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1. **GENERAL**

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in Hong Kong and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The principal activities of the Group are manufacturing and marketing of electric fans and other electrical household appliances and EMS business, investment holding, property investment and trading of and investments in securities.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ARISING FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS 2

In 2004, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") issued a number of new or revised Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (herein collectively referred to as "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 financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

The Group has commenced considering the potential impact of these new HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to determine whether these HKFRSs would have a significant impact on how its results of operations and financial position are prepared and presented. These HKFRSs may result in changes in the future as to how the results and financial position are prepared and presented.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES 3.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of investment properties and investments in securities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st December each year.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary and associate at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions prior to 1st January, 2001 continues to be held in reserves and will be charged to the income statement at the time of disposal of the relevant subsidiary or associate, or at such time as the goodwill is determined to be impaired.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1st January, 2001 is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is included within the carrying amount of the associate. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented as a separate asset.

On disposal of a subsidiary or associate, the attributable amount of unamortised goodwill/goodwill previously eliminated against reserves is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are included in the Company's balance sheet at cost less any identified impairment loss. Results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable during the year.

Interests in associates

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associates for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in associates are stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates plus the goodwill in so far it has not been amortised, less any identified impairment loss.

The results of associates are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable during the year. In the Company's balance sheet, investments in associates are stated at cost less any identified impairment loss.

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed.

Sales of securities are recognised when the sales transactions are completed and ownership of the securities is transferred.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

Rental from investment properties is recognised on a straight-line basis over the periods of the respective tenancies.

Investment properties

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length.

Investment properties are stated at their open market value based on independent professional valuations at the balance sheet date. Any revaluation increase or decrease arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance of this reserve is insufficient to cover a revaluation decrease, in which case the excess of the revaluation decrease over the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a decrease has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation increase subsequently arises, this increase is credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged.

On disposal of an investment property, the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve attributable to that property is transferred to the income statement.

No depreciation is provided on investment properties except where the unexpired term of the relevant lease is 20 years or less.

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and less any identified impairment loss.

The gain or loss arising from the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum and after taking into account their estimated residual value, if applicable:

Annual rates

Category of assets	Allitual lates
Land and buildings in Hong Kong under long leases	2%

Land and buildings in other regions of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") under

long leases and medium term leases Land use rights

Buildings

Buildings

Catogory of accote

Freehold land and buildings in the United States of America ("USA") and Canada

Freehold land

Toll road

Plant, machinery, tools, moulds and equipment Furniture, fixtures and office equipment Motor vehicles

Remaining terms of the land use rights The shorter of the estimated useful lives or remaining terms of the respective land use rights

Nil 3.33%

Over the remaining operation period

10% to 20% 10% to 33.33% 20% to 33.33%

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Investments in securities

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at cost.

At subsequent reporting dates, debt securities that the Group has the expressed intention and ability to hold to maturity (held-tomaturity debt securities) are measured at amortised cost, less any identified impairment loss recognised to reflect irrecoverable amounts. The annual amortisation of any discount or premium on the acquisition of a held-to-maturity security is aggregated with other investment income receivable over the term of the instrument so that the revenue recognised in each period represents a constant yield on the investment.

All securities other than held-to-maturity debt securities are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value.

Where securities are held for trading purposes, unrealised gains and losses are included in net profit or loss for the period. For other securities not held for trading purposes, unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in equity, until the security is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is included in the net gain or loss on the disposal of the securities for the period.

Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development expenditure is recognised only if it is anticipated that the development costs incurred on a clearly-defined project will be recovered through future commercial activity. The resultant asset is amortised on a straightline basis over its estimated useful life.

Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Taxi licences

Costs incurred in the acquisition of permanent taxi operation licences are measured initially at cost, less any identified impairment loss and amortised on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

The Group holds 775 taxi licences for the exclusive right to run the taxi in Guangzhou, PRC and is one of the largest taxi leasing operators in Guangzhou. It is expected that these taxi licences, without expiry date, will be in use for at least fifty years.

Trademark

Trademark is measured initially at cost, less any identified impairment loss and amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 20 years.

Club debenture

Club debenture is stated at cost less impairment, if any.

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets concerned to the Group. Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at their fair value at the date of acquisition. The corresponding liability to the lessor, net of interest charges, is included in the balance sheet as an obligation. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the principal portion at the inception of respective finance leases, are charged to the income statement over the terms of the respective leases so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period.

All other leases are classified as operating leases and the rentals payable are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the respective terms of leases.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, computed using weighted average method, and net realisable value.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions or at the contracted settlement rate. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are re-translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on exchange are dealt with in the income statement.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's overseas operations are translated at exchange rate prevailing on the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised as income or as expenses in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

Taxation

Taxation represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes income statement items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Retirement benefit scheme

The contributions payable to the Group's defined contribution scheme and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are charged to the income statement as retirement benefit cost as they fall due.

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3. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Share options

The financial impact of share options granted is not recorded in the Company's or the Group's balance sheet until such time as the options are exercised, and no charge is recognised in the income statement in respect of the value of options granted in the year. Upon the exercise of the share options, the resulting shares issued are recorded by the Company as additional share capital at the nominal value of the shares, and the excess of the exercise price per share over the nominal value of the shares is recorded by the Company in the share premium account. Options which lapse or are cancelled prior to their exercise date are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

TURNOVER 4.

Turnover represents the amounts received and receivable for goods sold to outside customers, property rental income, proceeds from trading of securities and other income from principal activities during the year, and is analysed as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Continuing operations:	, ,	, , ,
Continuing operations: Sale of goods	1,119,601	1,137,878
Proceeds from trading of securities	794,072	659,899
Property rental income	60,653	58,663
Taxi licence fee income	13,618	9,298
	1,987,944	1,865,738
Discontinued operations:		
Sale of goods	47,999	110,573
Toll fee income	15,363	24,114
	63,362	134,687
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	2,051,306	2,000,425

BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS 5.

Business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into eight operating divisions – electrical household appliances, electric cables and steel pipes, property leasing, property development, securities trading, car rental, computer hardware and software, and direct investments. During the year, the Group disposed of its steel processing segment and toll operation segment. Details of the disposal are set out in note 6. These divisions form the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

The principal activities are as follows:

manufacturing and marketing of electric fans, vacuum cleaners and other Electrical household appliances

electrical household appliances, and EMS business

Electric cables and steel pipes manufacturing and trading of electric cables and steel pipes

Property leasing leasing of properties

Property development property development

Securities trading trading of securities

taxi rental operation Car rental

development and trading of computer hardware and software Computer hardware and software

Direct investments direct investment in hi-tech business

5. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued)**

Business segments (continued)

Segment information about these businesses is presented below:

TURNOVER AND RESULTS

	el l	el		Cont	tinuing operation	15				Discontinued	operations	
	Electrical household appliances HK\$'000	Electric cables and steel pipes HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Property development HK\$'000	Securities trading HK\$'000	Car rental HK\$'000	Computer hardware and software HK\$'000	Direct investments HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll Road operation HK\$'000	Consolidate
URNOVER (Note)	1,058,762	57,215	60,653		794,072	13,618	3,624			47,999	15,363	2,051,3
ESULT legment result	44,393	(23,065)	53,239	(34)	75,222	(26,677)	(93,383)	(102,597)		(125)	(2,106)	(75,1
inallocated corporate expenses of the operating income excluding interest income nterest income												1,63
oss from operations inance costs iain on disposal of	(451)	-	(5,394)	-	(2,854)	-	-	-	(623)	(206)	(12,532)	(91,59 (22,0)
discontinued operations hare of results of associates oss on deemed and partial disposal of interest in	-	- (130)	- 9,567	- 17,743	-	-	-	- 4,159	-	4,803	227,856	232,6 31,3
an associate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,926)	-	-	(7,9
ofit from ordinary activities before taxation exation												142,4
ofit before minority interests inority interests												123,6
let profit for the year												137,8

Note: There were no inter-segment sales between different business segments for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

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5. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued)**

Business segments (continued) 2004 (continued) FINANCIAL POSITIONS

				Cont	inuing operatior	IS	Continuing operations							
	Electrical household appliances HK\$'000	Electric cables and steel pipes HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Property	Securities trading HK\$'000	Car rental HK\$'000	Computer hardware and software HK\$'000	Direct investments HK\$'000	Unallocated assets/ liabilities HK\$'000	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll Road operation	Consolidated		
ASSETS														
Segment assets	486,244	145,083	580,784	740	263,791	251,834	23,248	2,145	-	-	-	1,753,869		
Interests in associates	-	-	440,679	1,686	-	-	-	36,248	101	-	-	478,714		
Unallocated corporate assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	424,053	-	-	424,053		
Consolidated total assets												2,656,636		
LIABILITIES														
Segment liabilities	181,306	50,782	139,480	(566)	137,295	45,190	5,839	1,797	-	-	-	561,123		
Unallocated corporate liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,901	-	-	23,901		
Consolidated total liabilities												585,024		

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				Cont	inuing operatio	ns				Discontinued	operations	
	Electrical household appliances	Electric cables and steel pipes	Property	Property	Securities trading	Car rental	Computer hardware and software	Direct investments	Unallocated	Steel	Toll Road	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	leasing HK\$'000	development HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	amounts HK\$'000	processing HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital additions	8,404	16,581	29,388	-	-	42,787	28,581	-	1,035	_	-	126,776
Depreciation and amortisation Impairment losses recognised in	7,915	8,954	30	97	-	4,317	7,288	49	2,316	940	10,528	42,434
income statement Write off of property, plant	11,860	6,558	-	-	-	34,689	49,253	103,253	-	-	-	205,613
and equipment	3,478	12,412	-	-	-	-	-	199	-	-	-	16,089
Allowances for doubtful debts	1,479	66	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	294	-	2,004

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BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued) 5.

