## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## 29 LONG TERM LIABILITIES

|  | Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$ ${ }^{\prime} 00$ | HK\$'000 |
| Loans, secured | 58,302 | 62,182 |
| Obligations under finance leases | 83 | 359 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5 8 , 3 8 5} \\ (9,702) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62,541 \\ & (5,276) \end{aligned}$ |
| Amounts due within one year included under current liabilities | 48,683 | 57,265 |
| The analysis of the above is as follows: |  |  |
| Bank loans |  |  |
| - wholly repayable within five years | 29,523 | 26,937 |
| - not wholly repayable within five years | 24,526 | 30,888 |
|  | 54,049 | 57,825 |
| Other loans |  |  |
| - wholly repayable within five years | 4,253 | 4,357 |
|  | 58,302 | 62,182 |
| Obligations under finance leases |  |  |
| - wholly repayable within five years | 83 | 359 |
|  | 58,385 | 62,541 |
| Amounts due within one year included under current liabilities | $(9,702)$ | $(5,276)$ |
|  | 48,683 | 57,265 |

At 31 December 2004, the group's bank loans and other loans (excluding finance lease liabilities) are repayable as follows:

| Bank loans |  | Other loans |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 2003 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 2003 |
| $\mathbf{H K} \mathbf{'}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | HK ${ }^{\prime}$ '000 | $\mathbf{H K} \mathbf{'}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | HK ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{5 , 3 6 6}$ | 4,806 | $\mathbf{4 , 2 5 3}$ | 111 |
| $\mathbf{5 , 6 2 3}$ | 5,081 | - | 4,246 |
| $\mathbf{1 8 , 5 3 4}$ | 17,050 | - | - |
| $\mathbf{2 4 , 5 2 6}$ | 30,888 | $\mathbf{-}$ | - |
| $\mathbf{5 4 , 0 4 9}$ | 57,825 | $\mathbf{4 , 2 5 3}$ | 4,357 |

## 29 LONG TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

At 31 December 2004, the group's finance lease liabilities are repayable as follows:

|  | Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Within one year | 83 | 395 |
| Future finance charges on finance leases | - | (36) |
| Present value of finance lease liabilities | 83 | 359 |

The present value of finance lease liabilities is as follows:

Within one year

## 30 DEFERRED TAXATION

The movement in the deferred tax liabilities/(assets) account is as follows:

| Group |  | Company |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 2003 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 2003 |
| HK ' $\mathbf{0 0 0}$ | HK ' 000 | HK ' $\mathbf{0 0 0}$ | HK ' 000 |

At 1 January
Exchange differences
Acquisition of subsidiaries
Deferred taxation charge to profit and loss account (note 8)

| $\mathbf{7 2 , 2 0 7}$ | 55,606 | $\mathbf{9 4 , 3 6 5}$ | 63,514 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(\mathbf{8 9})$ | 893 | - | - |
| - | $(660)$ | - | - |
| $\mathbf{3 4 , 6 6 0}$ | 16,368 | $\mathbf{2 9 , 1 6 5}$ | 30,851 |
| $\mathbf{1 0 6 , 7 7 8}$ | 72,207 | $\mathbf{1 2 3 , 5 3 0}$ | 94,365 |

Deferred income tax liabilities of $\mathrm{HK} \$ 317,000(2003$ : $\mathrm{HK} \$ 74,000)$ have not been established for the withholding and other taxation that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of an investee company.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax losses carry forward to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit through the future taxable profits is probable. At 31 December 2004, the group has unrecognised tax losses of HK\$465,557,000 (2003: HK $\$ 471,450,000$ ) to carry forward against future taxable income. These tax losses will expire as follows:

| Group |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{~ H K \$ ' 0 0 0}$ | 2003 |  |
|  | HK\$'000 |  |
| - | 1,862 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 , 0 1 8}$ | 6,950 |  |
| $\mathbf{6 7 , 3 4 3}$ | 74,532 |  |
| $\mathbf{3 9 7 , 1 9 6}$ | 388,106 |  |
| $\mathbf{4 6 5 , 5 5 7}$ | 471,450 |  |

## 30 DEFERRED TAXATION (Continued)

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities (prior to offsetting of balances within the same taxation jurisdiction) during the year is as follows:

## (a) Group

Deferred tax liabilities

|  | Accelerated tax depreciation |  | Others |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$’000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$’000 | HK\$'000 |
| At 1 January | 136,041 | 64,403 | 4,617 | 1,297 | 140,658 | 65,700 |
| (Credited)/charged to profit and loss account | (148) | 71,651 | $(1,691)$ | 3,325 | $(1,839)$ | 74,976 |
| Exchange differences | (8) | (13) | 5 | (5) | (3) | (18) |
| At 31 December | 135,885 | 136,041 | 2,931 | 4,617 | 138,816 | 140,658 |

Deferred tax assets

| Provisions |  | Tax losses |  | Others |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| HK\$ 000 | \$'000 | \$ 000 | \$'000 | '000 | \$'000 | '000 | \$'000 |

