Notes to Financial Statements

31 December 2004

1. **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

The principal place of business of Peaktop International Holdings Limited is located at 16th Floor, Tower II, Enterprise Square, 9 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong. During the year, the Group was involved in the design, manufacture and sale of home, garden and plastic decorative products.

2. **IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")**

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants 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 Group has already commenced on assessment of the impact of these new HKFRSs but is not yet in a position to state whether these new HKFRSs would have a significant impact on its results of operations and financial position.

3. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (which also include Statements of Standard Accounting Practice and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 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 periodic remeasurement of investment properties and certain fixed assets, as further explained below.

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 intercompany transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests represent the interests of outside shareholders in the results and net assets of the Company's subsidiaries.

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

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:

(a) from 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;

(b) interest income, on a time proportion basis taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective interest rate applicable; and

(c) rental income, on a time proportion basis over the lease terms.

Dividends

Final dividends proposed by the directors are classified as a separate allocation of retained profits within the capital and reserves section of the balance sheet, until they have been approved by the shareholders in a general meeting. When these dividends have been approved by the shareholders and declared, they are recognised as a liability.

Interim dividends are simultaneously proposed and declared, because the Company's memorandum and articles of association grant the directors the authority to declare interim dividends. Consequently, interim dividends are recognised immediately as a liability when they are proposed and declared.

Joint venture companies

A joint venture company is a company set up by contractual arrangement, whereby the Group and other parties undertake an economic activity. The joint venture company operates as a separate entity in which the Group and the other parties have an interest.

The joint venture agreement between the venturers stipulates the capital contributions of the joint venture parties, the duration of the joint venture and the basis on which the assets are to be realised upon its dissolution. The profits and losses from the joint venture company's operations and any distributions of surplus assets are shared by the venturers, either in proportion to their respective capital contributions, or in accordance with the terms of the joint venture agreement.

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

Joint venture companies *(continued)*

A joint venture company is treated as:

(a) a subsidiary, if the Group has unilateral control, directly or indirectly, over the joint venture company;

(b) a jointly-controlled entity, if the Group does not have unilateral control, but has joint control, directly or indirectly, over the joint venture company;

(c) an associate, if the Group does not have unilateral or joint control, but holds, directly or indirectly, generally not less than 20% of the joint venture company's registered capital and is in a position to exercise significant influence over the joint venture company; or

(d) a long term investment, if the Group holds, directly or indirectly, less than 20% of the joint venture company's registered capital and has neither joint control of, nor is in a position to exercise significant influence over, the joint venture company.

Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is a company whose financial and operating policies the Company controls, directly or indirectly, so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries are included in the Company's profit and loss account to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

Associates

An associate is a company, not being a subsidiary or a jointly-controlled entity, in which the Group has a long term interest of generally not less than 20% of the equity voting rights and over which it is in a position to exercise significant influence.

The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and reserves of associates is included in the consolidated profit and loss account and consolidated reserves, respectively. The Group's interests in associates are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses. Goodwill or negative goodwill arising from the acquisition of associates is included as part of the Group's interests in associates.

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

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries and associates represents the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the Group's share of the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired as at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised in the consolidated balance sheet as an asset and amortised on the straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 10 years. In the case of associates, any unamortised goodwill is included in the carrying amount thereof, rather than as a separately identified asset on the consolidated balance sheet.

On disposal of subsidiaries and associates, the gain or loss on disposal is calculated by reference to the net assets at the date of disposal, including the attributable amount of goodwill which remains unamortised and any relevant reserves, as appropriate.

The carrying amount of goodwill is reviewed annually and written down for impairment when it is considered necessary. A previously recognised impairment loss for goodwill is not reversed unless the impairment loss was caused by a specific external event of an exceptional nature that was not expected to recur, and subsequent external events have occurred which have reversed the effect of that event.

Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries and associates represents the excess of the Group's share of the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired as at the date of acquisition, over the cost of the acquisition.

To the extent that negative goodwill relates to expectations of future losses and expenses that are identified in the acquisition plan and that can be measured reliably, but which do not represent identifiable liabilities as at the date of acquisition, that portion of negative goodwill is recognised as income in the consolidated profit and loss account when the future losses and expenses are recognised.

To the extent that negative goodwill does not relate to identifiable expected future losses and expenses as at the date of acquisition, negative goodwill is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account on a systematic basis over the remaining average useful life of the acquired depreciable/ amortisable assets. The amount of any negative goodwill in excess of the fair values of the acquired non-monetary assets is recognised as income immediately.

On disposal of subsidiaries and associates, the gain or loss on disposal is calculated by reference to the net assets at the date of disposal, including the attributable amount of negative goodwill which has not been recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account and any relevant reserves as appropriate.

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

Impairment of assets

An assessment is made at each balance sheet date of whether there is any indication of impairment of any asset, or whether there is any indication that an impairment loss previously recognised for an asset in prior years may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is calculated as the higher of the asset's value in use or its net selling price.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, when the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of an asset, however not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation/ amortisation), had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

A reversal of an impairment loss is credited to the profit and loss account in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, when the reversal of the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets, other than investment properties and construction in progress are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and any 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 the fixed asset, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost of that asset.

Changes in the values of fixed assets, other than investment properties, are dealt with as movements in the asset revaluation reserve. If the total of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, on an individual asset 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 a revalued asset, the relevant portion of the revaluation reserve realised in respect of previous valuations is transferred to retained earnings as a movement in reserves.

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

Fixed assets and depreciation *(continued)*

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost or valuation of each asset, less any estimated residual value, over the following estimated useful lives:

Freehold land	Nil
Leasehold land	Over the lease terms
Buildings	20 to 40 years or over the lease terms, whichever is shorter
Leasehold improvements	3 to 10 years or over the lease terms, whichever is shorter
Plant and machinery	10 years
Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles	5 years
Moulds	2 years

Construction in progress represents a building under construction, which is stated at cost less any impairment losses, and is not depreciated. Cost comprises that direct costs of construction and capitalised borrowing costs on related borrowed funds during the period of construction. Construction in progress is reclassified to the appropriate category of fixed assets when completed and ready for use.

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.

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 their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length. Such properties 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 values 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.

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

Intangible assets

(a) *Research and development costs*

All research costs are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Expenditure incurred on projects to develop new products is capitalised and deferred only when the projects are clearly defined; the expenditure is separately identifiable and can be measured reliably; there is reasonable certainty that the projects are technically feasible; and the products have commercial value. Product development expenditure which does not meet these criteria is expensed when incurred.

Deferred development costs are stated at cost less any impairment losses and are amortised using the straight-line basis, over the commercial useful lives of the underlying products of generally two to five years, commencing in the year when the products are put into commercial production.