Business segments (continued) 2003 TURNOVER AND RESULT

				Con	tinuing operation	ns				Discontinued	operations	
	Electrical household appliances HK\$'000	Electric cables and steel pipes HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Property development HK\$'000	Securities trading HK\$'000	Car rental HK\$'000	Computer hardware and software HK\$'000	Direct investments HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll Road operation HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
TURNOVER (Note)	1,090,622	47,256	58,663		659,899	9,298				110,573	24,114	2,000,425
RESULT												
Segment result	63,481	(9,452)	53,076	37	30,544	5,119		(33,542)		6,489	(4,530)	111,222
Unallocated corporate expenses Other operating income												(35,191)
excluding interest income Interest income												4,297 9,236
Profit from operations												89,564
Finance costs	(483)	-	(5,557)	-	(940)	-	-	-	(696)	(569)	(17,364)	(25,609)
Share of results of associates	-	(152)	11,893	(98)	-	-	-	2,909	-	-	-	14,552
Loss on disposal of an associate Gain on partial disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(877)	-	-	(877)
of interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
Profit from ordinary												
activities before taxation												79,224
Taxation												(8,759)
Profit before minority interests												70,465
Minority interests												17,354
Net profit for the year												87,819

Note: There was no inter-segment sales between different business segments for the year ended 31st December, 2003.

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BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued) 5.

Business segments (continued) 2003 (continued) FINANCIAL POSITIONS

				Conti	inuing operation	IS				Discontinued operations			
	Electrical household appliances HK\$'000	Electric cables and steel pipes HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Property development HK\$'000	Securities trading HK\$'000	Car rental HK\$'000	Computer hardware and software HK\$'000	Direct investments HK\$'000	Unallocated assets/ liabilities HK\$'000	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll Road operation HK\$'000	Consolidate	
ASSETS													
Segment assets	382,598	144,568	552,576	1,410	96,043	192,992	43,626	66,104	-	152,938	378,827	2,011,682	
Interests in associates	-	129	478,573	(11,305)	-	-	-	37,931	101	-	-	505,429	
Unallocated corporate assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,881	-	-	66,881	
Consolidated total assets												2,583,992	
LIABILITIES													
Segment liabilities	137,616	16,076	87,818	313	1,720	39,626	4,149	1,998	-	63,751	309,178	662,245	
Unallocated corporate liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,795	-	-	55,795	
Consolidated total liabilities												718,040	

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				Cont	inuing operation	15				Discontinued	operations	
	Electrical household appliances HK\$'000	Electric cables and steel pipes HK\$'000	Property leasing HK\$'000	Property development HK\$'000	Securities trading HK\$'000	Car rental HK\$'000	Computer hardware and software HK\$'000	Direct investments HK\$'000	Unallocated amounts HK\$'000	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll Road operation HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Capital additions	5,244	418	5,130	387	_	76,466	28,761	-	4,049	28	54	120,537
Depreciation and amortisation Impairment losses recognised in	7,247	11,777	56	-	-	3,567	6	53	2,691	4,124	15,823	45,344
income statement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,800	-	-	-	32,800
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	520	(79)	16	-	-	-	9	-	-	40	8,525	9,031
Allowances (reversal of allowances) for doubtful debts	2,437	(284)	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	(481)	-	1,672

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5. **BUSINESS AND GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS (continued)**

Geographical segments

The Group's operations are located in Hong Kong, PRC, North America, Europe and Asia other than Hong Kong and the PRC.

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's sales by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods:

		es by cal market
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	707,832	552,396
PRC	413,197	407,595
North America	644,207	776,784
Europe	166,794	99,128
Asia, other than Hong Kong and PRC	49,584	69,568
Others	69,692	94,954
	2,051,306	2,000,425

The following is an analysis of the carrying amount of segment assets, and additions to investment properties, property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets, analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located:

	amo	rying unt of nt assets	investmen property equipment,	ions to t properties, , plant and goodwill and ble assets
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Hong Kong PRC North America Europe Asia, other than Hong Kong and PRC Others	593,255 1,709,028 329,639 14,226 6,207 1,323	253,158 1,893,291 357,701 20,408 53,897 2,608	1,115 117,912 7,541 – 208	5,678 114,289 570 – –
Deferred tax assets	2,653,678 2,958	2,581,063 2,929	126,776	120,537
	2,656,636	2,583,992		

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6. **IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Impairment losses on: Investments in securities not held for trading (note a) Intangible assets:	112,170	32,800
Development costs <i>(note b)</i> Taxi licences <i>(note c)</i>	41,037 25,932	- -
Trademark <i>(note d)</i> Property, plant and equipment <i>(note e)</i>	2,103 9,790	
	191,032	32,800

Notes:

- For the investments with business in developing the advanced semiconductor, internet related hardware and software, the directors of (a) the Company considered the related investment cost of approximately HK\$112,170,000 (2003: HK\$32,800,000) should be fully impaired with regard to the current market situation.
- As the cash inflow of the businesses involved in the computer hardware and software product is below the budgeted projection of the (b) respective business, the directors of the Company considered the related development cost of approximately HK\$41,037,000 (2003: nil) and the attributable goodwill of the related business of HK\$4,984,000 (2003: nil) should be fully impaired.
- As per the notice "穗客管[2004]174號" dated 10th October, 2004 issued by 廣州市客運交通管理處, the transfer of the taxi licences (c) in Guangzhou, the PRC has been suspended subject to the release of the new regulations in the PRC regarding the transfer of the taxi licences. The directors of the Company considered the fair value of the taxi licences by reference to the value in use of the taxi licences arrived at by a discounted cash flow model at a discounted rate of 6% per annum and determined that impairment losses of approximately HK\$25,932,000 (2003: nil) be provided against the taxi licences and the attributable goodwill of the related business of approximately HK\$8,757,000 (2003: nil) be fully impaired in current year.
- As a result of the legal proceedings in the PRC, the trademark of industrial ceiling fans held by the Company was declared to be void (d) under the PRC law. Although the Company has commenced legal proceeding to recover the validity of the trademark from relevant party, the management determined that the carrying amount of the trademark amounting to approximately HK\$2,103,000 should be fully impaired.
- (e) The impairment loss of the property, plant and equipment was recognised based on the recoverable amount of certain computer equipment of a loss making subsidiary company and a piece of land in the PRC by reference to the estimated net selling price set out in a disposal contract entered into during the year.

7. (LOSS) PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
(Loss) profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Allowance for doubtful debts Auditors' remuneration Charitable and other donations Depreciation and amortisation:	2,004 1,871 679	1,672 2,007 2,470
Amortisation of goodwill Amortisation of intangible assets Amortisation of goodwill on acquisition of associates Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,387 9,118 49 33,445	1,389 3,066 54 43,616
Less: Amount capitalised as development cost	43,999 (1,565)	48,125 (2,781)
Exchange losses, net Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Write-off of property, plant and equipment	42,434 638 - 16,089	45,344 1,551 9,031
and after crediting:		
Interest earned from Bank deposits Associates Investees Others, including loan receivables	3,075 6,710 233 10,636	1,437 6,358 — 1,441
Dividends received from trading securities held Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Loan waived by a minority shareholder Net rental income from investment properties (after deduction of outgoings of HK\$7,414,000 (2003: HK\$5,587,000))	20,654 1,842 7,442 -	9,236 3,941 - 1,875
Unrealised gain on listed trading securities	53,239 26,650	53,076 873

8. **DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Directors' fees		
Executives	400	460
Non-executives	100	80
Independent non-executives	308	160
Other emoluments	808	700
Executives Salaries, allowances and other benefits	9,005	9,365
Retirement fund contributions	391	461
Total emoluments	10,204	10,526

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8. **DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (continued)**

Emoluments of the directors were within the following bands:

Emolument bands	2004	2003
	Number of	Number of
	Directors	Directors
Up to HK\$1,000,000	5	5
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	4	2
HK\$2,500,001 – HK\$3,000,000	_	_
HK\$3,000,001 – HK\$3,500,000	_	1
HK\$3,500,001 – HK\$4,000,000	_	1
HK\$4,000,001 - HK\$4,500,000	1	_

In the year ended 31st December, 2003, 3 directors waived emoluments of HK\$28,300 in total.

EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS 9.

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, 3 (2003: 3) were directors of the Company whose emoluments are included in the disclosures in note 8 above. The emoluments of the remaining 2 (2003: 2) were as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and other benefits Retirement fund contributions	3,146 146	3,126 143
	3,292	3,269

Their emoluments were within the following bands:

	2004	2003
	Number of	Number of
	employees	employees
HK\$1,000,001 - HK\$1,500,000	1	1
HK\$1,500,001 - HK\$2,000,000	1	1

FINANCE COSTS 10.

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Interest on: Bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years Other borrowings from minority shareholders Others	7,906 10,622 3,532	6,791 17,881 937
	22,060	25,609

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11. **DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

(a) Steel processing

On 16th March, 2004, the Company entered into an agreement to dispose of a subsidiary, Shell & Shinsho Company Limited (subsequently the name was changed to VSC Shinsho Company Limited) ("Shell & Shinsho"), which carried out most of the Group steel processing operations. The control of Shell & Shinsho was passed to the acquirer on 23rd March, 2004.

