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For the year ended 31 December 2004

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The Company is a public listed company incorporated in Bermuda and its shares are listed on the Stock Exchange.

During the year, the Group was engaged in the following principal activities:

- marketing and distribution of automotive products
- property holding for rental income purposes

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

During the year, the trading conditions for the Group's principal business of the trading of automotive products were adversely affected by certain government regulations regarding the import of automotive products into the PRC.

In order to improve the Group's financial position, immediate liquidity, cash flows, profitability and operations, the Directors adopted the following measures:

- (a) the Directors are in active negotiations with the Group's bankers to secure new facilities to meet the immediate repayments of amounts demanded by its principal banker;
- (b) the Directors are considering to increase the capital base of the Group through various fund-raising exercises, including, but not limited to, private placements of the Company's new shares; and
- (c) the Directors have taken action to reduce costs.

In the opinion of the Directors, if the above measures accomplish the expected results, the Group will have sufficient working capital for its current requirements and it is reasonable to expect the Group to return to a commercially viable concern. Therefore, the Directors considered that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, notwithstanding the Group's financial position and tight cash flows as at 31 December 2004.

Should the Group be unable to continue as a going concern, adjustments would have to be made to restate the value of all assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any further liabilities which might arise and to reclassify non-current assets and liabilities as current assets and liabilities, respectively. The effects of these adjustments have not been reflected in the financial statements.



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3. IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") has issued a number of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards, herein collectively referred to as the new HKFRSs, which are generally effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. The Group has not early adopted these new HKFRSs in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004. The new HKFRS may result in changes in the future as to how the Group's financial performance and financial position are prepared and presented.

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs (which also include Statements of Accounting Practice and Interpretations) issued by the HKICPA, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the remeasurement of certain fixed assets as further explained below.

b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2004. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are consolidated from or to their effective dates of acquisition or disposal, respectively. All significant inter-company transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

c) Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is a company in which the Company, directly or indirectly, controls more than half of its voting power or issued share capital, or controls the composition of its board of directors.

Interests in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

d) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditure incurred after fixed assets have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an asset, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost of that asset.



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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

d) Fixed assets and depreciation (Continued)

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Medium term lease land	Over the remaining term of the lease
Medium term leasehold buildings	Over the unexpired lease term of the land
Leasehold improvements	Over their expected useful lives or the term of the relevant lease whichever shorter
Furniture and fixtures	30%
Office equipment	30%
Motor vehicles	30%

The gain or loss on disposal or retirement of a fixed asset recognised in the profit and loss account is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

e) Impairment of assets

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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 loss is 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, to the extent 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.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f) Associates

An associate is defined as an entity, other than a subsidiary, in which the Group has a long-term interest and over which it has the ability to exercise significant influence but not control, over its management, including participation in financial and operating policy decisions.

Investments in associates are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of net assets other than goodwill less impairment losses and in the balance sheet of the Company at cost less any impairment losses.

The consolidated profit and loss account reflects the Group's share of the post acquisition results of the associates.

g) Investment properties

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings in respect of which construction work and development have been completed and which are intended to be held on a long-term basis for its investment potential. Such properties with an unexpired lease term of more than 20 years are not depreciated and are stated at their open market values on the basis of annual professional valuations performed at the end of each financial year. Changes in the value of investment properties are dealt with as movements in the investment property revaluation reserve. If the total of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, on a portfolio basis, the excess of the deficit is charged to the profit and loss account. Any subsequent revaluation surplus is credited to the profit and loss account to the extent of the deficit previously charged.

On disposal of an investment property, the relevant portion of the investment property revaluation reserve realised in respect of previous valuations is released to the profit and loss account.

h) Leased assets

Leases that transfer substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group, other than legal title, are accounted for as finance leases. At the inception of a finance lease, the cost of the asset is capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments and recorded together with the obligation, excluding the interest element, to reflect the purchase and financing. Assets held under capitalised finance leases are included in fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the useful lives of the assets. The finance costs of such leases are charged to the profit and loss account so as to provide a constant periodic rate of charge over the lease terms.

Leases where substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Rentals applicable to such operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.



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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

i) Inventories

Inventories, comprising entirely finished goods, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis and includes all costs of purchase and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amounts of these inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realizable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories, arising from an increase in net realisable value, is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

j) Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the applicable rates of exchange ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the applicable rates of exchange ruling at that date. Exchange differences are dealt with in profit and loss account.