(b) *Deferred expenses*

Payments made to customers as consideration for their long term commitments to purchase exclusively from the Group are recorded as deferred expenses. The deferred expenses are capitalised only when it is expected that future economic benefits will flow to the Group.

Deferred expenses are stated at cost less any impairment losses and are amortised, using the straight-line method, over the terms of the underlying contracts.

(c) *Patents*

Purchased patents are stated at cost less any impairment losses and are amortised on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of five years.

Investments

Investment securities are securities which are intended to be held on a continuing basis for an identified long term purpose and are stated at cost less any impairment losses, on an individual investment basis.

When impairments in values have occurred, the carrying amounts of the securities are reduced to their fair values, as estimated by the directors, and the amounts of the impairments are charged to the profit and loss account for the period in which they arise. When the circumstances and events which led to the impairments in values cease to exist and there is persuasive evidence that the new circumstances and events will persist for the foreseeable future, the amounts of the impairments previously charged are credited to the profit and loss account to the extent of the amounts previously charged.

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

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis and, in the case of work in progress and finished goods, comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of manufacturing overheads. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.

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 leased 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 estimated 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.

Assets acquired through hire purchase contracts of a financing nature are accounted for as finance leases, but are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Leases where substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Where the Group is the lessor, assets leased by the Group under operating leases are included in non-current assets, and rentals receivable under the operating leases are credited to the profit and loss account on the straight-line basis over the lease terms. Where the Group is the lessee, rentals payable under the operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

Cash and Cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

For the purpose of the balance sheet, cash and bank balances comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, which are not restricted as to use.

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

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.

Foreign currencies

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

On consolidation, the financial statements of overseas subsidiaries, associates and overseas branches are translated into Hong Kong dollars using the net investment method. The profit and loss accounts of overseas subsidiaries, associates and overseas branches are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year, and their balance sheets are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting translation differences are included in the exchange fluctuation reserve.

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, the cash flows of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the cash flows. Frequently recurring cash flows of overseas subsidiaries which arise throughout the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

Provisions

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the effect of discounting is material, the amount recognised for a provision is the present value at the balance sheet date of the future expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the discounted present value amount arising from the passage of time is included in finance costs in the profit and loss account.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, i.e. assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. The capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

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

Employee benefits

(a) *Paid leave carried forward*

The Group provides paid annual leave to its employees under their employment contracts on a calendar year basis. Under certain circumstances, such leave which remains untaken as at the balance sheet date is permitted to be carried forward and utilised by the respective employees in the following year. An accrual is made at the balance sheet date for the expected future cost of such paid leave earned during the year by the employees and carried forward.

(b) *Employment Ordinance long service payments*

Certain of the Group's employees have completed the required number of years of service to the Group in order to be eligible for long service payments under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance in the event of the termination of their employment. The Group is liable to make such payments in the event that such a termination of employment meets the circumstances specified in the Employment Ordinance.

A contingent liability is disclosed in respect of possible future long service payments to employees, as a number of current employees have achieved the required number of years of service to the Group, to the balance sheet date, in order to be eligible for long service payments under the Employment Ordinance if their employment is terminated in the circumstances specified. A provision has not been recognised in respect of such possible payments, as it is not considered probable that the situation will result in a material future outflow of resources from the Group.

(c) *Retirement benefits scheme*

The Group operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, for those employees who are eligible to participate in the Scheme in Hong Kong. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' basic salaries and are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The Group's employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme, except for the Group's employer voluntary contributions, which are refunded to the Group when the employee leaves employment prior to the contributions vesting fully, in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme.

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

Employee benefits *(continued)*

(c) *Retirement benefits scheme (continued)*

Pursuant to the relevant regulations of the government of the Mainland China, subsidiaries of the Group operating in the Mainland China participate in a retirement funds scheme managed by a local social security bureau. Contributions made are based on a percentage of the eligible employees' basic salaries and are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable. The obligation of the Group with respect to the Mainland China retirement funds scheme is to pay these ongoing required contributions.

(d) *Share option scheme*

The Company operates a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. The financial impact of share options granted under the share option scheme 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 recorded in the profit and loss account or balance sheet for their cost. Upon the exercise of 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 are cancelled prior to their exercise date, or which lapse, are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the profit and loss account or in equity if it relates to items that are recognised in the same or a different period directly in equity.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences:

– except where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and

– in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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

Income tax *(continued)*

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised:

– except where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and

– in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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 deferred tax asset to be utilised. Conversely, previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented by way of two segment formats: (i) on a primary segment reporting basis, by geographical segment; and (ii) on a secondary segment reporting basis, by business segment. Information relating to geographical segments based on the location of customers and assets is chosen as the primary reporting format because it is considered by management to be more relevant to the Group in making operating and financial decisions.

Segment assets consist primarily of accounts receivable and exclude fixed assets, intangible assets, goodwill, investments, inventories, other receivables and operating cash.

An analysis of assets and capital expenditure based on the geographical location of assets is also presented as additional information.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

(a) Geographical segments by location of customers

	United States of America 2004 *HK$'000*	Europe 2004 *HK$'000*	Asia Pacific 2004 *HK$'000*	Others 2004 *HK$'000*	Consolidated 2004 *HK$'000*
Turnover	690,687	311,304	130,800	2,914	1,135,705
Segment results	74,385	14,815	14,192	587	103,979
Unallocated costs					(72,264)
Profit from operating activities					31,715
Finance costs					(21,832)
Profit before tax					9,883
Tax					(3,146)
Profit before minority interests					6,737
Minority interests					(316)
Net profit from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders					6,421
Segment assets	69,931	28,437	37,008	–	135,376
Unallocated assets					756,181
Total assets					891,557
Unallocated liabilities					644,769
Other segment information:					
Capital expenditure (unallocated)					
– Fixed assets					77,951
– Intangible assets					17,038
Amortisation of intangible assets (unallocated)					20,581
Depreciation (unallocated)					36,034
Provision for doubtful debts	647	4,095	307	–	5,049

4. **SEGMENT INFORMATION *(continued)***

(a) Geographical segments by location of customers *(continued)*

	United States of America 2003 *HK$'000*	Europe 2003 *HK$'000*	Asia Pacific 2003 *HK$'000*	Others 2003 *HK$'000*	Consolidated 2003 *HK$'000*
Turnover	378,796	307,450	129,033	4,889	820,168
Segment results	25,976	28,232	18,886	120	73,214
Unallocated costs					(72,845)
Profit from operating activities					369
Finance costs					(21,594)
Share of loss of an associate					(1,938)
Loss before tax					(23,163)
Tax					17,524
Loss before minority interests					(5,639)
Minority interests					(598)
Net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders					(6,237)
Segment assets	38,936	23,092	32,870	–	94,898
Unallocated assets					622,953
Total assets					717,851
Unallocated liabilities					478,325
Other segment information:					
Capital expenditure (unallocated)					
– Fixed assets					20,564
– Intangible assets					22,534
Amortisation of intangible assets (unallocated)					20,532
Depreciation (unallocated)					39,286
Provision for doubtful debts	3,001	3,511	1,234	–	7,746

