#### 1. **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 27th May 2002 under the Company Law (2002 Revision) (Cap. 22) of the Cayman Islands.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these accounts are set out below:

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and comply with accounting standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for short-term investments, as further explained below.

The HKICPA has issued a number of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("new HKFRSs") which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2005. The Group has not early adopted these new HKFRSs in the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2004. The Group has already commenced an 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.

#### (b) Group accounting

#### (i) Consolidation

The consolidated accounts include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st December.

Subsidiaries are those entities in which the Company, directly or indirectly, controls more than one half of the voting power; has the power to govern the financial and operating policies; to appoint or remove the majority of the members of the board of directors; or to cast majority of votes at the meetings of the board of directors.

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

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

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (b) Group accounting (Continued)

#### (i) Consolidation (Continued)

The gain or loss on the disposal of a subsidiary represents the difference between the proceeds of the sale and the Group's share of its net assets together with any unamortised goodwill or negative goodwill and any related accumulated foreign currency translation reserve.

Minority interests represent the interests of outside shareholders in the operating results and net assets of subsidiaries.

In the Company's balance sheet the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for impairment losses. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

#### (ii) Associated companies

An associated company is a company, not being a subsidiary or a joint venture, in which an equity interest is held for the long-term and significant influence is exercised in its management.

The consolidated profit and loss account includes the Group's share of the results of associated companies for the year, and the consolidated balance sheet includes the Group's shares of the net assets of the associated companies and goodwill (net of accumulated amortisation) on acquisition.

Equity accounting is discontinued when the carrying amount of the investment in an associated company reaches zero, unless the Group has incurred obligations or guaranteed obligations in respect of the associated company.

### (c) Fixed assets

#### (i) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Fixed assets are depreciated on the straight-line basis to write off their cost or accumulated impairment losses over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Long-term leasehold land and buildings outside Hong Kong

shorter of 25 years or over the lease terms

Plant, equipment and other assets

3 to 10 years

Improvements are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful lives to the Group.

### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Fixed assets (Continued) (c)

#### (ii) Impairment and gain or loss on sale

At each balance sheet date, both internal and external sources of information are considered to assess whether there is any indication that assets included in fixed assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and where relevant, an impairment loss is recognised to reduce the asset to its recoverable amount. Such impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

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

#### (d) Operating leases

Leases where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of assets remain with the leasing company are accounted for as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases net of any incentives received from the leasing company are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease periods.

#### (e) Intangibles

#### (i) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net assets of the acquired subsidiary or associated company at the date of acquisition and is amortised on a straight-line basis over the useful live of 20 years.

#### (ii) Research and development costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Costs incurred on development projects are recognised as an intangible asset where the technical feasibility and intention of completing the product under development has been demonstrated and the resources are available to do so, costs are identifiable and there is an ability to sell or use the asset that will generate probable future economic benefits. Such development costs are recognised as an asset and amortised on a straight-line basis over a period of not more than 5 years to reflect the pattern in which the related economic benefits are recognised. Development costs that do not meet the above criteria are expensed as incurred. Development costs previously recognised as an expense are not recognised as an asset in a subsequent period.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (f) Investments

### (i) Investments securities

Investment securities, represent investments in listed and unlisted equity securities which are intended to be held for a continuing strategic or long-term purposes, are stated at cost less any provision for impairment losses.

The carrying amounts of individual investments are reviewed at each balance sheet date to assess whether the fair values have declined below the carrying amounts. When a decline other than temporary has occurred, the carrying amount of such securities will be reduced to the fair value. The impairment loss is recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account. This impairment loss is written back to the profit and loss account when the circumstances and events that led to the write-downs or write-offs cease to exist and there is persuasive evidence that the new circumstances and events will persist for the foreseeable future.

### (ii) Short-term investments

Short-term investments are carried at their fair values as at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains or losses arising from the changes in fair values of these investments are recognised in the profit and loss account. Profits or losses on disposal of short-term investments, representing the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amounts, are recognised in the profit and loss account as they arise.

## (g) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, calculated on the first-in, first-out basis, comprises materials. Net realisable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

## (h) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising in these cases are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The balance sheets of subsidiaries and associated companies expressed in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date whilst the profit and loss accounts are translated at an average rate for the year. Exchange differences are dealt with as a movement in reserves.

### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Trade receivables (i)

Provision is made against trade receivables to the extent they are considered to be doubtful. Trade receivables in the balance sheet are stated net of such provision.