The results of steel processing operations, which includes the results of Shell & Shinsho and the results of the steel processing division of the Group, for the period from 1st January, 2004 to 23rd March, 2004, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements, were as follows:

	01.01.2004	01.01.2003
	to	to
	23.03.2004	31.12.2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	47,999	110,573
Other operating income	432	2,845
Operating costs	(48,396)	(106,754)
Finance costs	(206)	(569)
(Loss) profit before taxation	(171)	6,095
Taxation	_	_
(Loss) profit from ordinary activities after taxation	(171)	6,095

(b) Toll road operations

On 20th February, 2004, the Group entered into a conditional agreement in which Dong Wen Investments Limited, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, agreed to dispose of its 52% equity interest in Shunde Shunyue Highway Construction Limited ("Shunyue"), a subsidiary of the Company. The principal activities of Shunyue are the investment, construction and operation of a toll road in the municipal area of Shunde, the PRC. The disposal was effected in order to generate cash flow for the expansion of the Group's other business. The disposal was completed on 3rd September, 2004 on which date control of Shunyue passed to the acquirer.

The results of toll road operations for the period from 1st January, 2004 to 3rd September, 2004, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements, were as follows:

	01.01.2004	01.01.2003
	to	to
	03.09.2004	31.12.2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	15,363	24,114
Other operating income	93	290
Operating costs	(17,553)	(28,898)
Finance costs	(12,532)	(17,364)
Loss before taxation	(14,629)	(21,858)
Taxation	_	_
Loss from ordinary activities after taxation	(14,629)	(21,858)
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DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS (continued) 11.

Net assets disposed of

The net assets (liabilities) of these subsidiaries disposed of in notes 11(a) and (b) at the date of disposal were as follows:

	Steel processing HK\$'000	Toll road operations HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
Property, plant and equipment	30,624	364,778	395,402
Investments in securities	_	424	424
Inventories	35,204	_	35,204
Trade and other receivables	31,706	804	32,510
Bank and other deposits pledged	4,424	_	4,424
Bank balances and cash	22,287	9,273	31,560
Trade and other payables	(14,940)	(5,756)	(20,696)
Amounts due to group companies	(32,764)	(76,695)	(109,459)
Amounts due to minority shareholders	(36,208)	(77,256)	(113,464)
Amount due to holding company of a minority shareholder	_	(492,875)	(492,875)
Minority interests	(13,632)	126,540	112,908
Net assets (liabilities) disposed of	26,701	(150,763)	(124,062)
Exchange reserves realised on disposal	(554)	(690)	(1,244)
Gain on disposal	4,803	227,856	232,659
Total cash consideration	30,950	76,403	107,353
Net assets (liabilities) at 31st December, 2003:			
Total assets	151,281	378,926	530,207
Total liabilities	(111,506)	(633,499)	(745,005)
Minority interest	(13,459)	122,195	108,736
Net assets (liabilities)	26,316	(132,378)	(106,062)
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:			
Cash consideration	30,950	76,403	107,353
Bank balance and cash disposed of	(22,287)	(9,273)	(31,560)
	8,663	67,130	75,793
Contribution to Group's cash flow for the year under:			
Operating activities	33,482	(6,454)	27,028
Investing activities	4,192	93	4,285
Financing activities	(285)	11,882	11,597
	37,389	5,521	42,910

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RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME 12

The Group joined the Mandatory Provident Fund scheme ("MPF Scheme") for all employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rules of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at rate specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme. No contribution could be forfeited to reduce the contribution payable in the future years.

Prior to joining the MPF Scheme, the Group operated a defined contribution retirement benefit scheme ("Old Scheme") for its qualifying employees in Hong Kong and paid contributions to the scheme at rates specified in the rules of the Old Scheme on the monthly compensation to the qualifying employees. All the assets under the Old Scheme were transferred to the MPF Scheme and are separately identified within the MPF Scheme and members can withdraw their entitled benefits from the Old Scheme in accordance with the scheme rules once they resign from the Group and all the respective forfeited contributions of the Group will be used to reduce the contributions payable in the future years.

According to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, the PRC subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of the salaries and wages of their employees to the retirement benefits schemes to fund the retirement benefits of their employees (the "PRC Scheme"). No forfeited contribution is available to reduce the contribution payable in the future years.

The Group's contribution to the MPF Scheme and the PRC Scheme are charged to the income statement as expenses.

During the year, the Group made retirement benefit scheme contributions of approximately HK\$2,321,000 (2003: HK\$2,394,000), net of the forfeited contributions utilised in Old Scheme amounting to approximately HK\$91,000 (2003: HK\$181,000).

13. **TAXATION**

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Profit for the year		
Hong Kong Other regions in the PRC	10,874 288	4,942
	11,162	5,252
Under (over) provision in prior years for profit arose in Hong Kong	270	1,468
Other regions in the PRC	(266)	-
	4	1,468
Deferred tax (note 35):		(1.1.2)
Current year Attributable to a change in the rate of Hong Kong Profits Tax	3,170	(1,165) 38
	3,170	(1,127)
Taxation attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries Share of taxation attributable to associates	14,336 4,441	5,593 3,166
Share of talking attack to associates	18,777	8,759

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13. **TAXATION** (continued)

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2003: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year. In June 2003, the Hong Kong Profits Tax was increased from 16% to 17.5% with effect from the 2003/2004 year of assessment. The effect of this increase has been reflected in the calculation of current and deferred tax balances at 31st December, 2003.

Taxation arising in other regions in the PRC is calculated at 33% (2003: 33%) of the estimated assessable profit.

The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit from ordinary activities before taxation per the income statement as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	142,421	79,224
Tax at Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 17.5% (2003: 17.5%) Tax effect of share of results of associates Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose Tax effect of tax losses not recognised Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised Increase in opening deferred tax liability resulting from an increase in tax rates Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions Underprovision in prior years Others	24,924 (1,043) 51,517 (52,941) 21,035 (22,040) - (1,763) 4 (916)	13,864 619 16,160 (6,500) 12,538 (18,439) 38 199 1,468 (11,188)
Tax expense for the year	18,777	8,759

14. **DIVIDENDS**

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Ordinary shares: Interim, paid – 3.00 cents (2003: 3.00 cents) per share Final, proposed – 7.00 cents (2003: 7.00 cents) per share	13,298 31,352	13,302 31,038
	44,650	44,340

During the year, share scrip alternatives were offered in respect of the 2004 interim dividends. These share scrip alternatives were accepted by the shareholders, as follows:

	НК\$'000
Dividends:	
Cash	6,790
Share scrip alternative	6,508
	13,298

The final dividend of 7.00 cents (2003: 7.00 cents) per share, to be satisfied by cash, with an alternative to shareholders to elect to receive such final dividend (or part thereof) in the form of new shares in lieu of cash, has been proposed by the directors and is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company in the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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15. **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	137,883	87,819
	2004 ′000	2003 <i>'000</i>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of basic earnings per share	444,132	443,574
Effect on dilutive potential ordinary shares: Options		67
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of diluted earnings per share		443,641

Note:

The options of the Company outstanding at 31st December, 2002 were lapsed during the year ended 31st December, 2003.

As the options of the Company's subsidiaries outstanding during the two year ended 31st December, 2004 were anti-dilutive to the Group's earnings per share, diluted earnings per share were not adjusted in this respect for both years.

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES 16.

	THE GROUP HK\$'000	THE COMPANY HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2004 Translation adjustment Additions Revaluation increase	526,707 2,106 29,388 2,140	12,700 - - -
At 31st December, 2004	560,341	12,700

The Group's investment properties in Hong Kong and the PRC were revalued as at 31st December, 2004 by Messrs. Knight Frank, an independent firm of professional valuers, on an open market existing use basis. The investment properties in the USA were revalued as at 31st December, 2004 on an income capitalisation approach with reference to comparable market conditions by Cushman & Wakefield of California, Inc., an independent firm of professional valuers. The investment properties in Canada were revalued as at 31st December, 2004 on an income approach to value by JMS Canada Ltd., an independent firm of professional valuers. These valuations gave rise to a revaluation increase totalling HK\$2,140,000 (2003: decrease of HK\$18,075,000) which has been credited to the investment property revaluation reserve.

All of the Group's investment properties are rented out under operating leases.

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16. **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (continued)**

The carrying amount of investment properties comprises land and buildings in Hong Kong, the USA, the PRC and Canada as follows:

THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
2004	2003	2004	2003
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
74,000	78,700	12,700	12,700
230,880	218,400	_	_
237,300	214,000	_	_
18,161	15,607	_	_
560,341	526,707	12,700	12,700
	2004 HK\$'000 74,000 230,880 237,300 18,161	2004 HK\$'000 74,000 78,700 230,880 218,400 237,300 18,161 15,607	2004 2003 2004 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 74,000 78,700 12,700 230,880 218,400 - 237,300 214,000 - 18,161 15,607 -

17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and	Toll road in other regions of	Plant and	Tools, moulds and	Furniture, fixtures and office	Motor	
	buildings HK\$'000	the PRC HK\$'000	machinery HK\$'000	equipment HK\$'000	equipment HK\$'000	vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
THE GROUP							
At 1st January, 2004	239,373	428,487	179,585	57,819	49,981	14,269	969,514
Translation adjustment	405	1,885	407	75	48	20	2,840
Additions	16,400	, _	3,149	65	9,722	670	30,006
Disposals	(12,252)	_	(632)	_	(692)	(2,622)	(16,198)
Write-off	(5,096)	_	(91,498)	_	(3,209)	(63)	(99,866)
Disposals of subsidiaries	(29,694)	(430,372)	(32,363)	_	(863)	(2,607)	(495,899)
Reclassification			(444)	444			
At 31st December, 2004	209,136		58,204	58,403	54,987	9,667	390,397
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT							
At 1st January, 2004	52,458	55,393	136,108	49,538	29,042	12,004	334,543
Translation adjustment	45	236	297	75	24	16	693
Provided for the year	4,777	10,481	9,009	2,155	6,151	872	33,445
Eliminated on disposals	(8,040)	_	(466)	_	(407)	(2,517)	(11,430)
Write-off	(793)	_	(80,894)	_	(2,027)	(63)	(83,777)
Impairment losses recognised	6,558	_	_	3,232	_		9,790
Disposals of subsidiaries	(8,099)	(66,110)	(23,274)	_	(715)	(2,299)	(100,497)
Reclassification			(566)	566			
At 31st December, 2004	46,906		40,214	55,566	32,068	8,013	182,767
NET BOOK VALUES							
At 31st December, 2004	162,230		17,990	2,837	22,919	1,654	207,630
At 31st December, 2003	186,915	373,094	43,477	8,281	20,939	2,265	634,971

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued) 17.