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

(a) Geographical segments by location of assets

	Total assets 2004 HK$'000	Capital expenditure 2004 HK$'000
Asia Pacific	**557,312**	**65,508**
Europe	**228,196**	**7,288**
United States of America	**83,153**	**5,155**
	868,661	**77,951**
Unallocated assets	**22,896**	**17,038**
	891,557	**94,989**

	Total assets 2003 HK$'000	Capital expenditure 2003 HK$'000
Asia Pacific	439,475	11,668
Europe	226,936	8,470
United States of America	23,207	426
	689,618	20,564
Unallocated assets	28,233	22,534
	717,851	43,098

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION *(continued)*

(b) Business segments

	Outdoor decoration 2004 *HK$'000*	Indoor decoration 2004 *HK$'000*	Plastic injection 2004 *HK$'000*	Others 2004 *HK$'000*	Consolidated 2004 *HK$'000*
Segment revenue:					
Turnover	**522,361**	**523,171**	**79,436**	**10,737**	**1,135,705**
Segment assets	**531,004**	**182,050**	**81,775**	**37,142**	**831,971**
Unallocated assets					**59,586**
Total assets					**891,557**
Capital expenditure	**62,611**	**15,609**	**16,370**	**399**	**94,989**

	Outdoor decoration 2003 *HK$'000*	Indoor decoration 2003 *HK$'000*	Plastic injection 2003 *HK$'000*	Others 2003 *HK$'000*	Consolidated 2003 *HK$'000*
Segment revenue:					
Turnover	401,253	357,611	56,630	4,674	820,168
Segment assets	395,308	151,529	96,221	24,607	667,665
Unallocated assets					50,186
Total assets					717,851
Capital expenditure	22,464	10,808	9,696	130	43,098

5. TURNOVER, REVENUE AND GAINS

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods sold, net of discounts and returns.

Revenue from the sale of goods has been included in the Group's turnover. An analysis of other revenue and gains is as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Other revenue		
Interest income	**1,150**	1,465
Rental income	**1,294**	1,026
Sale of scrap materials	**909**	–
Recovery of bad debts	**815**	–
Others	**3,266**	4,781
	7,434	7,272
Gains		
Exchange gains, net	**5,255**	8,488
Negative goodwill recognised as income *(note 16)*	**10**	9
Gain on disposal of a long term investment	**851**	–
	6,116	8,497
	13,550	15,769

6. PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The Group's profit from operating activities is arrived at after charging:

	Notes	**2004** **HK$'000**	2003 HK$'000
Cost of inventories sold*		**747,783**	537,634
Staff costs (excluding directors' remuneration – note 7):			
Salaries and wages		**162,978**	145,392
Pension scheme contributions		**4,404**	3,901
Depreciation	14	**36,034**	39,286
Auditors' remuneration		**3,375**	2,004
Amortisation of intangible assets	15	**20,581**	20,532
Write-off of intangible assets**	15	**4**	816
Amortisation of goodwill**	16	**658**	1,510
Loss on disposal of fixed assets**		**2,164**	1,583
Provision for doubtful debts**		**5,049**	7,746
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries, net**		**2,902**	–
Minimum lease payments under operating leases in respect of land and buildings		**9,455**	8,847

* The "cost of inventories sold" includes HK$99,677,000 (2003: HK$94,195,000) relating to staff costs, depreciation, amortisation of intangible assets and operating lease rentals in respect of land and buildings, which are also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above for each of these types of expenses.

** These expenses are included in "Other operating expenses" on the face of the consolidated profit and loss account.

7. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules and Section 161 of the Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Executive directors:		
Fees	**–**	–
Basic salaries, housing, other allowances and benefits in kind	**7,981**	6,940
Pension scheme contributions	**389**	701
	8,370	7,641
Non-executive directors:		
Fees	**445**	516
	8,815	8,157

Fees to non-executive directors include HK$409,000 (2003: HK$360,000) payable to the independent non-executive directors. There were no other emoluments payable to the independent non-executive directors during the year (2003: Nil).

The number of directors whose remuneration fell within the following bands is as follows:

	Number of directors	
	2004	2003
Nil – HK$1,000,000	**9**	9
HK$1,000,001 – HK$1,500,000	**2**	2
HK$1,500,001 – HK$2,000,000	**1**	–
HK$2,000,001 – HK$2,500,000	**1**	–
HK$2,500,001 – HK$3,000,000	**–**	1

These was no arrangement under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year.

8. FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

The five highest paid employees during the year included four (2003: three) directors of the Company, details of whose remuneration are set out in note 7 above. Details of the remuneration of the remaining (2003: two) non-director, highest paid employees for the year are as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Basic salaries, housing, other allowances and benefits in kind	**820**	1,693
Pension scheme contributions	**12**	22
	832	1,715

The number of non-director, highest paid employees whose remuneration fell within the following band is as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2004	2003
Nil – HK$1,000,000	**1**	2

9. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable:		
Within five years	**19,513**	20,303
Over five years	**1,961**	889
Interest on finance leases	**553**	402
Total interest	**22,027**	21,594
Less: Interest capitalised	**(195)**	–
	21,832	21,594

10. TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2003: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Current year provision:		
Hong Kong	**802**	118
Elsewhere	**1,963**	2,277
Deferred, net – note 30	**(561)**	(16,411)
	2,204	(14,016)
Under/(over)provision in prior years:		
Hong Kong	**–**	–
Elsewhere	**942**	(3,508)
Total tax charge/(credit) for the year	**3,146**	(17,524)

10. TAX *(continued)*

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit/(loss) before tax using the statutory rates for the countries in which the Company and its subsidiaries and associates are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rates are as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Profit/(loss) before tax	**9,883**	(23,163)
Tax at domestic rates applicable to profits/losses in the countries concerned	**5,213**	2,661
Lower tax rate for specific provinces in Mainland China	**(737)**	(774)
Tax holiday	**(2,629)**	(2,849)
Effect on opening deferred tax of increase in rates	**–**	78
Adjustment in respect of current tax of previous periods	**942**	(3,508)
Income not subject to tax	**(49,546)**	(78,150)
Expenses not deductible for tax	**51,466**	81,728
Unrecognised tax losses	**5,725**	5,974
Tax losses utilised from previous years	**(6,562)**	(5,530)
Deferred tax liabilities principally arising from accelerated tax depreciation	**(410)**	2,410
Deferred tax assets arising from losses brought forward recognised during the year	**(151)**	(18,821)
Others	**(165)**	(743)
Tax charge at effective rate	**3,146**	(17,524)

In accordance with the relevant approval documents issued by the Mainland China tax authorities, certain subsidiaries of the Group operating in Mainland China are exempted from Mainland China corporate income tax for the first two profitable calendar years of operation and thereafter are eligible for a 50% relief from Mainland China corporate income tax for the following three years.