#### Cash and cash equivalents (i)

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### (k) **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

#### Contingent liabilities and contingent assets (I)

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. It can also be a present obligation arising from past events that is not recognised because it is not probable that outflow of economic resources will be required or the amount of obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent liability is not recognised but is disclosed in the notes to the accounts. When a change in the probability of an outflow occurs so that the outflow becomes probable, it will then be recognised as a provision.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent assets are not recognised but are disclosed in the notes to the accounts when an inflow of economic benefits is probable. When inflow is virtually certain, an asset is recognised.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (m) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the accounts. Taxation rates enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date are used to determine deferred taxation.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

### (n) Revenue recognition

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised on the transfer of risks and rewards of ownership, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered to customers and title has passed.

Management fee income is recognised on an accrual basis.

Securities trading income is recognised when the title has passed.

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis, taking into account the principal amounts outstanding and the interest rates applicable.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Employee benefits** (o)

#### (i) Employee leave entitlements

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, maternity and other non-accumulating compensated absences are not recognized until the time of leave.

#### (ii) Retirement benefit costs

The Group operates a defined contribution retirement benefits scheme (the "Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, for all those employees who are eligible to participate in the Scheme. The Scheme became effective on 1st December 2000. 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 Scheme. The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independent administered fund. The Group's employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the 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 Scheme.

The Company's subsidiaries in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") except Hong Kong are members of a state-managed retirement benefits scheme operated by the government of the PRC except Hong Kong. The retirement scheme contributions, which are based on a certain percentage of the salaries of the subsidiaries' employees, are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate and represent the amount of contributions payable by these subsidiaries to the Scheme.

#### (iii) Equity compensation benefits

Share options are granted to directors and to employees at a price determined in accordance with the Company's share option scheme on the date of the grant and are exercisable, at that price. No compensation expense is recognized. When the share option are exercised, the proceeds received net of any transaction costs are credited to share capital and share premium.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (p) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset.

All other borrowing costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred.

## (q) Segment reporting

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical segments as the secondary reporting format.

Unallocated costs represent corporate expenses. Segment assets consist primarily of intangible assets, fixed assets, inventories, receivables and operating cash, and mainly exclude investments in securities. Segment liabilities comprise operating liabilities. Capital expenditure comprises additions to fixed assets (note 11) and intangible assets (note 12).

In respect of geographical segment reporting, sales are based on the country in which the customer is located. Total assets and capital expenditure are where the assets are located.

#### 3. TURNOVER AND REVENUES

The Group is principally engaged in the trading of home audio and video equipment and components, securities trading, and provision of computer telephony integration engineering and IP related services. Revenues recognised during the year are as follows:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover:		
Sales of goods	18,180	16,362
Share trading	16,561	7,644
Provision of computer telephony integration		
engineering and IP related services	3,889	6,005
	38,630	30,011
Other revenues:		
Preference dividend income from an associated company	5,813	5,813
Commission income	65	671
Interest income	36	31
Management fee income from:		
Related companies	_	900
Associated companies	144	200
Others	212	160
Miscellaneous	10	62
	6,280	7,837
Total revenues	44,910	37,848

### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

### Primary reporting format - business segments

The Group is organised into three main business segments:

- (i) Home Audio trading of home audio and video equipment and components;
- (ii) Telecommunications provision of computer telephony integration engineering and IP related services; and
- (iii) Share Trading securities trading.

There are no sales between the business segments.

## 4. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

_	2004			
	Home Audio HK\$'000	Tele- communications <i>HK</i> \$'000	Share Trading HK\$'000	Total <i>HK</i> \$'000
Turnover	18,180	3,889	16,561	38,630
Segment results	(3,092)	(354)	1,249	(2,197
Write back unrealised loss of short-term investments Write-off of bad and doubtful debts Net gain on dilution of interest				3,946 (1,589
in an associated company Loss on sale of subsidiaries Provision for the deposit for investment in joint venture Unallocated costs			_	14,289 (836 (2,468 (2,552
Operating profit Finance costs Unallocated share of losses of an associated company			_	8,593 (2,563 (14,869
Loss before taxation Taxation			_	(8,839 (1,092
Loss after taxation Minority interests			_	(9,931 —
Loss attributable to shareholders			_	(9,931
Segment assets Investment in associated companies Unallocated assets	21,168	5,229	535	26,932 15,348 51,699
Total assets			_	93,979
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	32,313	755	1,534	34,602 5,468
			=	40,070
Capital expenditure Allocated Unallocated				_ 517
Depreciation Allocated Unallocated Amortisation	262	29	-	291 134 52