Land and buildings

	Land and buildings in Hong Kong under long leases HK\$'000	Land and buildings in other regions of the PRC under medium term leases HK\$'000	Land and buildings in other regions of the PRC under long leases HK\$'000	Freehold land and buildings in the USA HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
THE GROUP					
COST					
At 1st January, 2004	9,994	208,726	12,463	8,190	239,373
Translation adjustment	_	427	(22)	_	405
Additions	_	16,400	_	_	16,400
Disposals	-	(1,418)	(10,834)	_	(12,252)
Write-off	-	(5,096)	-	-	(5,096)
Disposals of subsidiaries		(29,694)			(29,694)
At 31st December, 2004	9,994	189,345	1,607	8,190	209,136
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT					
At 1st January, 2004	5,121	37,291	8,235	1,811	52,458
Translation adjustment	_	78	(33)	_	45
Provided for the year	200	4,453	33	91	4,777
Eliminated on disposals	_	(49)	(7,991)	_	(8,040)
Write-off	_	(793)	_	_	(793)
Impairment losses recognised	_	6,558	_	_	6,558
Disposals of subsidiaries		(8,099)			(8,099)
At 31st December, 2004	5,321	39,439	244	1,902	46,906
NET BOOK VALUES					
At 31st December, 2004	4,673	149,906	1,363	6,288	162,230
At 31st December, 2003	4,873	171,435	4,228	6,379	186,915

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued) 17.

	Land and buildings in Hong Kong under long leases HK\$'000	Land and buildings in other regions of the PRC under long leases HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Tools and moulds HK\$'000	Furniture, fittings and office equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
THE COMPANY COST							
At 1st January, 2004	1,478	1,607	366	479	16,289	5,474	25,693
Additions	_	-	_	-	1,035	· –	1,035
Disposals					(15)	(988)	(1,003)
At 31st December, 2004	1,478	1,607	366	479	17,309	4,486	25,725
DEPRECIATION							
At 1st January, 2004	236	212	311	479	8,332	5,117	14,687
Provided for the year	29	32	11	-	1,660	357	2,089
Eliminated on disposals					(5)	(988)	(993)
At 31st December, 2004	265	244	322	479	9,987	4,486	15,783
NET BOOK VALUES							
At 31st December, 2004	1,213	1,363	44		7,322		9,942
At 31st December, 2003	1,242	1,395	55		7,957	357	11,006

GOODWILL 18.

	THE GROUP HK\$'000
COST At 1st January, 2004 Arising from the acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	15,147 4,984
At 31st December, 2004	20,131
AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT At 1st January, 2004 Provided for the year Impairment losses recognised	4,163 1,387 14,581
At 31st December, 2004	20,131
NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December, 2004	
At 31st December, 2003	10,984

The amortisation period adopted for goodwill ranges from 5 to 20 years.

Details of the major impairment losses recognised during the year are set out in note 6.

19. **INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

		TUE CE	OLID		THE COMPANY
		THE GROUP			COMPAINT
	Development	Taxi			
	costs	licences	Trademark	Total	Trademark
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
COST					
At 1st January, 2004	26,616	154,913	2,499	184,028	2,499
Translation adjustment	_	281	_	281	_
Additions	19,744	42,654		62,398	
At 31st December, 2004	46,360	197,848	2,499	246,707	2,499
AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT	Г				
At 1st January, 2004	_	7,944	271	8,215	271
Translation adjustment	_	15	_	15	_
Provided for the year	5,323	3,670	125	9,118	125
Impairment losses recognised	41,037	25,932	2,103	69,072	2,103
At 31st December, 2004	46,360	37,561	2,499	86,420	2,499
NET BOOK VALUES					
At 31st December, 2004		160,287		160,287	
At 31st December, 2003	26,616	146,969	2,228	175,813	2,228

Taxi licences, trademark and development costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over 50 years, 20 years and 5 years respectively.

Details of the impairment losses recognised during the year are set out in note 6.

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20. **INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Unlisted shares, at cost	105,126	157,699	
Impairment losses recognised (note a)	(105,011)	(119,226)	
	115	38,473	
Loans to subsidiaries less allowance (Note b)	13,000	13,000	
Amounts due from subsidiaries (note c)	352,291	386,339	
	365,406	437,812	

Notes:

- Impairment losses amounting to approximately HK\$9,180,000 was recognised during the year by reference to the estimated recoverable (a) amount of a subsidiary with continuing losses incurred. During the year, impairment losses of HK\$23,395,000 were eliminated on disposal of subsidiaries during the year.
- The amount are unsecured and interest-free. In the opinion of the directors, the outstanding balances will not be repayable within twelve (b) months from the balance sheet date and accordingly are shown as non-current assets.
- (c) The amounts are unsecured and bear interest at prevailing market rates. In the opinion of the directors, the outstanding balances will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and accordingly are shown as non-current assets.

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries as at 31st December, 2004 are set out in note 43.

INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES 21.

	THE GROUP		THE CO	OMPANY
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	_	_	195	195
Share of net assets	181,405	161,754	_	_
Goodwill on acquisition of associates (Note a)	850	899	_	_
Loans to associates (Note b)	296,459	342,776		
Impairment losses recognised	478,714 	505,429 	195 (94)	195 (94)
	478,714	505,429	101	101

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21. **INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (continued)**

Notes:

(a) Movements of goodwill on acquisition of associates are as follows:

	THE GROUP HK\$'000
COST At 1st January, 2004 and at 31st December, 2004	1,000
AMORTISATION At 1st January, 2004 Provided for the year	101
At 31st December, 2004	150
NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December, 2004	850
At 31st December, 2003	899

Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over 20 years.

Other than an amount of HK\$223,800,000 (2003: HK\$276,826,000) which is interest-free, the loans to associates are unsecured and (b) subject to interest at 10% (2003: 10%) per annum. In the opinion of the directors, the loans to associates will not be repayable within twelve months from the balance sheet date and accordingly are shown as non-current assets.

The following details have been extracted from the financial statements of the Group's significant associates:

		Construction oment Limited	China Dynasty Development Ltd.	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Results for the year				
Turnover	52,313	41,588	164,594	78,738
Depreciation	314	252		
(Loss) profit before taxation	(4,398)	(26,412)	70,601	49,737
(Loss) profit before taxation attributable to the Group	(879)	(5,282)	28,240	19,894
Financial position				
Total non-current assets	1,039,106	1,048,723	750,000	824,000
Total current assets	88,574	75,850	32,772	23,620
Total current liabilities	(418,007)	(517,009)	(15,910)	(15,854)
Total non-current liabilities	(305,086)	(201,595)	(603,979)	(733,904)
Net assets	404,587	405,969	162,883	97,862
Net assets attributable to the Group	80,917	81,194	65,153	39,145

Details of the Group's principal associates at 31st December, 2004 are set out in note 44.

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22. **INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES**

			THE G				THE COMPANY	
r	Held for	_	Not held for trading		Total		Held for trading	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Equity securities								
Unlisted	4	3	289,840	255,555	289,844	255,558	_	_
Listed in Hong Kong	193,109	4,950	_	_	193,109	4,950	1,445	_
Listed outside Hong Kong	12,229	12,627			12,229	12,627		
	205,342	17,580	289,840	255,555	495,182	273,135	1,445	_
Commodity index certificate	6,645	_	_	_	6,645	_	_	_
Equity linked notes Accumulated fair value	-	15,991	-	-	-	15,991	-	-
adjustments			(289,840)	(177,670)	(289,840)	(177,670)		_
	211,987	33,571	_	77,885	211,987	111,456	1,445	_
Market value of listed								
securities	205,338	17,577			205,338	17,577	1,445	
Carrying amounts analysed:								
Current	211,987	33,571	_	_	211,987	33,571	1,445	_
Non-current				77,885		77,885		
	211,987	33,571		77,885	211,987	111,456	1,445	

23. LOAN RECEIVABLES

	THE G	ROUP
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loans receivable from:		
Former subsidiary (note a)	77,869	_
A shareholder of an associate <i>(note b)</i>	162,432	_
Others (note c)	943	
	241,244	_
Less: Amount due within one year included as current assets	(37,059)	
Amount due after one year	204,185	

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LOAN RECEIVABLES (continued) 23

Notes:

- The amount represents loan receivable from Shunyue which was disposed of by the Group during the year. Details of the disposal are (a) set out in note 11(b). The amount due from Shunyue is guaranteed by existing parent company of Shunyue and carries interest at a fixed rate of 5.49% per annum and is repayable by three instalments with the last instalment to be repayable on or before 31st December, 2007.
- The amount represents loan receivable from the major shareholder of the Group's major associate, China Dynasty Development Ltd. (b) ("China Dynasty") and is subject to interest at 15% per annum and repayable on or before 24th August, 2006. The loan is secured by a 60% equity interests in China Dynasty. In addition, the borrower assigned to the Group a sum of HK\$210 million indebted by China Dynasty to the borrower, being part of the debt owed by China Dynasty to the borrower, to take effect upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. Details of this transaction are set out in the circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 4th October, 2004.
- The amount represents the loan receivable from the Group's sales agent in the PRC which is secured by a personal guarantee of the (c) owners of the sales agent and is subject to interests at 6% per annum repayable on demand.

