1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 "Engagements to review interim financial reports", issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), except that they have only reviewed the figures in respect of the six months ended 31st December, 2004, and did not review the comparatives for the six months ended 31st December, 2003. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 48.

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements set out in Appendix 16 of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are the same as those used in the Group's audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 2004, except as described below:

In prior years, amortisation of toll highway operation rights and depreciation of bridges of the Group are provided on the basis of sinking fund method. With effect from 1st July, 2004, in order to comply with SSAP Interpretation 22 "The Appropriate Accounting Policies for Infrastructure Facilities" issued by the HKICPA, the Group adopted a new policy for amortisation and depreciation of infrastructure facilities, such that the amortisation of toll highway operation rights and depreciation of bridges of the Group are provided on a straight-line basis.

The new accounting policy has been adopted retrospectively. As a result of the change in this accounting policy, the opening balance of retained profits as at 1st July, 2004 has been decreased by HK\$29,201,000 (1st July, 2003: HK\$32,477,000) and the balance of the Group's other fixed assets, minority interests and deferred tax liabilities at 30th June, 2004 has been decreased by HK\$100,846,000, HK\$48,562,000 and HK\$23,083,000 respectively. The change has resulted in a decrease in the net profit for the period by HK\$7,470,000 (six months ended 31st December, 2003: increased by HK\$5,866,000).

3 RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The HKICPA has issued a number of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("new HKFRSs") which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2005.

The Group has not early adopted these new HKFRSs in the condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended 31st December, 2004. The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of these new HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new HKFRSs would have a significant impact on its results of operations and financial position.

4 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The analysis of the Group's revenue and results by business segment during the periods are as follows:

Business segments:

Property development — development and sale of properties

Property leasing — leasing of properties
Finance — provision of financing

Building construction — construction of building works
Infrastructure — investment in infrastructure projects
Hotel operation — hotel operations and management

Department store operation — department store operations and management

Others — investment holding, project management, property

management, agency services, provision of cleaning and security guard services and provision of information

technology services

For the six months ended 31st December, 2004

	Property development HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Finance HK\$'000	Building construction HK\$'000	Infra- structure HK\$'000	Hotel operation HK\$'000	Department store operation HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover Other revenue (excluding bank	569,070	1,025,123	47,071	296,310	152,851	66,100	64,800	340,491	-	2,561,816
interest income)		2,795	1,396	974	979		755	13,091		19,990
External revenue Inter-segment revenue	569,070 —	1,027,918 84,843	48,467 837	297,284 106,546	153,830	66,100	65,555	353,582 13,111	(205,337)	2,581,806
Total revenue	569,070	1,112,761	49,304	403,830	153,830	66,100	65,555	366,693	(205,337)	2,581,806
Segment results Inter-segment transactions	102,282 16,801	703,878 (34,318)	43,017 (837)	77,937 (22,215)	107,243	5,736 24,910	4,429 8,311	60,581 5,420		1,105,103 (1,928)
Contribution from operations	119,083	669,560	42,180	55,722	107,243	30,646	12,740	66,001		1,103,175
Bank interest income										13,859
Unallocated operating expenses net of income										(154,459)
Profit from operations										962,575
Finance costs										(34,167)
Non-operating income										38
										928,446
Share of profits less losses of associates and jointly controlled entities										931,558
Income tax										(273,678)
Minority interests										(290,479)
Profit attributable to shareholders	5									1,295,847

4 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

For the six months ended 31st December, 2003 (restated)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Finance HK\$'000	Building construction HK\$'000	Infra- structure HK\$'000	Hotel operation HK\$'000	Department store operation HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover Other revenue (excluding bank	1,483,973	997,857	55,903	487,206	98,450	57,614	62,470	256,089	-	3,499,562
interest income)	60	1,223	3,068	725	6,566		375	33,568		45,585
External revenue Inter-segment revenue	1,484,033	999,080 96,592	58,971 1,158	487,931 282,225	105,016	57,614 	62,845	289,657 15,126	(395,101)	3,545,147
Total revenue	1,484,033	1,095,672	60,129	770,156	105,016	57,614	62,845	304,783	(395,101)	3,545,147
Segment results Inter-segment transactions	10,039	687,769 (45,004)	51,254 (1,158)	38,340 (13,157)	58,607	(3,577)	2,485 8,196	42,650 (6,780)		887,567 (26,406)
Contribution from operations	16,630	642,765	50,096	25,183	58,607	21,329	10,681	35,870		861,161
Bank interest income										5,275
Unallocated operating expenses net of income										(72,012)
Profit from operations										794,424
Finance costs										(20,042)
Non-operating income										112,334
										886,716
Share of profits less losses of associates and										
jointly controlled entities										690,820
Income tax										(244,283)
Minority interests										(275,185)
Profit attributable to shareholders										1,058,068

