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2004 Annual Results Highlights

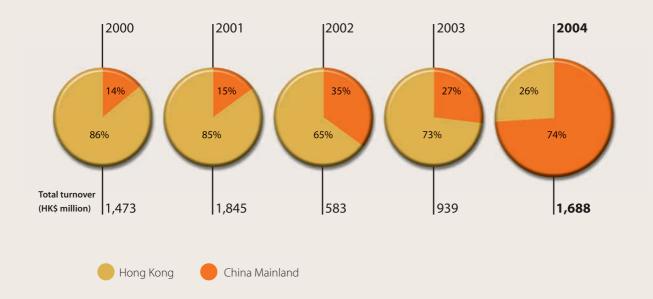
| | Yr 2004 | Yr 2003 | Change |
|--|-------------|--------------|--------|
| For the year ended 31st December | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | (+/-) |
| Turnover | 1,688,374 | 939,680 | 80% |
| Gross profit | 417,462 | 103,795 | 302% |
| EBITDA | 274,176 | 115,858 | 136% |
| Operating profit / (loss) | 316,041 | (73,886) | N.A. |
| Profit / (loss) before taxation | 331,266 | (89,562) | N.A. |
| Profit / (loss) attributable to shareholders | 219,158 | (116,706) | N.A. |
| Earnings / (loss) per share | 15.54 cents | (8.37 cents) | N.A. |

Key Financial Ratios

| For the year ended 31st December | Yr 2004 | Yr 2003 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Gross profit margin | 25% | 11% |
| Interest coverage | 14.3 times | 3.9 times |
| Current ratio | 1.7 times | 1.4 times |
| Total liabilities / Total assets | 63% | 62% |
| Total bank borrowings / Total assets | 32% | 40% |

Turnover by Segments

| | Yr 2004 | Yr 2003 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| For the year ended 31st December | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | (+/-) |
| Ship trading and supplying services | 967,579 | 41,749 | 22 times |
| Paint products | 893,742 | N.A. | N.A. |
| Ship trading & insurance brokerage | 73,837 | 41,749 | 77% |
| Property development | 375,345 | 217,134 | 73% |
| Property investment | 32,186 | 54,852 | - 41% |
| Infrastructure investment | 3,479 | 22,839 | - 85% |
| Building construction | 306,814 | 601,589 | - 49% |
| Others | 2,971 | 1,517 | 100% |
| Total | 1,688,374 | 939,680 | 80% |



Shareholders' Funds and Long-term Borrowings

Turnover by Geographical Area