24. **INVENTORIES**

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Raw materials	60,807	70,439	_	_	
Work-in-progress	3,822	2,902	_	_	
Finished goods	27,043	35,578	4,556	4,043	
	91,672	108,919	4,556	4,043	
Note:					
Annual Constant					
Inventories stated At cost	44,699	68,361	4,369	4,043	
At net realisable value	46,973	40,558	187	- 4,045	
	91,672	108,919	4,556	4,043	

AMOUNTS DUE FROM SUBSIDIARIES 25.

THE COMPANY

The amounts are unsecured, bear interest at prevailing market rates and are repayable on demand.

TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables of approximately HK\$113,114,000 (2003: HK\$140,543,000). The Group maintains a defined credit policy. For sales of goods, the Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade customers. Rentals receivable from tenants and service income receivable from customers are payable on presentation of invoices. The aged analysis of trade receivables at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	THE G	ROUP
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current	75,622	86,416
31 – 60 days	22,973	26,802
61 – 90 days	11,068	21,063
91 – 180 days	2,268	4,596
181 – 360 days	713	636
Over 360 days	470	1,030
	113,114	140,543

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27. **AMOUNTS DUE FROM INVESTEES**

THE GROUP AND THE COMPANY

The amounts are unsecured, bear interest at prevailing market rates and are repayable on demand.

28. **TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Included in trade and other payables are trade payables of approximately HK\$94,683,000 (2003: HK\$84,978,000). The aged analysis of trade payables at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	THE C	THE GROUP		
	2004	2003		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Current	72,174	52,330		
31 – 60 days	13,283	19,711		
61 – 90 days	4,745	5,542		
91 – 180 days	1,415	3,265		
181 – 360 days	977	2,953		
Over 360 days	2,089	1,177		
	94,683	84,978		

AMOUNTS DUE TO MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS 29.

THE GROUP

As at 31st December, 2003, the amount included loans of approximately HK\$19,890,000 which were unsecured and subject to interest at the prevailing market rates. The remaining balance of approximately HK\$36,274,000, other than the amount of approximately HK\$8,566,000 which was subject to interest at 5.76% per annum, was unsecured, interest-free and was repayable on demand.

30. PROVISION

THE GROUP

Pursuant to the letter dated 10th November, 2004 from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (the "CPSC"), the Group has not informed the CPSC when certain models of the table fans products could create a substantial product hazards or create an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death and this constitutes a breach of the respective law and a maximum civil penalty will be US\$1,650,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$12,870,000). The Group had taken legal advice on the prospective penalty from CPSC. Based on the legal advice and on the information currently available to the Group, the directors of the Company determined that a provision of HK\$12,870,000 was made in the current year as the directors' best estimate of the Group's exposure under this incident.

The Group has, through its customer in the United States, conducted a voluntary recall program in the United States for the defective table fans and the program has been completed on 8th October, 2004. The recall expenses amounting to HK\$1,373,000 were fully recognised in the income statement.

31. **BANK BORROWINGS**

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Bank loans	259,856	107,200		42,040	
Secured	122,619	65,160	_	_	
Unsecured	137,237	42,040		42,040	
	259,856	107,200		42,040	
The maturity of the above borrowings is as follows:	147770	107000		42.040	
Within one year More than one year, but not exceeding two years	147,339 4,025	107,200 –	_	42,040 –	
More than two years, but not exceeding five years	13,157	_	_	_	
More than five years	95,335				
Lance American de la cristia anno como alcono	259,856	107,200	_	42,040	
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	(147,339)	(107,200)		(42,040)	
Amounts due after one year	112,517	_			

SHARE CAPITAL 32.

		2004	1	2003		
		Number of shares '000	Nominal value <i>HK\$'000</i>	Number of shares '000	Nominal value <i>HK\$</i> '000	
(a)	Authorised:					
	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.50 each Balance at beginning and end of year	900,000	450,000	900,000	450,000	
(b)	Issued and fully paid:					
	Ordinary shares of HK\$0.50 each Balance at beginning of year Shares repurchased and cancelled Shares issued as scrip dividend	443,407 (130) 4,616	221,703 (65) 2,308	444,414 (1,007) —	222,207 (504) 	
	Balance at end of year	447,893	223,946	443,407	221,703	

The shares issued during the year ranked pari passu with existing shares in all respect.

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32. **SHARE CAPITAL (continued)**

During the year, the Company repurchased its own shares through the Stock Exchange as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares	Price p	er share	Aggregate consideration
Month of repurchase	of HK\$0.50 each	Highest	Lowest	paid
	′000	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$'000
May 2004	130	1.94	1.70	246

The above shares were cancelled upon repurchase.

None of the Company's subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeem any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

(c) Share option scheme

The Company

Under the terms of the share option scheme (the "Scheme") which was adopted on 18th April, 1994 and expired on 18th April, 2004, the Board may offer to any directors or full time employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries options to subscribe for shares in the Company at a price equal to the higher of the nominal value of the shares and 80% of the average of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange on the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant of the options. The exercisable period will be determined by the Board and in any event not exceeding a period of 3 years commencing on the expiry of 6 months after the date of acceptance by the grantee and expiring on the last date of such period or 17th April, 2004 whichever is earlier. The grantee is required to pay nonrefundable consideration of HK\$1.00 upon acceptance of the offer.

The number of shares issuable under the Scheme is not to exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time excluding any shares issued pursuant to the Scheme.

The aggregate of the number of shares issued under the options granted to an employee and the number of shares to be issued under the options subsisted and unexercised for the time being held by the same employee should not exceed 25% of the aggregate number of shares for the time being issued and issuable under the Scheme.

No share options were granted during the period from 1st January, 2003 to 17th April, 2004.

SHARE CAPITAL (continued) 32.

Share option scheme (continued)

Movements in the options to subscribe for shares for the year ended 31st December, 2003 are as follows:

			Subscription	Numbe	er of share op Lapsed	otions
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share HK\$	As at 1.1.2003	during the year	As at 31.12.2003
Directors						
Mr. Billy K Yung	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
7	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,340	(1,340)	_
Dr. Yung Yau (deceased	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
on 2nd May, 2004)	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,072	(1,072)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,340	(1,340)	_
Dr. Leo Tung-Hai Lee	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 – 27.07.2003	1.38	96	(96)	-
	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	96	(96)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	96	(96)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	96	(96)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	96	(96)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	-
Mr. Shiu-Kit Ngai	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-
	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 – 27.07.2003	1.38	100	(100)	-
Madam Yung Ho Wun	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003	1.38	800	(800)	_
Ching	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	800	(800)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	800	(800)	_
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	800	(800)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 – 27.07.2003	1.38	1,000	(1,000)	-
Mr. Leung Chun Wah	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	-
	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	_
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	-
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	-
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.38	150	(150)	-

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32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

			Subscription	Number of share options Lapsed			
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share HK\$	As at 1.1.2003	during the year	As at 31.12.2003	
Directors (continued)							
Mr. Plato Poon Chak	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)		
Sang	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003 28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	_	
Jang	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 – 27.07.2003 28.07.2001 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)		
	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003 28.01.2002 – 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	_	
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003 28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	120	(120)	_	
		28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003 28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.38			_	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.30	150	(150)	_	
Mr. Nicholas Yang Wei	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-	
Hsiung (resigned on	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-	
30th September, 2003)	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-	
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	80	(80)	-	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 – 27.07.2003	1.38	100	(100)		
				19,628	(19,628)		
	20.01.2000	20 07 2000 27 07 2007	1 70	C0.4	(C04)		
Employees	28.01.2000	28.07.2000 - 27.07.2003	1.38 1.38	684	(684)	_	
	26.05.2000	26.11.2000 – 25.11.2003		48	(48)	_	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2001 – 27.07.2003	1.38	952	(952)	_	
	26.05.2000	26.05.2001 – 25.11.2003	1.38	48	(48)	_	
	28.01.2000	28.07.2001 - 27.07.2003	1.38	952	(952)	_	
	26.05.2000	26.11.2001 – 25.11.2003	1.38	48	(48)	_	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	952	(952)	_	
	26.05.2000	26.05.2002 – 25.11.2003	1.38	48	(48)	-	
	28.01.2000	28.07.2002 - 27.07.2003	1.38	952	(952)	_	
	26.05.2000	26.11.2002 – 25.11.2003	1.38	48	(48)	_	
	28.01.2000	28.01.2003 - 27.07.2003	1.38	1,190	(1,190)	-	
	26.05.2000	26.05.2003 – 25.11.2003	1.38	60	(60)		
				5,982	(5,982)	_	
				25,610	(25,610)	-	

There were no new option schemes adopted during the two years ended 31st December, 2004.

