Notice of Payment of Interim Dividend, 2004 派發二零零四年度中期股息之通告

INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSE OF REGISTER

The Board of Directors has resolved to declare an interim dividend of 0.506 US cents (3.947 HK cents) per share for the year ending 31 December 2004.

The share register will be closed from 7 October to 13 October 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. Dividend warrants will be dispatched to shareholders on or about 20 October 2004. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Register, Tengis Limited on Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 6 October 2004.

By Order of the Board

Lo Chi Man

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31 August 2004

中期股息及截止過戶

董事會議決宣派截至二零零四年十二月三十一日止年度每股0.506美仙(3.947港仙)之中期股息。

股份過戶登記處將於二零零四年十月七日至二零零四年十月十三日(首尾兩天包括在內)暫停辦理過戶登記手續。股息單將於二零零四年十月二十日或稍後寄予股東。為確保獲派中期股息,所有填妥的過戶表格連同有關股票須於二零零四年十月六日下午四時三十分前送達香港灣仔告士打道56號東亞銀行港灣中心地下,本公司之股份過戶登記處香港分處登捷時有限公司辦理過戶手續。

承董事會命

公司秘書

羅志文

香港,二零零四年八月三十一日