On consolidation, the results of foreign enterprises are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the average exchange rates for the year; balance sheet items are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with as a movement in reserves.

k) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- (i) on the sale of goods, when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, provided that the Group maintains neither managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, nor effective control over the goods sold;
- (ii) rental income, on the straight-line basis over the lease terms; and
- (iii) interest income, on a time proportion basis, taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective interest rate applicable.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

l) **Related parties**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or corporate entities.

m) **Cash equivalents**

Cash equivalents represent short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which were within three months of maturity when acquired, less advances from banks repayable within three months from the date of the advance.

n) **Goodwill**

Goodwill arising on consolidation of subsidiary companies and on acquisition of associated companies represents the excess purchase consideration paid for such companies over the fair values ascribed to the net underlying assets at the date of acquisition. For acquisitions before 1 January 2001, positive goodwill is written off on acquisition. For acquisitions on or after 1 January 2001, positive goodwill is amortised to the consolidated profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life.

On disposal of an investment in a subsidiary or associated company, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in calculating the gain and loss on disposal.

o) **Provisions and contingent liabilities**

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Company or the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditures expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

p) **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are expensed in the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.



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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

q) Employee benefits

- (i) Contributions to MPF as required under the Hong Kong MPF Ordinance, are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account as incurred.
- (ii) Employee entitlements to annual leave and long service leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave and long-service leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity or paternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave

r) Income tax

- (i) Income tax for the year comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in the consolidated income statement.
- (ii) Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.
- (iii) Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities, and all deferred tax assets to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized, are recognised.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at each balance sheet date and is reduced to the extent that is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilized. Any such reduction is revised to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available.

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4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

s) Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

The Group has chosen business segment information as the primary reporting format and geographical segment information as the secondary reporting format.

Segment assets consist primarily of fixed assets, investment properties, inventories, receivables and operating cash, and mainly exclude interest in an associate and tax recoverable. Segment liabilities are those operating liabilities that result from the operating activities of a segment and that either are directly attributable to the segment or can be allocated to the segment on a reasonable basis. Capital expenditure comprises additions to fixed assets, including additions resulting from acquisitions of subsidiaries. Unallocated costs represent mainly corporate and inactive subsidiaries' expenses.

In respect of geographical segment reporting, turnover and results are based on the country in which the customers are located. Segment assets and capital expenditure are based on where the assets are located.

t) Accounts receivable

Provision is made against accounts receivable to the extent they are considered to be doubtful. Accounts receivable in the balance sheet are stated net of such provision.

u) Post balance sheet events

Post balance sheet events that provide additional information about the Group's position at the balance sheet date or those that indicate the going concern assumption is not appropriate (adjusting events) are reflected in the financial statements. Post balance sheet events that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes when material.



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5. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced value of inventories sold, net of discounts and returns, and rental income.

The amount of each significant category of revenue recognised in turnover during the year is as follows:

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Trading of automotive products	2,040	5,166
Gross rental income	200	50
	2,240	5,216

6. OTHER REVENUE

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Bad debt recovered	312	288
Commission income	–	94
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	15	–
Interest income	1	8
Write back of impairment loss on leasehold land and building	4,960	–
Others	77	11
	5,365	401

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7. PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Profit/(Loss) from operating activities is arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following:

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Cost of inventories	2,069	5,298
Auditors' remuneration	216	216
Depreciation	181	182
Loss on disposal of investment properties	–	285
Bad debts provision/bad debts expense	–	109
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses, net	(1)	4
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration – Note 9)	1,942	1,678
MPF contribution	48	54
Bad debts recovered	(312)	(288)
Commission income	–	(94)
Interest income	(1)	(8)
Net rental income	(200)	(50)
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(15)	–
Write back of impairment loss on leasehold land and building	(4,960)	–

8. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and trust receipt loans	1,295	1,032
Mortgage loans	338	390
	1,633	1,422



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9. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules and Section 161 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

Name of Director	Director's	Employer's		Total	Total
	fee	Salary	contribution	Total	Total
	2004	2004	to MPF	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	2004	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Executive Directors					
Chan Chun Choi	–	510	12	522	174
Lam Mo Kuen, Anna	–	–	–	–	2
Lu Su Hua	100	–	–	100	–
	100	510	12	622	176
Non-executive Director					
Liu Kwok Fai Alvan	75	–	–	75	100
	75	–	–	75	100
Independent non-executive Directors					
Ng Chi Ching	100	–	–	100	100
Yuen Kwok Wah, Bernard	100	–	–	100	100
Lam Williamson	13	–	–	13	–
	213	–	–	213	200
Total	388	510	12	910	476

No share options have been granted to the Directors since the approval of the Company's share option scheme.

