FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(Amounts expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years/period, as extracted from the audited accounts was set out below.

Results

			17-month		
	Year ended	Year ended	period ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31st December,	31st December,	31st May,	31st May,	31st May,
	1999	2000	2002	2003	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Turnover	2,542,438	2,454,236	3,174,230	2,577,917	3,513,434
Cost of sales	(1,552,757)	(1,507,331)	(1,907,969)	(1,567,640)	(2,167,686)
Gross profit	989,681	946,905	1,266,261	1,010,277	1,345,748
Other revenues	64,990	61,742	225,541	174,174	111,495
Distribution costs	(414,060)	(450,214)	(771,072)	(535,779)	(683,990)
Administrative expenses	(380,793)	(379,303)	(533,210)	(451,067)	(544,604)
Operating profit	259,818	179,130	187,520	197,605	228,649
Finance costs	(80,018)	(76,231)	(112,646)	(83,254)	(91,842)
Profit before share of profit/(loss)					
of associated companies	179,800	102,899	74,874	114,351	136,807
Share of profit /(loss)					
of associated companies	20,285	20,455	(1,681)	12,267	5,088
Profit before taxation	200,085	123,354	73,193	126,618	141,895
Taxation	(24,965)	(18,774)	(10,381)	(20,727)	15,609
Profit after taxation	175,120	104,580	62,812	105,891	157,504
Minority interests	(21,696)	(12,827)	(10,710)	(17,842)	(15,620)
Profit attributable to shareholders	153,424	91,753	52,102	88,049	141,884
Earnings per share					
Basic	15.90 cents*	8.59 cents*	4.54 cents	7.81 cents	12.35 cents
Diluted	15.64 cents*	8.26 cents*	4.54 cents	7.73 cents	11.48 cents
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Note:

* The earnings per share were adjusted due to the rights issue and bonus issue in 1998, the bonus issue in 1999 and the Share Consolidation in 2002.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Assets and liabilities

	At	At	At	At	At
	31st December,	31st December,	31st May,	31st May,	31st May,
	1999	2000	2002	2003	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total assets	2,674,553	2,793,670	3,123,942	3,378,464	4,037,185
Total liabilities and minority interests	(1,538,096)	(1,564,596)	(1,828,513)	(2,101,757)	(2,603,957)
Shareholders' funds	1,136,457	1,229,074	1,295,429	1,276,707	1,433,228