

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Closing of register of members**

The register of members will be closed from Thursday, 14th October, 2004 to Tuesday, 19th October, 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend and special interim dividend, all completed transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrars, Standard Registrars Limited at Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th October, 2004.

### **Audit Committee (the "Committee")**

Regular meetings have been held by the Committee since its establishment, the Committee meets at least twice each year. The interim financial report of the Company for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 has been reviewed by the Committee. At the request of the directors, the interim financial statements set out on page 5 to page 16 have also been reviewed by our auditors, Messrs. Moores Rowland Mazars, in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 "Engagement to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and an unmodified review report has been issued.

### **Staff**

The Group employed 101 staff at 30th June, 2004. Fringe benefits such as tuition subsidies and medical allowance are offered to most employees. The Company has a share option scheme for the benefit of its directors and eligible employees of the Group, which was approved in a special general meeting convened on 27th June, 2002. No option has been granted under the scheme since its adoption.

### **Purchase, sale or redemption of Company's listed securities**

During the period, there were no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of the Company's listed shares.

### **Code of best practice**

None of the directors is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the accounting period covered by the interim report, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the HKSE.