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SHARE CAPITAL (continued) 32

Share option scheme (continued) (c)

Subsidiaries

Pursuant to the Company's shareholders approval in the extraordinary general meeting held on 11th November, 2002, the share option schemes of Appeon Corporation ("Appeon") and Galactic Computing Corporation ("Galactic"), subsidiaries of the Company, became effective. Certain directors, employees and consultants of Appeon and Galactic were granted options as an incentive to them for their continuing contribution to the companies they worked for at a consideration of HK\$1.00 on acceptance of the option offer. Details of the share option schemes of the subsidiaries are set out in the Company's circular to the shareholders dated 25th October, 2002.

The limit on the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to the exercised under the share option scheme of Appeon ("Appeon Scheme"), together with all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under any other share option scheme(s) of Appeon and/or its subsidiary, must not exceed 30% of the number of the issued shares from time to tome (subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company). At the date of issue of these financial statements, the total maximum number of options available for further issue under the Appeon Scheme amounted to 770,485 (subject to approval of the shareholders of the Company) which represented 21.06% of the issued share capital of Appeon (excluding any shares issued pursuant to the Appeon Scheme) on the same date.

Movements in the options to subscribe for shares in Appean for the year ended 31st December, 2004 are as follows:

			Subscription		Number of share options Cancelled		
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share US\$	As at 1.1.2004	during the year	Other Movements (Notes)	As at 31.12.2004
Directors of the Company							
Mr. Billy K Yung	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,750	_	_	6,750
· -	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	-	3,375
Dr. Yung Yau (deceased	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,750	_	(6,750)*	-
on 2nd May, 2004)	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	(3,375)*	
	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	-	(3,375)*	· _
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	(3,375)	-	_
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	(3,375)	-	-
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	(3,375)	-	_
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 – 10.11.2012	2.50	3,375	(3,375)		
				54,000	(13,500)	(13,500)	27,000

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32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

		•		Number of share options				
		Period during which	Subscription price	As at	Cancelled during	Other	As a	
Grantee	Date of grant	options are exercisable	per share	1.1.2004	•	Movements		
diunice	Dute of grant	options are exercisable	US\$	1.1.2004	tric year	(Notes)	31.12.200-	
Directors of Appeon	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 – 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	562*	23,062	
	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	563*	23,063	
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	562*	23,062	
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	563*	23,063	
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	562*	23,062	
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	563#	23,063	
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	562#	23,062	
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	-	563*	23,063	
	02.06.2003	02.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	2,250	-	_	2,250	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125	-	-	1,12	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125	_	_	1,12	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125	_	_	1,12	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125	_	_	1,12	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125	_	_	1,12	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,125			1,12	
				189,000		4,500	193,500	
Employees	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 – 10.11.2012	2.50	13,249	_	(562)*	12,68	
. ,	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,626	_	(563)*		
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,624	_	(562)*		
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,626	_	(563)*		
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,624	_	(562)*		
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,376	_	(563)*	5,81	
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,374	_	(562)*		
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	4,501	-	(563)*		
	02.06.2003	02.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	750	_	_	75	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375	-	-	37.	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375	-	-	37	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375	-	-	37	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375	-	-	375	
	02.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375	-	-	37	
	02.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	375			37	
				64,000	_	(4,500)	59,500	

32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

			Number of share options				
			Subscription		Cancelled	0.1	<u>.</u> .
•	5. (.	Period during which	price	As at	during	Other	As at
Grantee	Date of grant	options are exercisable	per share US\$	1.1.2004	tne year	Movements (Notes)	31.12.2004
						, ,	
Consultants of Appeon	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	-	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	-	1,625
	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.10	5,106	_	_	5,106
	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,553	_	_	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,553	_	_	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,553	_	_	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,553	_	_	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,553	_	_	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.10	2,554			2,554
				33,425			33,425
Others	09.06.2003	03.05.2004 – 02.05.2005	2.50	_	_	6,750*	6,750
	09.06.2003	03.05.2004 - 02.05.2005	2.50	_	_	3,375*	
	09.06.2003	03.05.2004 – 02.05.2005	2.50			3,375*	•
						13,500	13,500
				340,425	(13,500)	_	326,925

Notes:

No option was exercised by the grantees during the year.

These options shall be managed by the executrixes of the late Dr. Yung Yau.

The movements represented the reclassification of options from the category of Employees to the category of Directors of Appeon.

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32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

Movements in the options to subscribe for shares in Appeon for the year ended 31st December, 2003 are as follows:

				Number of share options		
			Subscription		Granted	
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share US\$	As at 1.1.2003	during the year	As at 31.12.2003
Directors of the Compan	ıy					
Mr. Billy K Yung	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	6,750	6,750
	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
Dr. Yung Yau (decreased	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	6,750	6,750
on 2nd May, 2004)	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
, ,	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	3,375	3,375
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50		3,375	3,375
					54,000	54,000
Directors of Appeon	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 – 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
2 dotto.io d. 7. pp dd	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 – 10.11.2012	2.50	22,500	_	22,500
	02.06.2003	02.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	2,250	2,250
	02.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	1,125	1,125
	02.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	1,125	1,125
	02.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	1,125	1,125
	02.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	1,125	1,125
	02.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	1,125	1,125
	02.06.2003	01.04.2006 – 10.11.2012	2.00		1,125	1,125
				180,000	9,000	189,000

SHARE CAPITAL (continued) 32.

Share option scheme (continued)

Grantee			Subscription	Number of share options Granted		
	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share US\$	As at 1.1.2003	during the year	As at 31.12.2003
Employees	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 - 10.11.2012	2.50	13,249	_	13,249
	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,626	_	7,626
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,624	_	7,624
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,626	-	7,626
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	7,624	-	7,624
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,376	_	6,376
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	6,374	_	6,374
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	4,501	-	4,501
	02.06.2003	02.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	750	750
	02.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	375	375
	02.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	375	375
	02.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	375	375
	02.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	375	375
	02.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	_	375	375
	02.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50		375	375
				61,000	3,000	64,000
Consultants of Appeon	25.11.2002	25.11.2002 – 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	_	1,625
	25.11.2002	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	2.50	1,625	-	1,625
	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 – 10.11.2012	0.10	_	5,106	5,106
	09.06.2003	01.10.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.10	_	2,553	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.10	_	2,553	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.10.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.10	_	2,553	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.10	_	2,553	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.10.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.10	_	2,553	2,553
	09.06.2003	01.04.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.10		2,554	2,554
				13,000	20,425	33,425
				254,000	86,425	340,425

32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

The limit on the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the share option scheme of Galactic ("Galactic Scheme"), together with all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under other share option scheme(s) of Galactic and/or its subsidiary, must not exceed 30% of the number of issued shares from time to time (subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company). At the date of issue of these financial statements, the total number of options available for issue under the Galactic Scheme amounted to 1,609,911 (subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company) which represented 15.48% of the issued share capital of Galactic (excluding any shares issued pursuant to the Galactic Scheme) on the same date.

Movements in the share options to subscribe for shares in Galactic for the year ended 31st December, 2004 are as follows:

			Subscription		Numb Granted	er of share o Cancelled	ptions	
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share	As at 1.1.2004	during the year	during	Other movements	As a 31.12.2004
Granice	Date of grant	options are exercisable	US\$	1.1.2004	tile year	tile year	(Notes)	31.12.200
Directors of the Compa	ny							
Mr. Billy K Yung	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
, 0	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	_	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	-	25,000
Or. Yung Yau (deceased	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	(25,000)*	_
on 2nd May, 2004)	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	_	(25,000)*	
,, ,	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	(25,000)		-
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	(25,000)		-
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	(25,000)		-
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	(25,000)		-
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000	_	(25,000)		-
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	25,000		(25,000)		
				400,000		(150,000)	(50,000)	200,000
Directors of Galactic	25.11.2002	01.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500#	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500#	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500#	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500#	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	_	12,500	28,750
	25.11.2002	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	-	_	12,500*	28,750
	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	-	6,250*	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	_	6,250*	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	_	6,250*	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	_	6,250#	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	_	6,250*	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	_	_	6,250#	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250	-	-	6,250*	47,500
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 – 10.11.2012	0.45	41,250			6,250*	47,500
				460,000	_	_	150,000	610,000

SHARE CAPITAL (continued) 32.