## 4. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

_	2003			
	Home Audio HK\$'000	Tele- communications <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share Trading HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Turnover	16,362	6,005	7,644	30,011
Segment results	(790)	(2,864)	4,056	402
Net unrealised loss of short-term investments Write back of provision of bad and doubtful debt Impairment loss on investment securities Net gain on dilution of interest				(3,946) 21,036 (44,508)
in an associated company Provision for bad debts Unallocated costs			_	11,503 (298) (11,895)
Operating loss Finance costs Unallocated share of losses of an associated company			_	(27,706) (4,634) (37,511)
Loss before taxation Taxation			_	(69,851) (195)
Loss after taxation Minority interests			_	(70,046) —
Loss attributable to shareholders			=	(70,046)
Segment assets Investment in associated companies Unallocated assets	827	8,417	4,073	13,317 15,837 104,114
Total assets			=	133,268
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	20	2,251	_	2,271 67,157
			=	69,428
Capital expenditure Allocated Unallocated		18		18 14
Depreciation Allocated Unallocated	8	2,778		2,786 671
Amortisation Write-off of development costs		368 92		368 92
Other non-cash expenses	124	50		174

### **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

## Secondary reporting format - geographical segments

The Group operates in two geographical areas:

(i) Hong Kong Trading of home audio and video equipment and components and

securities trading; and

(ii) Mainland China Provision of computer telephony integration engineering and IP related

services.

There are no sales between the geographical segments.

## Secondary reporting format - geographical segments

	2004			
		Segment	Total	Capital
	Turnover	results	assets	expenditure
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	34,741	8,947	71,766	517
Mainland China	3,889	(354)	6,865	
	38,630	8,593	78,631	517
Impairment loss on investment securities				
Operating profit		8,593		
Interests in associated companies		-	15,348	
		_	93,979	

## 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

# Secondary reporting format - geographical segments (Continued)

		2003		
		Segment	Total	Capital
	Turnover	results	assets	expenditure
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	24,006	19,666	109,014	14
Mainland China	6,005	(2,864)	8,417	18
	30,011	16,802	117,431	32
Impairment loss on investment securities		(44,508)		
Operating loss		(27,706)		
Interests in associated companies		_	15,837	
Total assets		_	133,268	

#### 5. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after crediting and charging the following:

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Crediting		
Net gain on disposal of fixed assets	_	26
Write-back of provision for inventory	116	_
Write-back of unrealised loss of short-term investments	3,946	_
Write-back of provision for bad and doubtful debts	-	21,036
VAT refund	323	21,000
Gain on redemption of preferred shares	_	5,793
Charging		
Cost of inventories sold	18,049	17,013
Cost of services provided	2,407	3,966
Depreciation	425	3,457
Auditors' remuneration	495	450
Loss on sale of subsidiaries	836	_
Staff costs (excluding directors' remuneration, note 10(a)):		
Wages and salaries	2,099	1,502
Unutilised annual leave	19	_
Termination benefits	58	_
Contributions to defined contribution		
Mandatory Provident Fund:		
Current year	73	71
Underprovided in prior year	57	
	2,306	1,573
Operating loans rentals:		
Operating lease rentals:	702	1.004
Land and buildings	703	1,324
Equipment	<u>-</u>	416
	703	1,740

## 5. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) (Continued)

	Group		
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Charging			
Amortisation of intangibles:			
Goodwill	52	104	
Development costs	_	368	
Write-off of development costs	_	92	
Write-off of inventories	112	_	
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	_	298	
Write-off of bad and doubtful debts	1,589	870	
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	47	_	
Net unrealised loss of short-term investments	_	3,946	
Provision for settlement of legal dispute	_	13,852	
Provision for the deposit for investment in joint venture	2,468	_	
Exchange losses, net	124		

## 6. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest expenses on:		
Short-term loan	396	2,166
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary		
— wholly repayable within five years	2,167	2,468
	2,563	4,634

#### 7. TAXATION

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% on the estimated assessable profit for the year (2003: Nil). No overseas profits tax provision has been made in the accounts as the Group did not have any assessable profit for the year (2003: Nil).

The taxation on the Group's loss before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the taxation rate of Hong Kong as follows:

	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	(8,839)	(69,851)
Calculated at a taxation rate of 17.5% (2003: 17.5%)	(1,547)	(12,224)
Effect of different rates in other countries	1,342	568
Income not subject to taxation	(3,550)	(53,053)
Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	4,490	59,570
Unrecognised tax losses	357	5,139
Under-provision of taxation in prior year	_	195
Taxation charge	1,092	195

No provision for deferred tax has been made in the accounts as the crystallisation of the net deferred tax asset in the foreseeable future is uncertain.