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9. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (Continued)

The emoluments of the Directors fell within the following bands:

	Group	
	2004 Number of Directors	2003 Number of Directors
Nil – HK\$1,000,000	6	5
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	–	–
	6	5

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the Directors as an inducement to join, or upon joining the Group, or as compensation for loss of office. There were no arrangements under which a Director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year.

10. SENIOR EXECUTIVES' EMOLUMENTS

The five highest paid employees during the year included two (2003: one) Directors, details of whose remuneration are set out in note 9 to the financial statements. Details of the remuneration of the remaining three (2003: four) highest paid, non-director employees during the year are as follows:

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Salaries and allowances	902	1,013
MPF contribution	29	35
Long service payment	(16)	57
	915	1,105

The remuneration of the above non-director, highest paid employees fell within the band of Nil to HK\$1,000,000 in both years.

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the highest paid, non-director employees as an inducement to join, or upon joining the Group, or as compensation for loss of office.



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II. TAXATION

- a) Taxation in the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax for the year	–	27

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for at 17.5% (2003: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year. Taxation for overseas subsidiaries is similarly charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant countries.

- b) Reconciliation between taxation charge and the Group's accounting profit/(loss) at applicable tax rates is set out below:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	9	(5,045)
Calculated at a taxation rate of 17.5 per cent (2003: 17.5 per cent)	2	(883)
Tax effect of:		
– income not subject to taxation	(869)	–
– expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	277	266
– prior year's unrecognized deferred tax asset from impairment of land and building utilized in this year	(104)	(72)
– unrecognized deferred tax assets in respect of tax losses	694	716
Taxation charge	–	27

Note: The domestic tax rate in Hong Kong is used as it is where the operation of the Group is substantially based.

12. NET LOSS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The net loss from ordinary activities attributable to Shareholders dealt with in the financial statements of the Company was HK\$12,049,000 (2003: HK\$2,039,000).

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13. EARNINGS / (LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share was based on the net profit attributable to Shareholders for the year of HK\$9,000 (net loss attributable to shareholders in 2003: HK\$5,072,000) and the weighted average of 866,102,000 (2003: 285,535,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

Diluted earnings or loss per share for both years had not been presented as no diluting events existed during those years.

14. FIXED ASSETS

Group

	Medium term leasehold land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvement HK\$'000	Furniture and fixtures HK\$'000	Office equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost or valuation:						
At 1 January 2004	23,606	69	567	1,107	4,654	30,003
Addition	–	–	–	–	–	–
Disposal	–	–	–	–	(2,109)	(2,109)
At 31 December 2004	23,606	69	567	1,107	2,545	27,894
Accumulated depreciation and impairment:						
At 1 January 2004	15,686	69	567	1,105	4,654	22,081
Provided during the year	180	–	–	1	–	181
Written back on disposal	–	–	–	–	(2,109)	(2,109)
Write back of impairment loss	(4,960)	–	–	–	–	(4,960)
At 31 December 2004	10,906	69	567	1,106	2,545	15,193
Net book value:						
At 31 December 2004	12,700	–	–	1	–	12,701
At 31 December 2003	7,920	–	–	2	–	7,922



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14. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

The Group's medium term leasehold land and buildings carried at a net book value of HK\$12,700,000 (2003: HK\$7,920,000) have been pledged to secure banking facilities as set out in note 24.

A property valuation had been carried out by Vigers in respect of the Group's leasehold land and buildings. The Group's leasehold land and buildings were valued at HK\$12,700,000 (2003: HK\$7,920,000) on an open market basis. Therefore, the amount of write back of impairment loss recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account during the year was HK\$4,960,000.

Other fixed assets are stated at cost.

15. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January	–	11,500
Disposal	–	(11,500)
Balance at 31 December	–	–

In last year, the Group disposed of all of the Group's investment properties at a consideration of HK\$2,800,000 and HK\$8,500,000 respectively. The proceeds of disposals were used for partial repayments of bank overdrafts.

16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	76,309	76,309
Amounts due from subsidiaries	73,231	62,398
Impairment loss	149,540 (149,540)	138,707 (138,707)
	–	–

The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free, and have no fixed terms of repayment.

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16. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Details of the principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of company	Place of incorporation/ registration and operation	Nominal value of issued/ registered share capital	Attributable equity interest		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Victory Group (BVI) Limited [#]	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary HK\$100,000	100%	–	Investment holding
Victory Motors Centre Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$1,000 Non-voting deferred HK\$3,000,000	–	100%	Trading of automotive products
Victory Realty Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$10,000	–	100%	Dormant
Hong Kong Waho Development Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$1,000,000	–	100%	Property holding
Waret Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$2	–	100%	Dormant
Victory (Tianjian) International Trading Limited**	The PRC	US\$1,000,000	–	100%	Dormant
Victory H-Tech Company Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$100,000	–	100%	Dormant

* Wholly foreign-owned enterprise

Not audited by Fan, Mitchell & Co.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affect the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.



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17. INTEREST IN A FORMER ASSOCIATE

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	–	–
Goodwill written off to the profit and loss account	–	–
Carrying amount	–	–

The former associate, eSolutions was being wound up by court order dated 9 January 2002. On this date eSolutions ceased to be an associate as the Group ceased to have significant influence over it.

eSolutions was dissolved with effect from 2 January 2004 pursuant to the Order of the Court of First Instance of the High Court dated 2 January 2004.

The Group's share of loss up to the date of the court order to dissolve the associate exceeded the carrying amount of the investment, which was reported at nil value, and therefore, the Group had not included its share of loss of the associate, which was in accordance with paragraph 20 of SSAP No. 10. The Group had no commitment to provide financial support to any associated company.

Details of the Group's interest in the former associate are as follows:

Name of the former associate	Place of incorporation & operation	Particulars of issued & paid up capital	Proportion of ownership interest		
			Group's effective interest	Held by the company	Held by subsidiary
eSolutions (wound up on 2 January 2004)	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	48%	–	48%

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18. INVENTORIES

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Finished goods	369	369
Less: write-off of inventories	(369)	–
Finished goods	–	369

At 31 December 2004, all of the inventories held under the custody and control of a third party was written off and recognised as an expense in the consolidated profit and loss account as the Company has lost contact with the custodian and no other information was available to ascertain the chance of recovering the inventories.

The carrying amount of the Group's inventories at net realisable value was nil (2003: HK\$369,000).

19. TRADE RECEIVABLES, PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Trade receivables, prepayments, deposits and other receivables	125	275	73	119

All of the trade receivables, prepayments, deposits and other receivables are expected to be recovered within one year.



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19. TRADE RECEIVABLES, PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables (net of specific provisions for bad and doubtful debts) with the following aging analysis:

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Current	–	–	–	–
More than 1 year	–	87	–	–
	–	87	–	–
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	125	188	73	119
	125	275	73	119

Normally, debts are due within 28 days from the date of billing. Debtors with balances that are more than 3 months overdue are requested to settle all outstanding balances before any further credit is granted.

20. TRADE PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Trade payables, other payables and accruals	3,506	3,237	529	548

All of the trade payables, other payables and accruals are expected to be settled within one year.

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
More than 1 year	–	–	–	–
	–	–	–	–
Other payables and accruals	3,506	3,237	529	548
	3,506	3,237	529	548

Included in other payables was an amount of HK\$1,922,000 payable to an independent creditor. No interest was accrued by the management in accordance with a verbal agreement reached between the creditor and the directors of Victory Motors Centre Limited as set out in note 29(d).