11. NET LOSS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2004 dealt with in the financial statements of the Company, was HK$2,348,000 (2003: HK$1,520,000) (note 33).

12. DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year (2003: Nil).

13. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on the net profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders for the year of HK$6,421,000 (2003: loss of HK$6,237,000) and 730,938,000 (2003: weighted average of 654,006,493) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

A diluted earnings/(loss) per share amount for the years ended 31 December 2004 and 2003 has not been disclosed as no diluting events existed during the years.

14. FIXED ASSETS

Group

	Land and buildings HK$'000	Investment properties HK$'000	Construction in progress HK$'000	Leasehold improvements HK$'000	Plant and machinery HK$'000	Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles HK$'000	Moulds HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Cost or valuation:								
At beginning of year	243,161	11,026	4,524	45,717	77,700	121,049	9,385	512,562
Additions	1,794	–	39,672	5,752	12,286	13,271	5,176	77,951
Disposal of subsidiaries	–	–	–	(668)	(16,587)	(6,259)	–	(23,514)
Disposals	–	–	–	(641)	(2,986)	(2,626)	(121)	(6,374)
Transfers	26,248	–	(28,270)	2,022	–	–	–	–
Transfer to investment properties	(8,370)	6,732	–	–	–	–	–	(1,638)
Exchange realignment	7,023	–	(7)	98	1,864	9,152	8	18,138
At 31 December 2004	**269,856**	**17,758**	**15,919**	**52,280**	**72,277**	**134,587**	**14,448**	**577,125**
Accumulated depreciation:								
At beginning of year	27,299	–	–	31,999	26,876	94,285	7,719	188,178
Provided during the year	8,607	–	–	5,028	8,346	11,460	2,593	36,034
Disposal of subsidiaries	–	–	–	(464)	(5,907)	(4,343)	–	(10,714)
Disposals	–	–	–	(641)	(914)	(1,400)	(121)	(3,076)
Transfer to investment properties	(1,638)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,638)
Exchange realignment	518	–	–	65	824	7,767	9	9,183
At 31 December 2004	**34,786**	**–**	**–**	**35,987**	**29,225**	**107,769**	**10,200**	**217,967**
Net book value:								
At 31 December 2004	**235,070**	**17,758**	**15,919**	**16,293**	**43,052**	**26,818**	**4,248**	**359,158**
At 31 December 2003	215,862	11,026	4,524	13,718	50,824	26,764	1,666	324,384
Analysis of cost and valuation:								
At cost	91,247	–	15,919	52,280	72,277	134,587	14,448	380,758
At valuation	178,609	17,758	–	–	–	–	–	196,367
	269,856	17,758	15,919	52,280	72,277	134,587	14,448	577,125

14. FIXED ASSETS *(continued)*

The Group's land and buildings included above are held under the following lease terms:

	Hong Kong	Elsewhere	Total
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*
At cost:			
Medium term leases	–	91,247	91,247
At valuation:			
Freehold	–	81,915	81,915
Medium term leases	29,095	67,599	96,694
	29,095	**240,761**	**269,856**

The net book value of the fixed assets of the Group held under finance leases included in the total amount of plant and machinery at 31 December 2004 amounted to HK$11,514,000 (2003: HK$11,089,000).

Prior to its transfer to land and buildings, the carrying amount of construction in progress included capitalised interest of HK$195,000 (2003: Nil).

The Group's leasehold land and buildings and investment properties in Hong Kong were revalued on an open market, existing use basis at 31 December 2004 by RHL Appraisal Ltd. ("RHL"), independent professionally qualified valuers. There was no material surplus or deficit arising therefrom. The freehold land in Germany at a carrying amount of HK$76,063,000 was revalued on an open market existing use basis at 31 December 2001 by Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Staubach, independent professionally qualified valuers. The directors considered that their carrying amounts did not differ materially from their fair values as at 31 December 2004. For the land and buildings in Mainland China, the directors considered that their carrying amounts together with the land premium to be paid upon the land and property certificates being granted, with reference to a valuation performed by RHL on a depreciated replacement cost basis at 31 December 2004, did not differ materially from their fair values as at 31 December 2004.

Had the Group's revalued land and buildings been carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, their carrying amounts would have been approximately HK$127,082,000 (2003: HK$90,361,000).

The Group's land and buildings, investment properties and construction in progress with a net book value of HK$229,725,000 (2003: HK$201,849,000) were pledged to the Group's bankers to secure banking facilities granted to the Group, as detailed in note 25 to the financial statements.

14. FIXED ASSETS *(continued)*

As at 31 December 2004, the Group is still in the process of obtaining the land and properties certificates for certain of its leasehold land and buildings with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK$29,787,000 (2003: HK$24,123,000).

The Group's investment properties are situated in Hong Kong and held under medium term leases. The investment properties are leased under operating leases which the Group earns rental income therefrom. Details of future annual rental receivables under operating leases are included in note 36 to the financial statements.

15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Group

	Deferred expenses	Deferred development costs	Patents	Total
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*
Cost:				
At beginning of year	12,447	29,026	7,830	49,303
Additions	–	16,836	202	17,038
Disposal of a subsidiary	–	(5,483)	–	(5,483)
Write-off	–	(16,070)	–	(16,070)
Exchange realignment	754	493	1	1,248
At 31 December 2004	**13,201**	**24,802**	**8,033**	**46,036**
Accumulated amortisation:				
At beginning of year	9,698	16,556	3,931	30,185
Amortisation	1,440	17,667	1,474	20,581
Disposal of a subsidiary	–	(2,466)	–	(2,466)
Write-off	–	(16,066)	–	(16,066)
Exchange realignment	754	234	–	988
At 31 December 2004	**11,892**	**15,925**	**5,405**	**33,222**
Net book value:				
At 31 December 2004	**1,309**	**8,877**	**2,628**	**12,814**
At 31 December 2003	2,749	12,470	3,899	19,118

16. GOODWILL AND NEGATIVE GOODWILL

The amounts of the goodwill and negative goodwill capitalised as an asset or recognised in the consolidated balance sheet, arising from the acquisition of subsidiaries, are as follows:

