

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK2.0 cents per share (2003: HK1.5 cents per share in cash) with an option to receive the dividend in the form of new shares to shareholders registered on 15 October 2004 for the six months ended 30 June 2004.

Full details of the interim scrip dividend will be set out in a circular to be sent to shareholders together with a form of election on or about 29 October 2004. The scrip dividend scheme is conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") granting listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members will be closed from 11 October 2004 to 15 October 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfer will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed interim dividend, all transfer accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrars, Tengis Limited at Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 8 October 2004.