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21. AMOUNTS DUE TO DIRECTORS

The amounts due to Directors are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

22. AMOUNT DUE TO A RELATED PARTY

The amount due to a related party is unsecured, interest free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

23. AMOUNT DUE TO A SUBSIDIARY

The amount due to a subsidiary is unsecured, interest free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

24. BANK BORROWINGS, SECURED

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Bank overdrafts	6,242	4,943	11	–
Bank loans	8,317	8,317	–	–
	14,559	13,260	11	–
Bank overdrafts repayable within one year, or on demand	6,242	4,943	11	–
Bank loans repayable:				
Within one year	8,317	8,317	–	–
In the second year	–	–	–	–
In the second to fifth years inclusive	–	–	–	–
Beyond five years	–	–	–	–
	8,317	8,317	–	–
Portion classified as current liabilities	14,559 (14,559)	13,260 (13,260)	11 (11)	–
Non-current portion	–	–	–	–

The Group's bank loans of HK\$8,317,000 (2003: HK\$8,317,000) and bank overdrafts of HK\$6,231,000 (2003: HK\$4,943,000) are secured by the leasehold land and buildings of the Group with an aggregate carrying value of HK\$12,700,000 (2003: HK\$7,920,000) at 31 December 2004.



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24. BANK BORROWINGS, SECURED (Continued)

Since the financial year ended 31 December 2002, the banker of the Group has frozen the banking facilities granted to the Company and certain subsidiaries due to their failure to keep up with the repayment schedules. As a result, all the outstanding balances of the interest-bearing bank borrowings are therefore classified as current liabilities, which are repayable within one year, or on demand.

In last year, the Group disposed of all of the Group's investment properties as set out in note 15 in consideration of HK\$2,800,000 and HK\$8,500,000 respectively. The proceeds of the disposals were used for partial repayments of the bank overdrafts. In this regard, the banker did not demand for immediate repayment of the bank borrowings up to the date of approval of the financial statements. Under this circumstance, the bank loans were not classified as short-term bank loan with maturity within three months in the consolidated cash flow statement.

25. DEFERRED TAXATION

(a) The Group

The components of deferred tax liabilities recognised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and the movements during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax arising from:	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Impairment of fixed assets HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2003	697	(215)	(482)	–
Charged/(credited) to consolidated profit and loss account	(414)	(72)	486	–
Effect of change in tax rate – charged/(credited) to consolidated profit and loss account	24	(20)	(4)	–
At 31 December 2003	307	(307)	–	–
At 1 January 2004	307	(307)	–	–
Charged/(credited) to consolidated profit and loss account	62	(62)	–	–
At 31 December 2004	369	(369)	–	–

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25. DEFERRED TAXATION (Continued)

At 31 December 2004, the Group had unused tax losses of HK\$113,744,000 (2003: HK\$110,014,000) available for offset against future profits. No deferred tax asset had been recognised in respect of such losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses can be carried forward indefinitely.

In addition, the Group had deductible temporary differences of HK\$8,919,000 (2003: HK\$13,893,000). Deferred tax assets had been recognised in respect of HK\$2,110,000 (2003: HK\$1,757,000) of such differences. No deferred tax assets had been recognised in respect of the remaining HK\$6,809,000 (2003: HK\$12,136,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams arising from such fixed assets.

(b) The Company

The Company has no material deferred taxation for the year and at the balance sheet date.

26. SHARE CAPITAL

	Company			
	No. of shares		Share capital	
	2004	2003	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	2,205,586,400	2,205,586,400	22,056	22,056
Issued and fully paid:				
At the beginning of the year				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 (2003: HK\$0.01) each	379,911,600	264,611,600	3,799	2,646
Placing	695,100,000	115,300,000	6,951	1,153
Right issue	—	—	—	—
At the end of the year				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	1,075,011,600	379,911,600	10,750	3,799



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26. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Details of the changes in the Company's share capital which occurred between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004 are as follows:

Placing

Pursuant to a resolution passed in the meeting of the Board on 4 February 2004, the Company issued by means of placing a total of new ordinary shares of 695,100,000 ordinary shares of HK0.01 each at a price of HK\$0.018 on 20 April 2004 to an independent investor and a related party, Winsley. The aggregate nominal value of the issued shares was HK\$6,951,000, the share premium arising on the issue of shares was HK\$5,561,000 and the share issue expenses amounted to HK\$646,000.

Share options

The Company operates a share option scheme ("the Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to employees including the executive directors of the Company or of its subsidiaries ("Eligible Participants") who contribute to the success of the Group's operations.

