1,119)	(176)
Profit after taxation		5,657	3,069
Minority interests		(76)	(57)
Profit attributable to shareholders		5,581	3,012
Dividend	7	3,383	2,062
		HK\$	HK\$
Earnings per share	8	0.5279	0.2849