

	Notes	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	6	2,938,482	2,358,026
Cost of sales and services provided		(2,240,164)	(1,821,766)
Gross profit		698,318	536,260
Other revenue and gains	6	64,075	58,580
Gain on partial disposal of interests in subsidiaries	6	–	52,400
Selling and distribution costs		(76,755)	(55,819)
Administrative expenses		(132,721)	(130,360)
Provision for bad and doubtful debts		(24,040)	(14,350)
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7	528,877	446,711
Finance costs	9	(59,144)	(40,734)
Share of losses of jointly-controlled entities		(6,768)	–
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		462,965	405,977
Tax	10	(143,224)	(86,309)
PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS		319,741	319,668
Minority interests		(97,218)	(79,149)
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	11	222,523	240,519
DIVIDENDS	12	96,246	111,737
		HK cents	HK cents
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13		
– Basic		7.78	9.83
– Diluted		7.52	9.47