Share option scheme (continued)

			Subscription		Numb Granted	er of share o Cancelled	ptions	
		Period during which	price	As at	during	during	Other	As at
Grantee	Date of grant	options are exercisable	per share	1.1.2004	the year	•	movements	31.12.2004
	,	1	US\$		/		(Notes)	
Employees	25.11.2002	01.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	_	-	(6,250)#	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)*	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)#	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)#	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)#	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)#	6,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	_	_	(6,250)*	
	25.11.2002	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	12,500	-	-	(6,250)*	
	01.06.2004	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	18,750	-	-	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.01.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	18,750	-	-	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.03.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
	01.06.2004	01.07.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	18,750	-	-	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.01.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	18,750	-	_	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.03.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	_	_	25,000
	01.06.2004	01.07.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	18,750	_	_	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.01.2007 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	18,750	-	-	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.03.2007 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	_	_	25,000
	01.06.2004	01.07.2007 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	18,750	_	_	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.01.2008 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	18,750	_	_	18,750
	01.06.2004	01.03.2008 - 10.11.2012	0.45		25,000			25,000
				100,000	250,000		(50,000)	300,000
Consultants of Galactic	25.11.2002	01.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	_	-	(6,250)*	31,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	-	-	(6,250)#	31,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	_	_	(6,250)*	31,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	-	-	(6,250)#	31,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	_	_	(6,250)#	31,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	_	_	(6,250)*	
	25.11.2002	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	-	-	(6,250)*	
	25.11.2002	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	37,500	-	-	(6,250)*	
	28.01.2003	01.08.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)	_	_
	28.01.2003	01.02.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)	_	-
	28.01.2003	01.08.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	-	(6,250)	-	-
	28.01.2003	01.02.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	-	(6,250)		_
	28.01.2003	01.08.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)		_
	28.01.2003	01.02.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)		-
	28.01.2003	01.08.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)		-
	28.01.2003	01.02.2007 - 10.11.2012	0.45	6,250	_	(6,250)		_

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32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

	ptions	er of share op						
		Cancelled	Granted		Subscription			
As a 31.12.2004	Other movements (Notes)	during the year	during the year	As at 1.1.2004	price per share US\$	Period during which options are exercisable	Date of grant	Grantee
							f Galactic (continued)	Consultants of Gal
-	(6,250)#	-	-	6,250	0.45	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	-	(6,250)	-	6,250	0.45	01.08.2003 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)#	-	-	6,250	0.45	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	_	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.02.2004 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)*	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
-	_	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.08.2004 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
-	(6,250)*	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	_	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.02.2005 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)#	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	_	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.08.2005 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)#	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	_	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.02.2006 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)#	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	,	(6,250)	_	6,250	0.45	01.08.2006 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	(6,250)#	_	_	6,250	0.45	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
	_	(6,250)	-	6,250	0.45	01.02.2007 - 10.11.2012	09.06.2003	
-	_	(50,000)	50,000	_	0.45	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	-	(25,000)	25,000	-	0.45	01.01.2005 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	-	(25,000)	25,000	-	0.45	01.07.2005 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	-	(25,000)	25,000	-	0.45	01.01.2006 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	_	(25,000)	25,000	_	0.45	01.07.2006 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	_	(25,000)	25,000	_	0.45	01.01.2007 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
	_	(25,000)	25,000	_	0.45	01.07.2007 - 10.11.2012	01.06.2004	
100,00			100,000		0.45	23.09.2004 - 10.11.2012	23.09.2004	
350,00	(100,000)	(300,000)	300,000	450,000				
25,00	25,000*	_	_	_	0.45	03.05.2004 - 02.05.2005	09.06.2003	Others
25,00	25,000*				0.45	03.05.2004 - 02.05.2005		
50,00	50,000							
1,510,000	_	(450,000)	550,000	1,410,000				

Notes:

- These options shall be managed by the executrixes of the late Dr. Yung Yau.
- The movements represented the reclassification of options from the category of Employees and Consultants to the category of Directors of Galactic.

No option was exercised by the grantees during the year.

SHARE CAPITAL (continued) 32.

Share option scheme (continued)

Movements in the share options to subscribe for shares in Galactic for the year ended 31st December, 2003 are as follows:

			Cubaccintian	Numb	er of share o	ptions
		مادنان بالمناسب المام	Subscription	A +	Granted	۸4
Grantee	Date of grant	Period during which options are exercisable	price per share <i>US\$</i>	As at 1.1.2003	during the year	As at 31.12.2003
Directors of the Compan	v					
Mr. Billy K Yung	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
, 0	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	-	25,000	25,000
Dr. Yung Yau (decreased	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
on 2nd May, 2004)	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
• •	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	25,000	25,000
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 – 10.11.2012	0.45		25,000	25,000
					400,000	400,000
Directors of Galactics	25.11.2002	01.06.2003 – 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
Directors of Guideties	25.11.2002	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	25.11.2002	01.12.2006 – 10.11.2012	0.45	16,250	_	16,250
	09.06.2003	09.06.2003 – 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.12.2003 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.06.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.12.2004 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.06.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.12.2005 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.06.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45	_	41,250	41,250
	09.06.2003	01.12.2006 - 10.11.2012	0.45		41,250	41,250

32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

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32. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Share option scheme (continued)

The Company considers that it is not appropriate to state the value of the share options granted during the period because generally accepted pricing models of options normally value options which were transferable (share options granted by the subsidiaries were strictly non-transferable). Besides, some parameters under the generally accepted pricing model could only be derived from historical statistical data. Owing to the reasons set out above, the Company considers that any calculation of the value of the subsidiaries' share options would not be meaningful and would be misleading to the shareholders.

The total consideration received during the year from grantees for taking up the options granted is amounted to Nil (2003: HK\$4) for options granted under Appeon Scheme and HK\$3 (2003: HK\$7) granted under Galactic Scheme.

SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES 33

Details of the movements on the Group's share premium and reserves are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 19.

The retained profits of the Group include HK\$126,157,000 (2003: HK\$100,215,000) retained by associates of the Group.

Details of the movements in the Company's reserves are as follows:

	Share premium HK\$'000	Investment property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Dividend reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
THE COMPANY						
At 1st January, 2003	529,289	9,234	43,253	4,444	1,114,043	1,700,263
Revaluation decrease	_	(1,500)	_	_	_	(1,500)
Net profit for the year Overprovision of dividend	_	_	_	_	1,211	1,211
due to shares repurchased	_	_	_	(9)	9	_
Interim dividend declared	_	_	-	13,302	(13,302)	_
Dividends paid	_	_	_	(17,737)	_	(17,737)
Final dividend proposed	_	_	_	31,038	(31,038)	_
Shares repurchased			504		(1,008)	(504)
At 31st December, 2003	529,289	7,734	43,757	31,038	1,069,915	1,681,733
Net loss for the year New shares issued as scrip	_	_	_	_	(73,459)	(73,459)
dividend .	4,200	_	_	(6,508)	_	(2,308)
Interim dividend declared	_	_	_	13,298	(13,298)	_
Dividends paid	_	_	_	(37,828)	_	(37,828)
Final dividend proposed	_	_	_	31,352	(31,352)	_
Shares repurchased	_		65		(246)	(181)
At 31st December, 2004	533,489	7,734	43,822	31,352	951,560	1,567,957

The Company's reserves available for distribution to shareholders are as follows:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Dividend reserve Retained profits	31,352 951,560	31,038 1,069,915
	982,912	1,100,953

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LOANS FROM MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS 34.

	THE G	THE GROUP		
	2004	2003		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Interest-bearing (Note a)	_	293,609		
Non-interest-bearing (Note b)	9,210	9,193		
	9,210	302,802		

Notes:

- (a) The amounts as at 31st December, 2003 were unsecured, subject to interest at 5.76% per annum and were repayable after the settlement of all operating expenses, interest on loans and tax liabilities of the subsidiary. The subsidiary carried the loan was disposed of during the year.
- The amount is unsecured and repayable on 8th March, 2028. (b)

35. **DEFERRED TAXATION**

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods:

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		Amortisation on intangible assets HK\$'000	Allowance on trade receivables HK\$'000	Allowance on inventories HK\$'000	Revaluation of properties HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2003 Effect on change in tax rate charge (credit) to income	3,018	2,982	(507)	_	173	7	(66)	5,607
statement	85	-	(47)	-	-	_	_	38
(Credit) charge to income statement for the year Charge to equity	(919) 	1,629	43	(29)	915	(4)	(1,885)	(1,165) 915
At 31st December, 2003 Charge to income	2,184	4,611	(511)	(29)	1,088	3	(1,951)	5,395
statement for the year Credit to equity	657	2,060	15 	8	(249)	99	331	3,170 (249)
At 31st December, 2004	2,841	6,671	(496)	(21)	839	102	(1,620)	8,316

Represented by:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Deferred tax liabilities Deferred tax assets	11,274 (2,958)	8,324 (2,929)
	8,316	5,395

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35. DEFERRED TAXATION (continued)

At the balance sheet date, the Group's unused tax losses available for offset against future profits, not recognised as deferred tax assets, are analysed as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2004	N/A	25,565
2005	17,086	73,874
2006	67,902	120,750
2007	22,184	12,701
2008	25,359	46,129
2009	52,422	2,802
2010	8,093	8,093
2011	15,256	15,256
2012	37,870	37,870
2013	5,519	5,519
2014	9,690	, _
2018	22,376	22,376
2019	63,782	63,782
2020	20,101	20,101
2021	7,481	7,481
2022	4,230	4,230
2024	9,970	_
Carried forward indefinitely	104,011	126,635
	493,332	593,164

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of these tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses of the subsidiaries in Hong Kong may carry forward indefinitely. The tax losses of the subsidiaries in the PRC and the U.S.A. may be carried forward five years and twenty years respectively from the financial year when the corresponding loss was incurred.

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	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Amortisation of intangible assets HK\$'000	Allowance on trade receivables HK\$'000	Allowance on inventories HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2003 Effect of change in tax rate charge	910	-	(508)	-	402
(credit) to income statement	85	_	(47)	_	38
Charge (credit) to income for the year	52	(47)	43	(29)	19
At 31st December, 2003	1,047	(47)	(512)	(29)	459
Credit (charge) to income for the year	(251)	(22)	16	8	(249)
At 31st December, 2004	796	(69)	(496)	(21)	210

For the purposes of balance sheet presentation, the deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset as they are related to income taxes levied by the same tax authority.