At 1 January
(Charged)/credited to profit

| $\mathbf{1 8 , 1 3 8}$ | - | $\mathbf{2 9 , 4 6 7}$ | - | $\mathbf{2 0 , 8 4 6}$ | 10,094 | $\mathbf{6 8 , 4 5 1}$ | 10,094 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(\mathbf{1 5 , 3 9 1})$ | 18,169 | $(\mathbf{1 6 , 7 8 0})$ | 29,467 | $(\mathbf{4 , 3 2 8})$ | 10,972 | $\mathbf{( 3 6 , 4 9 9 )}$ | 58,608 |
| $\mathbf{-}$ | - | - | - | - | 660 | $\mathbf{-}$ | 660 |
| $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $(31)$ | $(\mathbf{2 2})$ | - | $\mathbf{7 2}$ | $(880)$ | $\mathbf{8 6}$ | $(911)$ |
| $\mathbf{2 , 7 8 3}$ | 18,138 | $\mathbf{1 2 , 6 6 5}$ | 29,467 | $\mathbf{1 6 , 5 9 0}$ | 20,846 | $\mathbf{3 2 , 0 3 8}$ | 68,451 |

## 30 DEFERRED TAXATION (Continued)

(b) Company

Deferred tax liabilities

|  | Accelerated tax depreciation |  | Others |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$ 000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$ 000 | HK\$'000 |
| At 1 January | 131,633 | 62,483 | 2,747 | 1,031 | 134,380 | 63,514 |
| (Credited)/charged to profit and loss account | $(1,839)$ | 69,150 | $(1,367)$ | 1,716 | $(3,206)$ | 70,866 |
| At 31 December | 129,794 | 131,633 | 1,380 | 2,747 | 131,174 | 134,380 |

Deferred tax assets

| Provisions |  | Tax losses |  | Others |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| HK\$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | '000 | '000 | \$'000 | '000 | '000 |


| At 1 January | 5,575 | - | 29,015 | - | 5,425 | - | 40,015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Charged)/credited to profit and loss account | $(3,706)$ | 5,575 | $(29,015)$ | 29,015 | 350 | 5,425 | $(32,371)$ | 40,015 |
| At 31 December | 1,869 | 5,575 | - | 29,015 | 5,775 | 5,425 | 7,644 | 40,015 |


|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$ 000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$’000 | HK\$'000 |
| Net deferred tax assets recognised on the balance sheet | $(18,592)$ | $(23,551)$ | - | - |
| Net deferred tax liabilities recognised on the balance sheet | 125,370 | 95,758 | 123,530 | 94,365 |
|  | 106,778 | 72,207 | 123,530 | 94,365 |

## 31 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Guarantees for banking facilities granted to - subsidiaries | - | - | 128,308 | 167,892 |
| - an investee company | 8,756 | 1,111 | - | - |
|  | 8,756 | 1,111 | 128,308 | 167,892 |

The directors anticipate that no material liabilities will arise from the above bank and other guarantees which arose in the ordinary course of business.

## 32 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The amounts of commitments for fixed assets are as follows:

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$ ${ }^{\prime} 000$ | HK\$'000 | HK\$ ${ }^{\prime} 000$ | HK\$'000 |
| Authorised but not contracted for | 184,390 | 169,232 | 101,645 | 96,663 |
| Contracted but not provided for | 14,845 | 73,814 | 9,728 | 71,038 |
|  | 199,235 | 243,046 | 111,373 | 167,701 |

The group's share of capital commitments of the jointly controlled entities was nil (2003: nil).

## 33 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2004, the group had future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Land and buildings |  |  |  |  |
| -not later than one year | 37,077 | 42,895 | 15,613 | 25,064 |
| -later than one year and not later than five years | 51,892 | 36,155 | 4,266 | 18,943 |
| -later than five years | 11,769 | 19 | - | - |
|  | 100,738 | 79,069 | 19,879 | 44,007 |
| Equipment and transponders |  |  |  |  |
| -not later than one year | 62,427 | 98,815 | 922 | 859 |
| -later than one year and not later than five years | 60,557 | 186,244 | 1,175 | 1,875 |
| -later than five years | 5,537 | 81,877 | - | - |
|  | 128,521 | 366,936 | 2,097 | 2,734 |
|  | 229,259 | 446,005 | 21,976 | 46,741 |

## 34 TELEVISION BROADCASTING LICENCE

The company operates under the terms of a licence granted by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region which runs for a period of twelve years to 30 November 2015. The licence will be subject to a mid-term review in 2009.

## 35 NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow generated from operations

| Operating profit | 1,081,391 | 566,103 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gain on deemed disposal of subsidiaries | - | $(27,726)$ |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary | - | $(5,213)$ |
| Depreciation charges | 269,775 | 235,319 |
| Impairment of fixed assets | - | 15,978 |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 7,397 | 2,127 |
| Gain on disposal of fixed assets | $(1,586)$ | $(1,613)$ |
| Provision for onerous contracts | - | 95,277 |
| Write back of surplus upon settlement of onerous contracts | $(11,832)$ | - |
| Utilisation/settlement of onerus contracts | $(67,568)$ | - |
| In-kind contribution to an associated company (note c) | $(150,000)$ | - |
| Loss on investments | - | 1,275 |
| Provision for loss on investments | - | 192 |
| Interest income | $(20,294)$ | $(3,491)$ |
| Exchange differences | 2,056 | $(10,094)$ |
| Operating profit before working capital changes | 1,109,339 | 868,134 |
| Decrease in programmes, film rights and stocks | 156,461 | 60,019 |
| Increase in trade and other receivables, prepayments and deposits | $(15,239)$ | $(10,251)$ |
| Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables and accruals | 30,093 | $(62,022)$ |
| Increase in pensions obligations - defined benefits plans | 4,843 | 3,730 |
| Net cash inflow generated from operations | 1,285,497 | 859,610 |