On 22 January 1998, the Company conditionally approved the Scheme under which the Directors may, at their discretion, grant options to Eligible Participants, to subscribe for shares of the Company during the 10 years from its date of approval. The Scheme became effective upon the listing of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange on 16 February 1998 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for 10 years from that date. No options have been granted since the approval of the Scheme.

Under the Scheme, the Directors may at their discretion grant options at HK\$1.00 per option to Eligible Participants to subscribe for shares at a price calculated in accordance with paragraph below.

The subscription price of the options may be determined by the Directors and shall be the higher of the nominal value of a share and 80 per cent of the average of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange on the five trading days immediately preceding the grant date of the options. The maximum number of shares over which options may be granted must not exceed 10 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time, excluding for this purpose shares issued pursuant to the Scheme. No options may be granted to any person which, if exercised in full, would result in the total number of shares already issued and issuable to him under the Scheme exceeding 25 per cent of the aggregate number of shares subject to the Scheme, at the time it is proposed to grant the relevant option to such person.

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27. RESERVES

Group

	Share premium account HK\$'000	Contributed surplus# HK\$'000	Enterprise expansion fund* HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2003	39,001	710	445	(165)	(56,065)	(16,074)
Arising on issue of shares	900	–	–	–	–	900
Share issue expenses	(203)	–	–	–	–	(203)
Exchange realignments	–	–	–	–	–	–
Loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(5,072)	(5,072)
At 31 December 2003 and at 1 January 2004	39,698	710	445	(165)	(61,137)	(20,449)
Arising on issue of shares	5,561	–	–	–	–	5,561
Share issue expenses	(646)	–	–	–	–	(646)
Exchange realignments	–	–	–	–	–	–
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	9	9
At 31 December 2004	44,613	710	445	(165)	(61,128)	(15,525)

The contributed surplus of the Group represents the excess of the nominal value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the reorganisation on 22 January 1998, over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange.

* The enterprise expansion fund is maintained, and annual allocations to the fund are made, in accordance with the Joint Venture Law of the PRC.



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27. RESERVES (Continued)

Company

	Share premium account HK\$'000	Contributed surplus# HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2003	39,001	64,809	(106,786)	(2,976)
Arising on issue of shares	900	–	–	900
Share issue expenses	(203)	–	–	(203)
Exchange realignments	–	–	–	–
Loss for the year	–	–	(2,039)	(2,039)
At 31 December 2003 and at 1 January 2004	39,698	64,809	(108,825)	(4,318)
Arising on issue of shares	5,561	–	–	5,561
Share issue expenses	(646)	–	–	(646)
Exchange realignments	–	–	–	–
Loss for the year	–	–	(12,049)	(12,049)
At 31 December 2004	44,613	64,809	(120,874)	(11,452)

The Company's contributed surplus represents the excess of the fair value of the subsidiary's shares acquired pursuant to the reorganisation on 22 January 1998, over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, a distribution may be made out of the contributed surplus in certain circumstances.

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28. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

a) Cash and cash equivalents

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances	2,777	1,357
Bank overdrafts, secured	(6,242)	(4,943)
	(3,465)	(3,586)

As explained in note 24, the bank loan of approximately HK\$8,317,000 at the balance sheet date was classified as current liabilities and was repayable within one year, or on demand. Because the Group, in last year, repaid partially the bank overdraft with the proceeds of disposal of all of the Group's investment properties, the banker did not demand for immediate repayment of the bank loan up to the date of approval of the financial statements. Under this circumstance, the bank loan was not classified as a bank loan with maturity within three months.

If the Group had failed to keep up with the repayment schedule, the banker would demand immediate repayment of the bank loan. Consequently, the bank loan would be classified as a short-term bank loan with maturity within three months and the cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2004 would be as follows:–

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances	2,777	1,357
Bank overdrafts, secured	(6,242)	(4,943)
Bank loan with maturity within 3 months	(8,317)	(8,317)
	(11,782)	(11,903)



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28. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)

b) Analysis of changes in financing:

	Share capital (including share premium) HK\$'000	Trust receipt loans, bank loans and overdrafts HK\$'000	(Repayment to)/ Advance from a related party HK\$'000	(Repayment to)/ Advance from Directors HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2003	41,647	23,409	7,776	2,200
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	1,850	(10,149)	(129)	(3)
Balance at 31 December 2003 and at 1 January 2004	43,497	13,260	7,647	2,197
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	11,866	1,299	(7,647)	–
Reclassification	–	–	2,197	(2,197)
Balance at 31 December 2004	55,363	14,559	2,197	–

29. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(a) At the balance sheet date, contingent liabilities not provided for in the audited financial statements were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Banking facilities guaranteed by the Company which were utilised by the subsidiaries	–	–	15,326	13,700

(b) Included in the bank borrowings was a mortgage bank loan with principal amount of HK\$8,317,000 as at 31 December 2004. There was no repayment from the Group since 14 November 2002. The accrued interest of HK\$778,000 (2003: HK\$440,000) was provided and included in the balance sheet as other payables and accruals. No further liabilities were provided for the late repayment as there had been no information available to quantify the further liability arisen from the late repayment, any penalty charge and other liability if any thereof.

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29. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

- (c) Included in the bank borrowings was a bank overdraft of HK\$6,231,000 as at 31 December 2004. There was no repayment from the Group since August 2003. The accrued interest of HK\$1,288,000 was provided and included in the bank overdraft. No further liabilities were provided for the non-repayment as there had been no information available to quantify the further liability arisen from the non-repayment, any penalty charge and other liability if any thereof.
- (d) Included in other payables was an outstanding loan of HK\$1,922,000 to an independent creditor. The outstanding amount has been brought forward for many years. However, the amount confirmed by the creditor as stated in the audit confirmation was HK\$3,200,000 for the year ended 31 December 2004. That sum included an accumulated interest amount of HK\$1,278,000 which interest amount was without any contractual or legal basis and was without any written or supporting documents. No accrued interest had been provided in the financial statements since year 1997 in accordance with a verbal agreement reached between the creditor and the directors of Victory Motors Centre Limited. In addition, the Group did not enter into any written agreement with the creditor regarding the repayment terms, interest charge or security over the loan. Based on the legal advice, no interest shall be charged or payable on the said loan as an oral agreement is enforceable and binding even though the audit confirmation included the interest amount.

30. LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

The Group leases out a portion of the land and building, which is used as its operating premises, to a third party under operating lease. The original terms of the lease ran for 2 years from 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2005.

During the current year, HK\$200,000 (2003: HK\$50,000) was recognised as rental income in the profit and loss account in respect of operating lease.

At 31 December 2004, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are receivable as follows:

	Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Within 1 year	150	200
After 1 year but within 5 years	–	150
	150	350



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31. SEGMENT REPORTING

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business and geographical segments. Business segment information is chosen as the primary reporting format because this is more relevant to the Group in making operating and financial decisions.

In respect of geographical segment reporting, turnover is based on the country in which the customers are located.

a) Business Segments

The Group comprises the following main business segments:

Trading of automotive products

Property investment – leasing of office premises

	2004				
	Trading of automotive products HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Inter-segment elimination HK\$'000	Group HK\$'000
Segment revenue					
Revenue from external customers	2,040	200	–	–	2,240
Inter-segment revenue	–	720	–	(720)	–
Other revenue from external customers	404	–	–	–	404
Other revenue – write back of impairment loss on leasehold land and building	–	4,960	–	–	4,960
Total	2,444	5,880	–	(720)	7,604
Segment result	(2,675)	5,687	(1,371)	–	1,641
Inter-segment transactions	720	(720)	–	–	–
Contribution/(Loss) from operations	(1,955)	4,967	(1,371)	–	1,641
Interest income					1
Loss on disposal of investment properties					–
Finance costs					(1,633)
Profit before taxation					9
Taxation					–
Profit attributable to shareholders					9
Segment assets	1,790	12,749	1,065	–	15,604
Tax recoverable					–
Total assets					15,604
Segment liabilities	8,444	584	3,008	–	12,036
Bank loan					8,317
Tax liabilities					25
Total liabilities					20,378
Other information					
Bad debts recovered	312	–	–	–	312
Bad debts written off	–	–	–	–	–
Provision for doubtful debts	–	–	–	–	–
Depreciation and amortization for the year	(1)	(180)	–	–	(181)
Capital expenditure	–	–	–	–	–
Write-off of inventories	(369)	–	–	–	(369)
Write-down of inventories	–	–	–	–	–
Disposal of investment properties	–	–	–	–	–

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31. SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