	Group	
	Goodwill	**Negative goodwill**
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Cost:		
At beginning of year	7,882	(100)
Disposal of a subsidiary	(526)	–
At 31 December 2004	**7,356**	**(100)**
Accumulated amortisation and impairment/(recognition as income):		
At beginning of year	2,875	(29)
Amortisation provided/(recognised as income) during the year	658	(10)
Disposal of a subsidiary	(400)	–
At 31 December 2004	**3,133**	**(39)**
Net book value:		
At 31 December 2004	**4,223**	**(61)**
At 31 December 2003	5,007	(71)

17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Unlisted shares, at cost	**75,331**	75,331
Provision for impairment	**(28,429)**	(28,429)
	46,902	46,902
Due from subsidiaries	**189,855**	189,272
	236,757	236,174

The balances with subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES *(continued)*

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued and paid-up share/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company	Principal activities
Peaktop Investment Holdings (B.V.I.) Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	Ordinary US$10,000	100	Investment holding
Peaktop Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK$100 Deferred* HK$18,720,000	100	Trading of giftware, gardening and water gardening products and investment holding
Fuqing Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Registered US$5,200,000	100	Manufacture and export of giftware, gardening and water gardening products
Luhe Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Registered US$1,050,000	100	Manufacture and export of giftware, gardening and water gardening products
Shenzhen Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Registered RMB80,000,000	100	Manufacture and export of giftware, gardening and water gardening products
Yu Hua (Zhong Shan) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Registered HK$9,999,800	100	Manufacture and distribution of water pumps

17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES *(continued)*

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries: *(continued)*

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued and paid-up share/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company	Principal activities
Yu Hua (Hong Kong) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK$10,000	100	Distribution of water pumps
Tai Hua (Zhong Shan) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	Registered HK$3,500,000	100	Manufacture and distribution of water pumps
Heissner AG	Germany	Ordinary Euro3,250,000	99.1	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products
Peaktop Europe GmbH**	Germany	Ordinary Euro255,646	99.1	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products and investment holding
Silk Road Gifts, Inc.**	United States of America	Ordinary US$95,000	100	Wholesale of giftware and stationery and development of new products
HPT Group (USA), Inc.**	United States of America	Ordinary US$5,001,500	100	Investment holding
Heissner UK Limited**	United Kingdom	Ordinary £210,000	99.7	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products

17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES *(continued)*

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries: *(continued)*

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Nominal value of issued and paid-up share/ registered capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company	Principal activities
Waterwerks Pty. Ltd.**	Australia	Ordinary AUD10,000	90	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products
Peaktop Technologies (USA) Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK$10,000	51	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products
Progress International Trading, Inc.**	United States of America	Ordinary US$300,000	100	In the process of winding up

Except for Peaktop Investment Holdings (B.V.I.) Limited, all of the above subsidiaries are indirectly held by the Company.

All the subsidiaries established in Mainland China were registered as wholly-owned foreign enterprises.

* The deferred shares carry no rights to dividends (other than a dividend at a fixed rate of 1% per annum on the excess of the net profits the Company may determine to distribute in respect of any financial year over HK$1,000,000,000,000,000), no rights to attend or vote at general meetings and no rights to receive any surplus assets in a return of capital in a winding-up (other than 1% of the surplus assets of the company available for distribution after a total of HK$100,000,000,000,000,000 has been distributed to the holders of the ordinary shares of the company in such winding-up).

** Not audited by Ernst & Young Hong Kong or other Ernst & Young International member firms.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected 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.

18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	Group 2004 HK$'000	2003 HK$'000
Share of net assets	**701**	650
Due from associates	**284**	330
	985	980
Provision for impairment	**(610)**	(584)
	375	396

The balances with associates are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

Particulars of the Group's principal associates are as follows:

Name	Business structure	Place of incorporation/ registration and operations	Percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group	Principal activities
Yuan Hua International Investment Company Limited**	Corporate	Hong Kong	30	Investment holding
Orchid Potteries Co. Limited**	Corporate	Thailand	25	Trading and manufacture of pottery

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

19. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

	Group 2004 HK$'000	Group 2003 HK$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	**4,500**	10,626
Provision for impairment	**–**	(6,178)
	4,500	4,448

20. INVENTORIES

	Group 2004 HK$'000	Group 2003 HK$'000
Raw materials	**82,363**	60,369
Work in progress	**39,430**	26,691
Finished goods	**122,582**	85,867
	244,375	172,927

No inventories were stated at net realisable value as at the balance sheet date (2003: Nil).

At 31 December 2004, the carrying amount of the Group's inventories of approximately HK$68,927,000 (2003: HK$49,112,000) was pledged to the Group's bankers to secure banking facilities granted to the Group as further detailed in note 25 to the financial statements.

21. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period is generally for a period of 45 to 90 days, extending up to 120 days for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

21. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE *(continued)*

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the balance sheet date, based on payment due date and net of provisions, is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Current	**92,611**	66,923
30 – 60 days	**23,428**	13,390
61 – 90 days	**9,597**	5,456
Over 90 days	**9,739**	9,129
	135,375	94,898

At 31 December 2004, trade receivables of the Group of approximately HK$22,540,000 (2003: HK$9,364,000) were pledged to the Group's bankers to secure banking facilities granted to the Group, as further detailed in note 25 to the financial statements.

22. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in the balance of the Group is the remaining sales proceeds of HK$3,120,000 receivable from Newa-Techno, an independent party of the Group, for the disposal of Peaktop Technologies Italy s.r.l. ("Peaktop Italy"). Pursuant to the sales and purchase agreement entered into between the Group and New-Techno, the Group disposed of the entire issued share capital of Peaktop Italy and a shareholder's loan in the sum of US$1,561,855 (equivalent to approximately HK$12,182,469) owing by Peaktop Italy to the Group for an aggregate consideration of US$800,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$6,240,000). In accordance with the sales and purchase agreement, the sales consideration of US$800,000 is to be settled as follows:

(i) US$400,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$3,120,000) was settled in cash;

(ii) US$250,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$1,950,000) will be satisfied by Newa-Techno providing, or procuring Peaktop Italy to provide, general research and development services in relation to water pumps used in the household indoor aquariums and water filtering systems to the Group on or before 31 December 2006; and

(iii) US$150,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$1,170,000) will be satisfied by Newa-Techno providing, or procuring Peaktop Italy to provide, a 15% discount on the aggregate purchase price of US$1,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$7,800,000) on water pumps, to the Group on or before 31 December 2006.

As at 31 December 2004, the research and development services and the purchase discount as stated in (ii) and (iii) above are recorded as other receivables in the consolidated financial statements.

23. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND PLEDGED DEPOSITS

		Group		Company	
		2004	2003	**2004**	2003
	Note	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Cash and bank balances		**60,831**	33,672	**9,234**	6,867
Time deposits		**11,613**	–	**1,002**	–
		72,444	33,672	**10,236**	6,867
Less: Pledged time deposits	*25*	**(3,111)**	–	**–**	–
Cash and cash equivalents		**69,333**	33,672	**10,236**	6,867

At the balance sheet date, the cash and bank balances of the Group denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") amounted to HK$6,892,000 (2003: HK$7,864,000). The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies. However, under Mainland China's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

24. INTEREST-BEARING BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand:		
Secured	**–**	4,951
Unsecured	**5,652**	6,371
	5,652	11,322
Bank loans:		
Secured	**212,914**	198,878
Unsecured	**23,311**	3,281
	236,225	202,159

The maturity of the bank loans is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Bank loans repayable:		
Within one year	**156,193**	124,612
In the second year	**50,252**	17,125
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	**23,483**	52,322
Over five years	**6,297**	8,100
	236,225	202,159
Portion classified as current liabilities	**(156,193)**	(124,612)
Long term portion	**80,032**	77,547

25. BANKING FACILITIES

The Group's bank loans, overdrafts and trust receipt facilities are secured by the following:

(i) corporate guarantees from the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company;

(ii) first legal charges on all the investment properties with a carrying amount of HK$17,758,000 (2003: HK$11,026,000), and certain leasehold land and buildings and freehold land of the Group with a net book value of approximately HK$205,724,000 (2003: HK$190,823,000) (note 14);

(iii) legal charges over certain of the Group's construction in progress of approximately HK$6,243,000 (2003: Nil);

25. BANKING FACILITIES *(continued)*

(iv) floating charges over certain of the Group's inventories and accounts receivable of approximately HK$68,927,000 (2003: HK$49,112,000) (note 20) and HK$22,540,000 (2003: HK$9,364,000) (note 21), respectively;

(v) floating charges over the assets of certain subsidiaries of the Group of HK$20,517,000 (2003: Nil); and

(vi) pledge over time deposits of US$400,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$3,111,000) (2003: Nil) (note 23).

26. FINANCE LEASE PAYABLES

The Group leases certain of its plant and machinery, equipment and motor vehicles for its manufacturing business in Mainland China and marketing activities in Australia. These leases are classified as finance leases and have remaining lease terms ranging from one to three years.

At 31 December 2004, the total future minimum lease payments under finance leases and their present values were as follows:

Group	**Minimum lease payments 2004 *HK$'000***	Minimum lease payments 2003 *HK$'000*	**Present value of minimum lease payments 2004 *HK$'000***	Present value of minimum lease payments 2003 *HK$'000*
Amounts payable:				
Within one year	**3,877**	3,694	**3,511**	3,553
In the second year	**2,559**	2,412	**2,385**	2,164
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	**1,462**	1,090	**1,404**	884
Total minimum finance lease payments	**7,898**	7,196	**7,300**	6,601
Future finance charges	**(598)**	(595)		
Total net finance lease payables	**7,300**	6,601		
Portion classified as current liabilities	**(3,511)**	(3,315)		
Long term portion	**3,789**	3,286		

27. ACCOUNTS AND BILLS PAYABLES

An aged analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the balance sheet date, based on payment due date, is as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Current	**77,664**	69,317
30 – 60 days	**32,603**	20,352
61 – 90 days	**33,960**	17,297
Over 90 days	**31,765**	15,528
	175,992	122,494

28. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

Included in the balance of the Group is an accrued sales commission of HK$23,009,000 payable to a minority shareholder of a subsidiary, Geoglobal Partners LLC ("Geoglobal"). The amount due to Geoglobal is unsecured, interest-free and repayable in normal commercial terms.

29. LOANS FROM DIRECTORS

Group and Company

The loans from directors are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable within one year.

30. DEFERRED TAX

The movements in deferred tax liabilities and assets during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax liabilities

Group

	2004			
	Accelerated tax depreciation *HK$'000*	**Revaluation of properties** *HK$'000*	**Others** *HK$'000*	**Total** *HK$'000*
At 1 January 2004	**2,270**	**14,370**	**740**	**17,380**
Deferred tax charged/(credited) to the profit and loss account during the year *(note 10)*	**(254)**	**(156)**	**–**	**(410)**
Exchange realignment	**118**	**1,294**	**–**	**1,412**
Gross deferred tax liabilities at 31 December 2004	**2,134**	**15,508**	**740**	**18,382**

Deferred tax assets

Group

	2004 **Losses available for offset against future taxable profit** *HK$'000*
At 1 January 2004	**20,819**
Deferred tax credited to the profit and loss account during the year *(note 10)*	**151**
Exchange realignment	**1,910**
Gross deferred tax assets at 31 December 2004	**22,880**
Deferred tax liabilities at 31 December 2004	**(1,422)**
Deferred tax assets at 31 December 2004	**5,920**
Net deferred tax assets at 31 December 2004	**4,498**

30. DEFERRED TAX *(continued)*

Deferred tax liabilities

Group

	2003			
	Accelerated tax depreciation *HK$'000*	Revaluation of properties *HK$'000*	Others *HK$'000*	Total *HK$'000*
At 1 January 2003	–	12,124	740	12,864
Deferred tax charged/(credited) to the profit and loss account *(note 10)*	2,498	(88)	–	2,410
Exchange realignment	(228)	2,334	–	2,106
Gross deferred tax liabilities at 31 December 2003	2,270	14,370	740	17,380

Deferred tax assets

Group

	2003 Losses available for offset against future taxable profit *HK$'000*
Deferred tax credited to the profit and loss account during the year *(note 10)*	18,821
Exchange realignment	1,998
Gross deferred tax assets at 31 December 2003	20,819
Deferred tax liabilities at 31 December 2003	(740)
Deferred tax assets at 31 December 2003	4,179
Net deferred tax assets at 31 December 2003	3,439

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit through utilisation against future taxable profits is probable. The Group has unutilised tax losses of approximately HK$105,429,000 (2003: HK$157,600,000) which will be carried forward for deduction against future taxable income. Estimated tax losses of approximately HK$1,522,000 (2003: HK$22,453,000) will expire within 1-20 years from 31 December 2004. The remaining portion of the tax losses, mainly relating to the companies in Hong Kong and Europe, can be carried forward indefinitely.

30. DEFERRED TAX *(continued)*

Deferred tax assets *(continued)*

At 31 December 2004, there was no significant unrecognised deferred tax liability (2003: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain of the Group's subsidiaries and associates as the Group has no liability to additional tax should such amounts be remitted due to the availability of double tax relief.

There are no income tax consequences attaching to the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders.