4 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

Geographical segments:

For the six months ended 31st December, 2004

	Hong Kong HK\$'000	PRC HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover Other revenue	2,367,891	193,925	2,561,816
(excluding bank interest income)	18,272	1,718	19,990
External revenue	2,386,163	195,643	2,581,806
For the six months ended 31st December, 2003			
	Hong Kong HK\$'000	PRC HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Turnover Other revenue	3,323,362	176,200	3,499,562
(excluding bank interest income)	36,589	8,996	45,585
External revenue	3,359,951	185,196	3,545,147

5 OTHER REVENUE AND OTHER NET INCOME

For the six months ended 31st December,

Tot the	six informing crided	Sist December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	——————————————————————————————————————	HK\$ 000
Other revenue:		
Interest income	22,814	10,743
		•
Others	11,035	40,117
	33,849	50,860
	=========	
Other net income:		
Profit on disposal of investments in securities	_	1,262
Profit on disposal of toll bridges	_	104,332
Profit/(loss) on disposal of other fixed assets	13,375	(681)
Others	548	14,475
o thers		
	13,923	119,388

6 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	For the s	six months ended 31st December,		
		2004 20		
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Bad debts written off		10,750	6,794	
Others		19,538	37,908	
		30,288	44,702	

7 NON-OPERATING INCOME

	For the six months en	the six months ended 31st December,			
	20	04 2003			
		restated			
	HK\$'0	00 HK\$'000			
Surplus on revaluation of investments in securities	24,0	132,988			
Impairment loss on other fixed assets		— (435)			
Amortisation of goodwill	(24,3	44) (21,363)			
Others	3	26 1,144			
		112,334			

8 PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The consolidated profit from ordinary activities before taxation for the period is arrived at after charging:

(a) Finance costs:

For the	For the six months ended 31st December,			
	2004	2003		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Interest on borrowings	87,625	132,291		
Other borrowing costs	42,220	23,556		
	129,845	155,847		
Less: Amount capitalised*				
- interest	(58,456)	(114,036)		
- other borrowing costs	(37,222)	(21,769)		
	34,167	20,042		

^{*} The borrowing costs have been capitalised at rates ranging from 1.28% to 1.68% (2003: from 1.36% to 1.75%) per annum.

(b) Items other than those separately disclosed in notes 4 to 8(a):

For the	For the six months ended 31st December,			
	2004	2003		
		restated		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Amortisation and depreciation	59,312	55,610		
Less: Amount capitalised	(13)	(12)		
	59,299	55,598		
Staff cost	407,955	371,455		
Less: Amount capitalised	(16,164)	(10,036)		
	391,791	361,419		
Cost of sales				
- completed properties for sale	380,289	1,343,064		
- inventories	68,412	69,555		

9 INCOME TAX

Income tax in the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

Fo	or the s	the six months ended 31st December,			
		2003			
			restated		
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
	·				
Current tax					
- Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax		114,391	75,446		
- Provision for taxation outside Hong Kong		19,379	8,477		
Deferred tax					
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences		(19,213)	23,280		
Share of associates' taxation		149,195	135,186		
Share of injusty controlled antition towarian		0.026	1 004		
Share of jointly controlled entities' taxation		9,926	1,894		
		273.678	244 292		
			<u>244,283</u>		

Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made at 17.5% (2003: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

Provision for taxation outside Hong Kong is provided for at the applicable rates of taxation for the period on the estimated assessable profits arising in the relevant foreign tax jurisdictions during the period.

10 DIVIDENDS

(a) Dividends attributable to the interim period:

For the	six months ended	31st December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	725,832	635,103
	For the	HK\$'000

The interim dividend declared after the interim period end has not been recognised as a liability at the interim period end.