	2003				
	Trading of automotive products HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Inter-segment elimination HK\$'000	Group HK\$'000
Segment revenue					
Revenue from external customers	5,166	50	–	–	5,216
Inter-segment revenue	–	720	–	(720)	–
Other revenue from external customers	382	11	–	–	393
Other revenue – write back of impairment loss on leasehold land and building	–	–	–	–	–
Total	5,548	781	–	(720)	5,609
Segment result	(2,680)	433	(1,099)	–	(3,346)
Inter-segment transactions	720	(720)	–	–	–
Loss from operations	(1,960)	(287)	(1,099)	–	(3,346)
Interest income					8
Loss on disposal of investment properties					(285)
Finance costs					(1,422)
Loss before taxation					(5,045)
Taxation					(27)
Loss attributable to shareholders					(5,072)
Segment assets	632	7,973	1,318	–	9,923
Tax recoverable					–
Total assets					9,923
Segment liabilities	7,224	611	10,396	–	18,231
Bank loan					8,317
Tax liabilities					25
Total liabilities					26,573
Other information					
Bad debts recovered	288	–	–	–	288
Bad debts written off	(28)	–	–	–	(28)
Provision for doubtful debts	(81)	–	–	–	(81)
Depreciation and amortization for the year	(2)	(180)	–	–	(182)
Capital expenditure	(3)	–	–	–	(3)
Write-off of inventories	–	–	–	–	–
Write-down of inventories	(369)	–	–	–	(369)
Disposal of investment properties	–	11,500	–	–	11,500



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31. SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

Segment assets consist primarily of fixed assets, properties, inventories, receivables, net of allowance and provisions and operating cash, while most such assets can be directly attributed to individual segments. Segment liabilities comprise bank overdrafts and operating liabilities.

Inter-segment revenue eliminated on consolidation represents inter-company rental charges on a property owned by the Group. Inter-segment transactions are conducted at arm's length.

b) Geographical Segments

The Group's operations are located in Hong Kong and the PRC. The Group's trading of automotive products is carried out in Hong Kong and the PRC. Property investment is located in Hong Kong.

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers. Segment assets and capital expenditure are based on the geographical location of assets.

	Hong Kong		The PRC		Group	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Turnover	200	932	2,040	4,284	2,240	5,216
Segment assets	14,614	8,812	990	1,111	15,604	9,923
Capital expenditure	–	3	–	–	–	3

32. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) Pursuant to the subscription agreement entered into between Winsley and the Company on 4 February 2004, Winsley agreed to subscribe for 430,000,000 shares of the Company at HK\$0.018 each. The consideration of HK\$7,740,000 was satisfied by as to HK\$7,647,163 by setting off against amount owed by the Group to Winsley and the remaining amount of HK\$92,837 by cash.

After the completion of the transaction, Winsley holds 40% of the entire issued share capital of the Company.

- (b) At the balance sheet date, the outstanding balance due to Madam Lam amounted to HK\$2,197,000. The amount is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

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33. RETIREMENT SCHEME

The Group operates a MPF scheme under the Hong Kong MPF Ordinance for employees employed under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance. The MPF scheme is a defined contribution retirement scheme administered by an independent trustee. Under the MPF scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at 5 per cent of the employees' relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of HK\$20,000. Contributions to the scheme vest immediately.

During the year ended 31 December 2004, the gross aggregate amount of employer's contribution made by the Group to the MPF scheme was approximately HK\$48,000 (2003: HK\$54,000). As at 31 December 2004 and 2003, there was no forfeited contribution available to reduce future contribution.

34. COMMITMENTS

The Group's commitments outstanding at 31 December and not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Contracted for:				
Legal and advisory expenditure	–	170	–	170

35. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 13 January 2005, the Board was informed by Forex, a substantial Shareholder, that 237,960,000 shares, representing 22.14% of the entire issued share capital of the Company, were disposed of in the open market during the period from 5 January 2005 to 7 January 2005. Before and after the disposal, Forex held 265,100,000 and 27,140,000 shares of the Company, representing 24.66% and 2.52% of the entire issued share capital of the Company, respectively.

Forex, an investment holding company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Shao Jianxiong, who is not connected with the directors, the chief executives, the substantial shareholders of the Company and any of their respective associates.

There was no change in control of the Company either before or after the disposal.

36. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 April 2005.