31. SHARE CAPITAL

Shares

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Authorised:		
1,000,000,000 (2003: 1,000,000,000) ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each	**100,000**	100,000
Issued and fully paid:		
730,938,000 (2003: 730,938,000) ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each	**73,094**	73,094

In 2003, the Group entered into two loan agreements in the amount of HK$3,900,000 and HK$7,800,000, respectively with Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Jade Investment Limited, respectively, a company beneficially owned by Mr. Ng Kin Nam, a director of the Company, and his spouse.

(a) Pursuant to the capitalisation of the loan agreement entered into between the Company and Mr. Lin Chun Kuei on 4 July 2003, 39,000,000 ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each were issued on 29 August 2003 at a subscription price of HK$0.10 each that was satisfied by capitalising the loan from such director amounted to HK$3,900,000.

(b) Pursuant to the capitalisation of the loan agreement entered into between the Company and Jade Investment Limited on 4 July 2003, 78,000,000 ordinary shares of HK$0.10 each were issued on 29 August 2003 at a subscription price of HK$0.10 each that was satisfied by capitalising the loan from such company amounted to HK$7,800,000.

The net proceeds, after deducting related expenses, were used as to approximately HK$5,460,000 for the repayment of bank borrowings of the Group. The remaining amounts of the net proceeds were used for the continuing research and development and to provide further working capital for the Group's operational purposes.

31. SHARE CAPITAL *(continued)*

A summary of the transactions during the year ended 31 December 2003 and 2004, with reference to the above movements in the Company's ordinary share capital, is as follows:

	Number of shares in issue	Issued share capital	Share premium account	Total
	'000	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*	*HK$'000*
At 1 January 2003	613,938	61,394	94,528	155,922
Issue of shares (a)	39,000	3,900	–	3,900
Issue of shares (b)	78,000	7,800	–	7,800
	730,938	73,094	94,528	167,622
Share issue expenses	–	–	(50)	(50)
At 31 December 2003 and 2004	**730,938**	**73,094**	**94,478**	**167,572**

Share options

Details of the Company's share option scheme are included in note 32 to the financial statements.

32. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme"). The purpose of the Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to the eligible participants in recognition of their contribution to the Group. Subject to the terms of the Scheme, the directors may, at their absolute discretion, invite employees of the Group, including executive directors, non-executive directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, suppliers, consultants, agents and advisers, whether on a contractual or honourary basis and whether paid or unpaid, who have contributed or will contribute to the Group to take up options to subscribe for shares.

The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted (together with options exercised and options then outstanding) at any time under this scheme shall not, when aggregated with any shares subject to any other schemes involving the issue or grant of option over shares by the Company, or for the benefit of the eligible participants, exceed such number of shares as shall represent 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the adoption date (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). Options that lapse in accordance with the terms of this scheme will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit unless the Company obtains a fresh approval from shareholders to renew the 10% limit provided that the maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme together with any options outstanding and yet to be exercised under the Scheme and any other schemes shall not exceed 30% of the issued shares from time to time.

32. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

The total number of shares issued and to be issued on the exercise of options granted and to be granted (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period up to the date of the grant of each eligible participant shall not exceed 1% of the total issued shares.

The offer of a grant of share option may be accepted for a period of 28 days from the date of offer. An option shall be deemed to have been accepted when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the option duly signed by the eligible participant together with the consideration of HK$1.00 is received by the Company.

The exercise price for shares will not be less than the higher of: (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of the grant, which must be a business day; and (ii) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of the grant.

An option may be exercised at any time during the period to be determined and identified by the board to each grantee at the time of making an offer for the grant of an option, but in any event no later than 10 years from the adoption date but subject to the early termination of the new share option scheme.

No share options were granted during the year and there are no outstanding share options under the Scheme at the balance sheet date (2003: Nil).

33. RESERVES

	Share premium account HK$'000	Contributed surplus HK$'000 (note a)	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK$'000	Asset revaluation reserve HK$'000	Statutory reserve HK$'000 (note b)	Retained profits HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Group							
At 1 January 2003	94,528	18,528	(4,957)	11,682	20,143	24,414	164,338
Share issue expenses *(note 31)*	(50)	–	–	–	–	–	(50)
Translation differences arising on consolidation of overseas subsidiaries and on translating the financial statements of an overseas branch	–	–	8,381	–	–	–	8,381
Net loss for the year	–	–	–	–	–	(6,237)	(6,237)
At 31 December 2003 and 1 January 2004	94,478	18,528	3,424	11,682	20,143	18,177	166,432
Translation differences arising on consolidation of overseas subsidiaries and on translating the financial statements of an overseas branch	–	–	2,594	–	–	–	2,594
Exchange fluctuation reserve released on disposal of subsidiaries *(note 34(a))*	–	–	(1,753)	–	–	–	(1,753)
Net profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	6,421	6,421
Transfer to reserve	–	–	–	–	1,353	(1,353)	–
At 31 December 2004	**94,478**	**18,528**	**4,265**	**11,682**	**21,496**	**23,245**	**173,694**

33. RESERVES *(continued)*

	Share premium account HK$'000	Contributed surplus HK$'000 (note a)	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK$'000	Asset revaluation reserve HK$'000	Statutory reserve HK$'000 (note b)	Retained profits HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Reserves retained by:							
Company and subsidiaries	94,478	18,528	4,265	11,682	21,496	23,312	173,761
Associates	–	–	–	–	–	(67)	(67)
At 31 December 2004	**94,478**	**18,528**	**4,265**	**11,682**	**21,496**	**23,245**	**173,694**
Reserves retained by:							
Company and subsidiaries	94,478	18,528	3,424	11,682	20,143	18,244	166,499
Associates	–	–	–	–	–	(67)	(67)
At 31 December 2003	94,478	18,528	3,424	11,682	20,143	18,177	166,432

	Share premium HK$'000	Contributed surplus HK$'000 (Note a)	Retained profits/ (Accumulated losses) HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Company				
At 1 January 2003	94,528	75,131	1,873	171,532
Share issue expenses *(note 31)*	(50)	–	–	(50)
Net loss for the year	–	–	(1,520)	(1,520)
At 31 December 2003 and 1 January 2004	94,478	75,131	353	169,962
Net loss for the year	–	–	(2,348)	(2,348)
At 31 December 2004	**94,478**	**75,131**	**(1,995)**	**167,614**

Notes:

(a) The contributed surplus of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital of the subsidiaries acquired and the nominal value of the share capital of the Company issued in exchange therefor in connection with the Group's reorganisation in 1997.

The contributed surplus of the Company represents the excess of the then combined net asset value of the subsidiaries acquired over the nominal value of the shares of the Company issued in exchange therefor. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, the contributed surplus of the Company is available for cash distribution and/or distribution in specie under certain circumstances prescribed by Section 54 thereof.