(b) Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the interim period:

r the six months ende	d 31st December,
2004	2003
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
998,019	816,561
	HK\$'000

11 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$1,295,847,000 (2003 (restated): HK\$1,058,068,000) and on 1,814,580,000 ordinary shares (2003: the weighted average number of 1,758,814,565 ordinary shares) in issue during the period. Diluted earnings per share for the period is not presented because the existence of outstanding guaranteed convertible notes during the six months ended 31st December, 2004 has an anti-dilutive effect on the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the period. There was no potential dilution of earnings per share for 2003.

12 FIXED ASSETS

	Investment properties	Other fixed assets	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost or valuation:			
At 1st July, 2004	32,394,678	7,867,598	40,262,276
Additions	52,55 1,51 5	1,001,000	,,
- acquisition of subsidiaries	10,446	_	10,446
- others	550,665	247,254	797,919
Disposals	(47,864)	(19,023)	(66,887)
Surplus on revaluation	593,241		593,241
At 31st December, 2004	33,501,166	8,095,829	41,596,995
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment:			
At 1st July, 2004 (restated)	_	988,437	988,437
Charge for the period	_	59,312	59,312
Written back on disposals		(17,820)	(17,820)
At 31st December, 2004		1,029,929	1,029,929
Net book value :			
At 31st December, 2004	33,501,166	7,065,900	40,567,066
At 30th June, 2004 (restated)	32,394,678	6,879,161	39,273,839

The Group's properties were reviewed as at 31st December, 2004 by the Group's internal valuer using relevant market indices. In the opinion of the Directors, all significant changes in the value of the Group's fixed assets during the period have been reflected in the condensed interim financial statements.

The Group's toll highway operation rights are pledged as securities for certain bank loans.

13 INSTALMENTS RECEIVABLE

- (a) This represents the principal content of instalments receivable from the sale of flats after twelve months from the balance sheet date. The amounts receivable within twelve months from the balance sheet date are included under current assets.
- (b) The ageing analysis of instalments receivable within twelve months from the balance sheet date (net of provision for bad debts) is as follows:

A	t 31st December, 2004	At 30th June, 2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Under 1 month overdue	260,500	228,492
More than 1 month overdue and up to 3 months overdue More than 3 months overdue and	2,412	4,225
up to 6 months overdue	1,765	3,190
More than 6 months overdue	22,604	21,973
	287,281	257,880

14 COMPLETED PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The completed properties for sale include properties of HK\$1,364,069,000 (at 30th June, 2004: HK\$1,528,643,000) carried at net realisable value.

15 DEBTORS, PREPAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS

The Group maintains a defined credit policy. Considerations in respect of sold properties are payable by the purchasers pursuant to the terms of the sale and purchase agreements. Monthly rents in respect of leasing properties are payable in advance by tenants. Housing instalment and other trade debtors settle their accounts according to the payment terms as stated in the contracts. An ageing analysis of trade debtors is prepared on a regular basis and is closely monitored to minimise any credit risk associated with receivables.

The ageing analysis of trade debtors (net of provision for bad debts) is as follows:

	At	31st December,	At 30th June,
		2004	2004
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Under 1 month overdue	226,910	120,413
	More than 1 month overdue and		
	up to 3 months overdue	65,708	29,149
	More than 3 months overdue and		
	up to 6 months overdue	23,606	14,716
	More than 6 months overdue	130,184	115,651
		446,408	279,929
	Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	801,686	817,119
		1,248,094	1,097,048
6	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	At	31st December,	At 30th June,
		2004	2004
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	2,901,980	3,481,601
	Cash at bank and in hand	265,608	301,249
	Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet	3,167,588	3,782,850
	Bank overdrafts	(136,191)	(229,135)
	Cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement	3,031,397	3,553,715

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17 CREDITORS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

The ageing analysis of trade creditors is as follows:

A	t 31st December,	At 30th June,
	2004	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Due within 1 month and on demand	287,437	453,807
Due after 1 month but within 3 months	152,778	139,579
Due after 3 months but within 6 months	43,612	37,539
Due after 6 months	376,638	441,568
	860,465	1,072,493
Other payables and accrued expenses	632,296	574,278
	1,492,761	1,646,771