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36. **MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS**

- During the year, trade receivable from a customer amounting to approximately HK\$585,000 (2003: HK\$4,046,000) was used to settle the purchase consideration of unlisted debt securities issued by the customer.
- (b) Included in the other operating income is interest income from associates, loans receivable and other debtors amounting to approximately HK\$6,710,000 (2003: HK\$6,358,000), HK\$4,152,0000 (2003: nil) and HK\$842,000 (2003: nil) had not yet been settled.
- (c) Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$200,000 had not yet been settled at 31st December, 2004.
- (d) At 31st December, 2003, the purchase of taxi licence of approximately HK\$2,723,000 included in tangible assets had not yet been settled. The amount was settled during the year ended 31st December, 2004 at HK\$2,618,000 after adjusting for the exchange difference.
- In addition to above, at 31st December, 2003, the following balances had not yet been settled: (e)
 - (i) the consideration for partial disposal of interest in a subsidiary of approximately HK\$214,000; and
 - (ii) the interest expenses payable to minority shareholders of approximately HK\$17,364,000.

37. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

	THE C	ROUP
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The pledged bank and other deposits comprise:		
Bank deposits to secure banking facilities granted to a subsidiary of the Company Other deposits to secure general investment facilities granted to a subsidiary	_	8,428
of the Company		903
		9,331

In addition to above, certain of the Group's investment properties with an aggregate book value of approximately HK\$249,042,000 (2003: HK\$234,007,000) were pledged as securities for credit facilities obtained from bankers. As at the balance sheet date, the amount of bank loans and other loan facilities utilised was approximately HK\$122,619,000 (2003: HK\$65,160,000).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES 38.

As at the balance sheet date, the Group had the following contingent liabilities not provided for in the financial statements:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Shipping and other guarantees granted to an associate	29,092	22,400

The Company, together with certain of its subsidiaries, issued cross guarantees to bankers as part of the security for credit facilities granted to the Company and its subsidiaries.

In addition to above, the Company has issued guarantee of HK\$6,692,000 (2003: Nil) to a supplier of an associate to secure the repayment of trade debts due by the associate to the supplier.

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39. **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

- Pursuant to an acquisition agreement dated 7th January, 2005, Allright Investments Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, agreed to acquire 20% of equity interest in Yue Tian Development Limited ("Yue Tian") from the Poly Tianyu (Guangzhou) Limited, with a cash consideration of HK\$3,814,400. The Group has also committed to inject shareholder's loan of HK\$60,000,000 to Yue Tian. Details of this transaction are set out in the circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 25th January, 2005.
- On 27th January, 2005, Sybond Venture Limited ("Sybond"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into (b) two agreements for acquisition of shares of Appeon, a non wholly-owned subsidiary of Sybond, from Mr Gao Yang and Mr. Zheng John Shi (who resigned on 27th January, 2005 as the director of Appeon), both were the directors and the shareholders of Appeon. Upon completion of the agreements, the percentage shareholding of Sybond in Appeon will increase from 77.28% to 91.97%. Details of these transactions are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 31st January, 2005.

40. **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

As at the balance sheet date, the Group and the Company had commitments as follows:

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements: Establishment of a joint venture to develop					
manufacturing facilities in the PRC	3,899	3,943	_	_	
Additions to property, plant and equipment	2,772	555	336		
	6,671	4,498	336		

41. **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

The Group/Company as lessee

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Minimum lease payments paid under operating					
leases in respect of rented premises during the year	3,556	703	1,316	1,264	

At the balance sheet date, the Group and the Company had commitments for future minimum lease payments under noncancellable operating leases in respect of rented premises payable as follows:

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	4,214	3,188	1,200	1,200	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	4,152	5,915	3,300	4,500	
	8,366	9,103	4,500	5,700	

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain of its office properties. Leases are negotiated for period ranging from one to five years and rentals are fixed over the contracted period.

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41. **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS (continued)**

The Group/Company as lessor

Property rental income earned during the year was approximately HK\$60,653,000 (2003: HK\$58,663,000). The investment properties of the Group are expected to generate average gross rental yields of 10% on an ongoing basis. All of the investment properties held have committed tenants ranging from one to nine years.

At the balance sheet date, the Group and the Company had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

	THE (GROUP	THE COMPANY		
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	57,940	54,641	4,768	2,973	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	180,213	167,898	2,272	975	
Over five years	63,089	97,420	_	_	
	301,242	319,959	7,040	3,948	

42. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties.

	sociates	Relate	d company				
		shareholders 2004 2003		2004	2003	2004	2003
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Purchases from	(a)	21,612	54,466	_	_	_	_
Interest paid to	(b)	10,622	17,881	_	_	_	_
Commission received from	(c)	415	923	_	_	_	_
Interest received from	(b)	_	_	6,710	6,358	_	_
Commission paid to	(d)	_	_	338	142	30	64

Notes:

- The transactions were carried out at cost plus a percentage profit mark-up. (a)
- (b) The transactions were based on interest rates agreed by the parties concerned.
- The transactions were based on an agreed rate charged on trading of goods. (c)
- The transactions were based on a fixed rate charged on the value of trading of securities on an agreed amount for the commission paid (d) to a related company and on the provision of property leasing management services for commission paid to associates. The commission for trading of securities was paid to a company in which one of the independent non-executive Directors of the Group had a beneficial interest.

43. **PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES**

Name of subsidiary	Place/country of incorporation/ e of subsidiary operation		Paid up issued/ registered ordinary share capital	nomina issued/i capit by the (rtion of I value of registered al held Company	Principal activities	
Appeon Corporation	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	3,658,032 shares of US\$0.01 each	Directly –	77.28%	Investment holding	
Dong Wen Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Investment holding	
Extra-Fund Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	-	Securities trading	
Fast-Gain Overseas Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	-	100%	Property investment	
Full Revenue Inc.	Samoa	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Investment holding	
Galactic Computing Corporation	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	10,399,702 shares of US\$0.01 each	-	100%	Investment holding	
Guangdong Macro Cables Co., Ltd.	PRC (Note a)	Paid up capital	US\$20,960,000	-	98%	Manufacturing and trading of cables and electrical wires	
Guangzhou SMC Car Rental Company Limited	PRC (Note a)	Paid up capital	HK\$15,000,000	-	95%	Taxi operations	
Kinder Limited	Samoa	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	-	100%	Investment holding	
Kirton Corporation	Samoa	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	-	100%	Property investment	
Quanta Global Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Trading of electric fans	
Quickjay Management Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	50,000 shares of US\$1 each	100%	-	Investment holding	
Shell Electric Mfg. (China) Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	100 shares of US\$10 each	100%	-	Trading of electric fans	
Shell Electric Mfg. (China) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Ordinary	2 shares of RM1 each	100%	-	Trading of electric fans	
Shell Electric Mfg. (China) Company Limited	Samoa	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Trading of electric fans	
Shunde Hua Feng Stainless Steel Welded Tubes Limited	PRC (Note a)	Paid up capital	US\$6,792,000	-	90.1%	Manufacturing and trading of welded tubes	
佛山市順德區蜆華多媒體 制品有限公司	PRC (Note b)	Paid up capital	US\$10,003,300	-	100%	Manufacturing and trading of electrical appliances	
SMC Cable Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Investment holding	
SMC Development Corp.	USA	Ordinary	1,000 Shares of US\$10 each	-	100%	Property development	

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43. **PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES**

Name of subsidiary	Place/country of incorporation/operation	Class of shares held	Paid up issued/ registered ordinary share capital	nomina issued/r capita	rtion of I value of egistered al held Company Indirectly	Principal activities
SMC Home Products Corp.	Canada	Ordinary	2,100,100 shares of CAN\$1 each	100%	-	Property investment
SMC Investments Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	-	Property investment
SMC Marketing Corp.	USA	Ordinary	10,000 shares of US\$1,021 each	100%	-	Marketing of the Group's products
SMC Microtronic Company Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	10,000 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	-	Provision of management services
SMC Multi-Media Products Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Trading of electrical appliances
SMC Multi-Media (H.K.) Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	2 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100%	Design, management and trading of electrical appliances
SMC Property Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	-	Investment holding
SMC Steel Pipes Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Investment holding
Speed Power Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	-	Trading of electric fans
Sybond Venture Limited	Cayman Islands	Ordinary	1 share of US\$1	100%	-	Investment holding
Vineyard Management Company	USA	Ordinary	1,000 shares of US\$10 each	-	100%	Property investment
業盈置業(深圳)有限公司	PRC (Note b)	Paid up capital	HK\$10,000,000	-	100%	Property investment
正陽軟件(深圳)有限公司	PRC (Note b)	Paid up capital	HK\$9,000,000	-	77.28%	Computer software development
Galactic Computing (Shenzhen) Limited	PRC (Note b)	Paid up capital	HK\$3,000,000	-	100%	Computer software and hardware development

Notes:

- (a) The Companies are incorporated in the PRC as cooperative or equity joint ventures.
- (b) The Companies are incorporated in the PRC as wholly foreign owned enterprises.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Group which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results or net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length. A complete list of all the subsidiaries of the Group will be annexed to the next annual return of the Company.

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities outstanding during the year.

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Name of associated company			Paid up issued/ registered ordinary share capital	nomina issued/r capita	rtion of value of egistered al held Company Indirectly	Principal activities	
MDCL-Frontline (China) Limited	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	65,269,561 shares of HK\$1 each	-	24.65%	Trading of computer equipment and provision of computer software support services	
China Dynasty Development Ltd.	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	1,000 shares of US\$1 each	-	40%	Property investment	
Hong Kong Construction SMC Development Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	10,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	20%	Investment holding	
Kumagai SMC Development (Guangzhou) Ltd.	PRC	Paid up capital	US\$59,000,000	-	20%	Property development	