(b) In accordance with the relevant Mainland China regulations, subsidiaries of the Company established in Mainland China is required to transfer a certain percentage of its profits after tax, if any, to the statutory reserve. Subject to certain restrictions set out in the relevant Mainland China regulations, the statutory reserve may be used to offset accumulated losses of the subsidiary.

34. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Disposal of subsidiaries

	Note	**2004** **HK$'000**	2003 HK$'000
Net assets disposed of:			
Fixed assets		**12,800**	–
Intangible assets		**3,017**	–
Goodwill		**126**	–
Long term investment		**(37)**	–
Inventories		**11,133**	–
Accounts receivable		**7,024**	–
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		**1,095**	–
Tax recoverable		**274**	–
Cash and cash equivalents		**3,847**	–
Bank overdrafts		**(2,025)**	–
Bank loans		**(2,410)**	–
Trust receipt loans		**(6,539)**	–
Accounts and bills payables		**(6,485)**	–
Other payables and accruals		**(11,075)**	–
Tax payable		**(7)**	–
Minority interests		**(301)**	–
		10,437	–
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries, net	6	**(2,902)**	–
		7,535	–
Satisfied by:			
Cash		**3,291**	–
Other receivables		**3,120**	–
Accrued expenses incurred by the Group on the disposal of subsidiaries		**(629)**	–
Exchange fluctuation reserve released on disposal of subsidiaries *(note 33)*		**1,753**	–
		7,535	–

34. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT *(continued)*

(a) Disposal of subsidiaries *(continued)*

An analysis of the net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the disposal of subsidiaries is as follows:

	2004 HK$'000	2003 HK$'000
Cash consideration	3,291	–
Cash and bank balances disposed of	(3,847)	–
Bank overdrafts disposed of	2,025	–
Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the disposal of subsidiaries	1,469	–

The results of the subsidiaries disposed of in the year ended 31 December 2004 had no significant impact on the Group's consolidated turnover or profit after tax for that year.

(b) Major non-cash transactions

(i) During the year, the Group entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of fixed assets with a total capital value at the inception of the lease of HK$4,846,000 (2003: HK$4,228,000).

(ii) In 2003, the Group entered into two loan agreements in the amount of HK$3,900,000 and HK$7,800,000, respectively, with Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Jade Investment Limited. The loans were subsequently capitalised as share capital of the Company.

(iii) During the year, the Group capitalised interest expenses of HK$195,000 (2003: Nil) in fixed assets (note 14).

35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	**2004**	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Bills discounted with recourse	**36,973**	5,447	**–**	–
Standby letters of credit to an independent party	**7,800**	–	**–**	–
Guarantees of banking facilities granted to subsidiaries	**–**	–	**363,666**	255,381
Guarantees of finance leases granted to subsidiaries	**–**	–	**11,400**	26,400

At the balance sheet date, banking facilities granted to the subsidiaries subject to guarantees given to the banks by the Company were utilised to the extent of approximately HK$243,377,000 (2003: HK$140,912,000).

(b) At 31 December 2004, the Group had a number of current employees who have completed the required number of years of service to the Group under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance (the "Employment Ordinance") in order to be eligible for long service payments if their employment is terminated under certain circumstances. If the employment of all these employees were terminated on 31 December 2004 under circumstances meeting the requirements of the Employment Ordinance, the Group's contingent liability in respect of possible future long service payments at that date would have been approximately HK$1,115,000 (2003: HK$1,150,000). A provision has not been recognised in respect of such possible payments, as it is not considered probable that the situation will result in a material future outflow of resources from the Group.

36. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) As lessor

The Group leases its investment properties (note 14 to the financial statements) under operating lease arrangements, and the terms of the leases are two years. The terms of the leases generally also require the tenants to pay security deposits and provide for periodic rent adjustments according to the then prevailing market conditions.

At 31 December 2004, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants falling due as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Within one year	**1,074**	580
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	**566**	318
	1,640	898

(b) As lessee

The Group leases certain of its office and factory properties under operating lease arrangements which are negotiated for terms ranging from one to fifty years.

At 31 December 2004, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Within one year	**8,404**	6,621
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	**10,059**	12,823
Over five years	**45,609**	38,085
	64,072	57,529

37. COMMITMENTS

In addition to the operating lease commitments detailed in note 36 above, the Group had the following commitments at the balance sheet date:

	2004	2003
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Capital commitments contracted, but not provided for	**26,568**	21,127

The Company did not have any other significant commitments at the balance sheet date (2003: Nil).

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As at 31 December 2004, the Group had no outstanding interest rate swap contracts (2003: HK$7,796,000).

39. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions and balances set out elsewhere in these financial statements, during the year, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions.

(i) The Group has paid approximately HK$1,170,000 (2003: HK$1,170,000) of product design and research expenses to a company owned by Mr. Graeme Stanley Pope, a director of the Company, for the development of new products.

(ii) According to loan agreements dated 18 August 2004 entered into between the Group and each of Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, Mr. Ng Kin Nam and Mr. Andree Halim, directors of the Company, each of the directors advanced to the Company a loan of US$500,000 (approximately HK$3,900,000) to the Company. The loans are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable within one year. As at 31 December 2004, the loans advanced from directors amounted to HK$5,850,000.

(iii) Pursuant to an agreement dated 9 January 2004 (the "Agreement") entered into between the Group and Geoglobal, a company which holds 49% of the subsidiaries, Peaktop Technologies (USA) Hong Kong Limited and Peaktop Technologies (USA), Inc., the Group and Geoglobal agreed to share the net profit on those sales introduced by Geoglobal in accordance with the Agreement or in other proportion as agreed otherwise. During the year, the Group charged to the consolidated profit and loss account of such profit amounted to HK$41,018,000 in the form of sales commission. The accrued sales commission payable to Geoglobal amounted to HK$23,009,000 as at 31 December 2004.

The above related party transactions also constitute connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

40. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

(i) On 25 January 2005, the Group established a subsidiary, Peaktop (Vietnam) Limited, a limited liability company with registered capital and legal capital of US$2 million (equivalent to approximately HK$15,600,000) and US$700,000 (equivalent to approximately HK$5,460,000), respectively, in Vietnam. The principal activities of Peakop (Vietnam) Limited consisted of the manufacturing and exporting of candles.

(ii) On 6 January 2005, the Group filed documents in accordance with the Corporation Code of California to dissolve a subsidiary, Progress International Trading, Inc. (note 17).

(iii) On 29 March 2005, the Group entered into three loan agreements with Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, Mr. Andree Halim and Mr. Ng Kin Nam, directors of the Company. Pursuant to these agreements, each of the directors advanced a loan of US$750,000 (approximately HK$5,850,000) to the Company. The loans are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable on demand.

41. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 21 April 2005.