

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Year ended 31 December 2004

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2004</b> <b>HK\$</b>	2003 HK\$ (Restated)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Profit before tax		<b>11,453,118</b>	31,267,628
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	10	<b>37,724</b>	48,576
Bank interest income	5	<b>(1,001,039)</b>	(2,653,598)
Dividend income	5	<b>(1,952,040)</b>	(1,743,522)
Share of profits of associates/jointly-controlled entities		<b>(13,034,904)</b>	(18,850,212)
Write-back of impairment provisions for long term investments		–	(5,382,802)
Net realised gains on disposal of long term investments	7	<b>(9,505,773)</b>	–
Provision for claims	7	–	4,000,000
Depreciation	7	<b>4,347,034</b>	6,533,525
Amortisation	7	<b>3,875,650</b>	3,875,650
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and bad debt written off		<b>8,689,753</b>	–
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	7	<b>566</b>	3,099
Operating profit before working capital changes		<b>2,910,089</b>	17,098,344
Decrease/(increase) in short term investments	32	<b>23,568,066</b>	(19,800,707)
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable	21	<b>231,220,215</b>	(496,884,861)
Decrease in loans and advances		<b>126,418,719</b>	1,404,922
Decrease/(increase) in deposits, prepayments and other receivables		<b>(2,265,083)</b>	1,019,063
Decrease/(increase) in bank balances held on behalf of customers		<b>324,871,595</b>	(597,395,820)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable		<b>(561,077,716)</b>	1,127,508,196
Increase/(decrease) in other payables and accruals	21	<b>(8,561,004)</b>	11,717,005
Cash generated from operations		<b>137,084,881</b>	44,666,142
Bank interest received		<b>1,001,039</b>	2,653,598
Interest paid		<b>(37,724)</b>	(48,576)
Dividends received from listed equity investments		<b>1,952,040</b>	1,743,522
Dividend received from an associate/a jointly-controlled entity		<b>23,527,048</b>	26,847,438
Hong Kong profits tax refunded		<b>192,297</b>	491,332
Net cash inflow from operating activities – page 26		<b>163,719,581</b>	76,353,456

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Net cash inflow from operating activities – page 25		<b>163,719,581</b>	76,353,456
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of long term investments		<b>19,872,890</b>	–
Increase in other assets		<b>(1,139,071)</b>	(402,543)
Purchases of fixed assets	15	<b>(616,973)</b>	(373,759)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		<b>4,860</b>	3,000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<b>18,121,706</b>	(773,302)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of bank loans		<b>(106,475,170)</b>	(35,264,674)
Repayment of other loans		–	(30,000,000)
Dividend paid		<b>(10,615,183)</b>	(5,307,591)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<b>(117,090,353)</b>	(70,572,265)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		<b>64,750,934</b>	5,007,889
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<b>37,707,651</b>	32,699,762
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		<b>102,458,585</b>	37,707,651
<b>ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash and bank balances	26	<b>90,950,685</b>	25,282,822
Time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired	26	<b>11,507,900</b>	12,424,829
		<b>102,458,585</b>	37,707,651