

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the Group entered into the following significant transactions with related parties who are not members of the Group:

	(Unaudited) For the six months ended 30th June,	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Rental expenses paid to:		
Nice Step Investment Limited (<i>Note (a)</i>)	430	399
Mr. Poon Siu Chung	84	84
Professional fees paid to Messrs. Cheung, Tong & Rosa (<i>Note (b)</i>)	101	100
Printing fees paid to Run All Limited (<i>Note (c)</i>)	254	154
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Notes:

- (a) Mr. Leung Ying Wai, Charles, a director of the Company, has beneficial interest in Nice Step Investment Limited.
- (b) Mr. Tong Wui Tung, an independent non-executive director of the Company, is a partner of Messrs. Cheung, Tong & Rosa, the legal adviser of the Group.
- (c) Mr. Ng Siu Yu, Larry, an independent non-executive director of the Company, has beneficial interest in Run All Limited.

The above transactions were determined by the directors by reference to the relevant estimated market values.

During the period, the Group issued guarantees to certain financial institutions to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group including its non-wholly-owned subsidiaries. The amount of such facilities utilised by its non-wholly-owned subsidiaries at 30th June, 2004 were HK\$21,549,000 (at 31st December, 2003: Nil).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The directors have resolved to declare an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 of 1 cent (2003: 0.5 cent) per share payable on or about 28th October, 2004 to shareholders on the register of members of the Company (the "Register of Members") on 26th October, 2004.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members will be closed from 25th October, 2004 to 26th 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 Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar, Standard Registrars Limited, Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 21st October, 2004.