18 SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares		Nominal value	
,	At 31st December,	At 30th June,	At 31st December,	At 30th June,
	2004	2004	2004	2004
	′000	′000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Authorised				
Ordinary shares of				
HK\$2.00 each	2,600,000	2,000,000	5,200,000	4,000,000
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of				
HK\$2.00 each				
At beginning of period/year	1,814,580	1,722,140	3,629,160	3,444,280
Issue of shares	_	92,440	_	184,880
At balance sheet date	1,814,580	1,814,580	3,629,160	3,629,160

By an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 6th December, 2004, the Company's authorised share capital was increased to HK\$5,200,000,000 by the creation of an additional 600,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$2 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company.

19 SHARE PREMIUM

A	t 31st December, 2004 HK\$'000	At 30th June, 2004 HK\$'000
At beginning of marind/ways	11 157 446	0 207 015
At beginning of period/year	11,157,446	8,387,915
Premium on issue of shares	_	2,769,595
Expenses on issue of shares		(64)
At balance sheet date	11,157,446	11,157,446

The application of the share premium account is governed by Section 48B of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

20 CAPITAL RESERVES

	Other					
	properties		Capital			
	revaluation	Reserve on	redemption	Exchange	Other	
	reserve	consolidation	reserve	reserve	reserve	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st July, 2004	251,229	1,449,315	20,200	(3,925)	3,886	1,720,705
Deferred tax recognised	36	_	_	_	_	36
Transfer from profit and						
loss account (note 22)					705	705
At 31st December, 2004	251,265	1,449,315	20,200	(3,925)	4,591	1,721,446

The application of capital redemption reserve is governed by Section 49H of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The other properties revaluation reserve, reserve on consolidation and exchange reserve have been set up and will be dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted for the goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities, the valuation of properties and foreign currency translation.

Other reserve represents statutory reserve set up for enterprises established in the PRC. According to the relevant PRC rules and regulations applicable to wholly foreign-owned enterprises, wholly foreign-owned enterprises are required to transfer at least 10% of their profits after taxation, as determined under PRC Accounting Regulations, to a reserve fund until the reserve fund balance reaches 50% of the relevant enterprises' registered capital.

21	INVESTMENT PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE	
		HK\$'000
	At 1st July, 2004	12,188,345
	Revaluation surpluses	542,482
	Share of revaluation surpluses in associates	70,638
	Realised upon disposal of properties	(7,907)
	At 31st December, 2004	12,793,558
22	RETAINED PROFITS	
		HK\$'000
	At 1st July, 2004	
	- as previously reported	32,540,800
	- prior period adjustment arising from change	
	in accounting policy for depreciation (note 2)	(29,201)
	- as restated	32,511,599
	Dividends approved and paid in respect of	
	the previous year (note 10(b))	(998,019)
	Profit for the period	1,295,847
	Transfer to capital reserve (note 20)	(705)
	At 31st December, 2004	32,808,722

23 COMMITMENTS

At 31st December, 2004, the Group had commitments not provided for in these financial statements as follows:

	At 31st December, 2004 HK\$'000	At 30th June, 2004 HK\$'000
(i) Contracted for acquisition of property and future development expenditure and the related costs		
of internal fixtures and fittings	66,425	92,058
(ii) Contracted obligations to fund the subsidiaries and associates established outside Hong Kong	1,783,806	1,764,234
(iii) Future development expenditure and the related costs of internal fixtures and fittings approved by the		
Directors but not contracted for	5,470,338	5,705,485
	7,320,569	7,561,777

Based on information available at the balance sheet date, the Directors estimate that the Group's commitments disclosed above are payable as follows:

At	31st December,	At 30th June,
	2004	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	2,409,915	2,669,710
After 1 year but within 2 years	1,725,144	2,090,280
After 2 years	3,185,510	2,801,787
	7,320,569	7,561,777

24 SIGNIFICANT LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

At 31st December, 2004, the Group's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

(i) Building facilities

Af	31st December,	At 30th June,
	2004	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	27,519	33,548
After 1 year but within 5 years	73,894	72,874
After 5 years	22,357	19,575
	123,770	125,997
(ii) Telecommunications network facilities		
At	31st December,	At 30th June,
	2004	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	1,617	2,476
After 1 year but within 5 years	_	252
	1,617	2,728

