#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Group sustained a net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders of HK\$6.1 million for the six months ended 30th June 2004. As reported in the Group's last annual report, the Company's holding companies, including Magnum Corporation Berhad, have agreed in writing to provide adequate financial support to enable the Group to operate as a going concern. The Company's holding companies have also agreed not to demand for the repayment of the amounts due by the Group, in the aggregate amount of HK\$73.9 million as at 30th June 2004 until a time when the Group is in a position to repay the amounts due without impairing its liquidity position. After taking into consideration the financial support provided by the Company's holding companies as mentioned above, and the consolidated net current liabilities of the Group of HK\$2.2 million as at 30th June 2004, the directors of the Company are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") No. 25, "Interim Financial Reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2003.

### 3. TURNOVER

The current period's turnover represents commission and interest income from securities dealing and margin finance, interest income from consumer finance and property rental income.

An analysis of turnover is as follows:

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th June	
	2004 2 HK\$	
Commission and interest income from securities dealing and margin finance	2,788,981	1,671,534
Property rental income	349,041 1,129,623	347,123 1,312,893
	4,267,645	3,331,550

## 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

## **Business segments**

	Unaudited six months ended 30th June 2004				
	Securities dealing and margin finance	Consumer finance	Property holding	Elimination	Consolidation
	нк\$	нк\$	HK\$	HK\$	нк\$
Segment revenue:					
Services provided to					
external customers	2,788,981	349,041	1,129,623	-	4,267,645
Other revenue	1,346,177	_	400	-	1,346,577
Total Revenue	4,135,158	349,041	1,130,023	-	5,614,222
Segment results	(1,951,484)	(29,747)	(93,228)	_	(2,074,459)
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Unallocated revenue and					
gains					24,299
Unallocated expenses					(1,235,789)
					(3,285,949)
Unallocated finance costs					(2,786,034)
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Loss before tax					(6,071,983)
Tax					(0,071,983)
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Net loss from ordinary					
activities attributable					
to shareholders					(6,071,983)

## 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

## **Business segments** (continued)

	Unaudited six months ended 30th June 2003				
	Securities				
	dealing and	Consumer	Property		
	margin finance	finance	holding	Elimination	Consolidation
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
					(Restated)
Segment revenue:					
Services provided to					
external customers	1,671,534	347,123	1,312,893	_	3,331,550
Other revenue	377,092	_	155	_	377,247
Total Revenue	2,048,626	347,123	1,313,048	_	3,708,797
Segment results	(2,603,699)	(1,703,787)	405,361	1,285,432	(2,616,693)
Unallocated revenue and					
gains					31,800
Unallocated expenses					(1,556,262)
					(4,141,155)
Unallocated finance costs					(3,202,423)
Loss before tax					(7,343,578)
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Net loss from ordinary					
activities attributable to					
shareholders					(7,393,615)

### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group had the following transactions with related parties during the period:

		Unaudited Six months ended 30th June	
		2004	2003
	Notes	HK\$	HK\$
Interest expenses charged by a fellow subsidiary Interest expenses charged by	(i)	-	10,286
immediate holding company Interest expenses charged by an intermediate holding	(ii)	1,490,949	1,865,061
company	(iii)	1,598,034	1,566,413
		3,088,983	3,441,760

Notes:

- (i) The balance was unsecured, bore interest at rates ranging from 0.95% to 0.96% per annum and was fully settled during the six months period ended 30th June 2004.
- The balance is unsecured, bears interest at 7% (2003: 7%) per annum and is not repayable within one year.
- (iii) The balance is unsecured, bears interest at 6.5% (2003: ranging from 6.5% to 6.9%) per annum and is not repayable within one year.

## 6. LOSS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th June	
	2004	2003
	HK\$	HK\$
This is arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation	139,450	241,398
Amortisation of intangible asset	252,955	252,955
and after crediting: Gain on disposal of short term listed		
equity investments	1,176,500	—
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	400	—
Interest income	1,464,292	1,265,257
Dividend income from listed equity investments	112,676	323,960
Gross rental income	1,129,623	1,312,893
Less: Outgoings	(47,490)	(52,221)
Net rental income	1,082,133	1,260,672

### 7. FINANCE COSTS

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th June	
	2004 НК\$	2003 HK\$
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years Interest expense on amounts due to holding companies and a fellow	72,886	112,402
subsidiary	3,088,983	3,441,760
	3,161,869	3,554,162

### 8. TAX

No provision for profits tax has been made as the Group had no assessable profits for the period (2003: HK\$50,037 (restated)).

	Unaudited Six months ended 30th June	
	2004	2003
	HK\$	HK\$
		(Restated)
Hong Kong profits tax		
Deferred tax		50,037

Due to the adoption of SSAP12 (revised), the prior year balance had been restated.

### 9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the net loss attributable to shareholders for the period of HK\$6,071,983 (2003: HK\$7,393,615 (restated)) and the weighted average of 615,024,175 (2003: 615,024,175) ordinary shares in issue throughout the period.

Diluted loss per share for the periods ended 30th June 2004 and 2003 have not been disclosed as no anti-dilutive events existed during the periods.

#### **10. INTERIM DIVIDEND**

As at 30th June 2004, the Company did not have any reserves available for cash/in specie dividend distribution.

### 11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Unaudited HK\$
Cost:	
At beginning of year (audited) and at 30th June 2004	8,573,184
Accumulated amortisation and impairment:	
At beginning of year (audited)	4,196,458
Amortised during the period	252,955
At 30th June 2004	4,449,413
Net book value:	
At 30th June 2004	4,123,771
At 31st December 2003 (audited)	4,376,726

## 12. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

(a) The credit terms provided to customers are consistent with the practice of the securities dealing industry. Details of the accounts receivable of the Group as at the balance sheet date, based on transaction date and net of provisions, are as follows:

	Unaudited 30th June 2004 HK\$	Audited 31st December 2003 HK\$
Not yet due 0–30 days	1,254,405 1,594,371	3,213,057 4,078,434
	2,848,776	7,291,491

## Accounts receivable:

# 12. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES (continued)

(b) Details of the accounts payable and accrued liabilities of the Group as at the balance sheet date are as follows:

	Unaudited 30th June 2004 HK\$	Audited 31st December 2003 HK\$
Not yet due	1,063,385	3,504,927
0-30 days	616,562	1,133,503
Over 30 days	2,912,355	1,207,325
	4,592,302	5,845,755
Accrued liabilities	41,542,566	38,945,973
	46,134,868	44,791,728

## Accounts payable:

#### **13. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS**

	Unaudited 30th June 2004 HK\$	Audited 31st December 2003 HK\$
Listed equity investments, at market value: Hong Kong	613,640	13,321,250
Elsewhere	930,764 1,544,404	1,477,260

#### 14. ISSUED CAPITAL

#### Shares

	Unaudited 30th June 2004 HK\$	Audited 31st December 2003 HK\$
Authorised: 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	100,000,000	100,000,000
Issued and fully paid: 615,024,175 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	61,502,418	61,502,418

There were no movements in the Company's share capital during either the current or prior period.

## **15. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS**

Due to the adoption of the revised HKSSAP12 "Income tax" in last year, certain prior year adjustments have been made in last year's annual report and thus, certain comparative amounts have been restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

### 16. APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

These interim financial report was approved by the board of directors on 16th September 2004.