

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	For the six months ended 30 September		
	2004	2003	Change
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS <i>(HK\$'000)</i>			
Turnover	1,004,242	802,632	25%
Profit from operating activities	178,702	155,326	15%
Profit attributable to shareholders	159,575	107,674	48%
Total assets	2,337,352	2,107,671	11%
Shareholders' funds	1,581,578	1,404,410	13%
Issued paid-up capital	61,752	61,091	1%
Net current assets	663,398	733,462	-10%
PER SHARE DATA			
Basic earnings per share <i>(HK cents)</i>	25.9	17.6	47%
Cash dividends per share <i>(HK cents)</i>	5.0	4.0	25%
Net assets per share <i>(HK dollars)</i>	2.6	2.3	13%
KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS			
Return on average shareholders' funds (%)	10.4	7.8	33%
Return on average total assets (%)	7.2	5.2	38%