25 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31st December, 2004, contingent liabilities of the Group were as follows:

	At	31st December, 2004 HK\$'000	At 30th June, 2004 HK\$'000
(a) Guarantees given by the Company and its subsidiaries to financial institutions on behalf of purchasers of flats(b) Guarantees given by the Company to banks to secure		188,851	215,576
banking facilities of an associate and a jointly controlled entity		2,210,229	2,322,385

(c) At 31st December, 2004, the Group had contingent liabilities in respect of performance bonds to guarantee for a due and proper performance of the subsidiaries' obligations amounting to HK\$69,590,000. At 30th June, 2004, the Group had no contingent liabilities in relation to the said guarantees.

26 PENDING LITIGATION

Included in the balance of properties held for development ("PHFD"), an amount approximately of HK\$288 million is in relation to a project co-developed by a joint venture partner ("JV partner") in People's Republic of China and a subsidiary of the Group. Due to the failure of the JV partner to fulfil the terms of the joint venture agreement ("the agreement"), the subsidiary did not complete the land use right application within the time period as required by the local authority. As at 21st December, 2004, the subsidiary filed litigation against the JV partner for the breach of the agreement.

Having consulted the legal counsel, it is considered that the subsidiary had a favourable position in the above allegation and would successfully obtain the land use right. Accordingly, no provision in respect of the PHFD held by the subsidiary has been made in the condensed interim financial statements as at 31st December, 2004.

27 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Transactions with fellow subsidiaries

Details of material related party transactions between the Group and its fellow subsidiaries are as follows:

For the si	ix months ended	31st December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Building management service income (note iii)	17,145	17,449
Rental commission income (note iii)	8,791	6,635

27 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont'd)

(b) Transactions with associates and jointly controlled entities

Details of material related party transactions between the Group and its associates and jointly controlled entities are as follows:

For the	six months ended	31st December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other interest income (note ii)	17,171	3,404
Building construction income (note iii)	267,736	468,888
Professional fee income (note i)	31,938	3,618
Sales commission income (note i)	125,709	1,606
Rental expenses (note i)	12,649	_

(c) Transactions with related companies

Details of material related party transactions between the Group and its related companies which represented a trust fund managed by the Directors of the Group are as follows:

	For the six months end	e six months ended 31st December,	
	2004	1 2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Building construction income (note iii)	26,28	11,779	

In addition, the Group and one of its related companies entered into a rental agreement dated 30th March, 2004 for leasing certain units of the Group's investment properties with a monthly rental charged at 8% of the tenant's monthly turnover. According to the rental agreement, the related company is entitled to a rent-free period from 1st April, 2004 to 30th September, 2004. The total rental income and receivable from the related company during the interim period and as at 31st December, 2004 is HK\$249,000.

Notes:

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- (i) These transactions were carried out on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business.
- (ii) Interest income is calculated on the balance of loans outstanding from time to time by reference to Hong Kong Inter-Bank Offer Rate or prime rate.
- (iii) These transactions represent cost reimbursements plus certain percentage thereon as service fees.
- (d) Transactions with companies controlled by a Director of the Company

Mr. Lee Ka Kit, a director of the Company, through companies controlled or owned by him has separate interests in certain subsidiaries and associates of the Company or the Group and through which the Group holds its interest in certain development projects in the PRC. Mr. Lee through companies controlled or owned by him had provided finance in the form of advances to these subsidiaries and associates in accordance with the percentage of his equity interest in these companies. At 31st December, 2004, the advances made to these subsidiaries and associates through companies controlled or owned by Mr. Lee amounting to HK\$470,464,000 (at 30th June, 2004: HK\$470,464,000) and HK\$586,821,000 (at 30th June, 2004: HK\$586,821,000) respectively are unsecured. No interest are charged to these subsidiaries and associates by the companies controlled or owned by Mr. Lee under such arrangements during the period ended 31st December, 2003 and 2004.

28 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been adjusted as a result of the change in accounting policy for amortisation of toll highway operation rights and depreciation of bridges, details of which are set out in note 2.