Deferred income tax assets are not recognised for tax loss carry forwards to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit through the future taxable profits is not probable. As at 31st December 2004, the Group had unrecognised tax losses of approximately HK\$274,321,000 (2003: HK\$294,276,000) to carry forward against future taxable income, of which approximately HK\$16,452,000 of these tax losses will expire in 2009.

#### 8. LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS

The loss attributable to ordinary shareholders is dealt with in the accounts of the Company to the extent of HK\$1,827,000 (2003: loss of HK\$71,937,000).

### 9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the Group's loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of HK\$9,931,000 (2003: HK\$70,046,000) and on the weighted average number of 3,274,293,157 (2003: 2,897,580,828) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

No diluted loss per share is shown for the two years ended 31st December 2004 and 2003 as the convertible preference shares outstanding had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share for both years.

### 10. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS

### (a) Directors' emoluments

The aggregate amounts of emoluments payable to directors of the Company for the year are as follows:

2004	2003
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
471	288
2,305	1,896
15	12
2,791	2,196
	HK\$'000 471 2,305 15

The emoluments of the directors fell within the following bands:

	2004 Number of directors	2003 Number of directors
Emolument bands		
Nil — HK\$1,000,000 HK\$1,500,001 — HK\$2,000,000	5 1	3
	6	4

There was no arrangement under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration 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.

### 10. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include two (2003: one) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented above. The emoluments payable to the remaining three (2003: four) individuals for the year are as follows:

Group	
2004	2003
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
862	1,115
36	49
898	1,164
	2004 HK\$'000 862 36

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

	Group	
	2004	
Emolument bands		
Nil — HK\$1,500,000	3	4

## 11. FIXED ASSETS

	Group		
	Long-term		
	leasehold land	Plant,	
	and buildings	equipment	
	outside	and other	
	Hong Kong	assets	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost			
At 1st January 2004	2,907	8,518	11,425
Additions	_	517	517
Write-offs	_	(367)	(367)
Disposals	_	(250)	(250)
Disposal of subsidiaries (note 27(b))	_	(100)	(100)
At 31st December 2004	2,907	8,318	11,225
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st January 2004	696	8,169	8,865
Charge for the year	114	311	425
Write-offs	_	(367)	(367)
Disposals	_	(203)	(203)
Disposal of subsidiaries (note 27(b))	_	(15)	(15)
At 31st December 2004	810	7,895	8,705
Net book value:			
At 31st December 2004	2,097	423	2,520
At 31st December 2003	2,211	349	2,560

### 12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

		Group	
·	D	evelopment	
	Goodwill	costs	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Year ended 31st December 2004			
At 1st January 2004	1,685	_	1,685
Amortisation charge (note 5)	(52)	_	(52)
Disposal of subsidiaries (note 27(b))	(1,633)		(1,633)
At 31st December 2004	_	_	
At 31st December 2004			
Cost	2,075	_	2,075
Accumulated amortisation and write-offs	(442)	_	(442)
Disposal of subsidiaries (note 27(b))	(1,633)		(1,633)
Net book value		_	
At 31st December 2003			
Cost	2,075	1,415	3,490
Accumulated amortisation	(390)	(1,415)	(1,805)
Net book value	1,685	_	1,685

### 13. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company		
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Unlisted shares, at cost	193,018	193,018	
Provision for impairment loss	(140,000)	(140,000)	
	53,018	53,018	
Amount due from subsidiaries	31,883	672	
Amounts due to subsidiaries	(25,661)	(2,373)	
	59,240	51,317	

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

Particulars of the principal operating subsidiaries are set out in note 34 to the accounts.

### 14. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

	Group		
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Share of net assets	7,660	7,793	
Goodwill on acquisition of associated			
companies less amortisation	8,023	8,470	
Net amounts due to associated companies	(335)	(426)	
	15,348	15,837	
Market value of listed investments	164,312	126,917	
Investments at cost:			
Listed shares, in Hong Kong	276,514	276,514	
Unlisted shares, in the PRC	1,636	1,636	
	278,150	278,150	

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

The principal associated companies at 31st December 2004 are as follows:

		Country/	Nominal value of issued ordinary share/		st held	Principal activities
Name		place of incorporation	preference share/ registered capital	indii 2004	rectly 2003	and place of operation
(i)	DVN GROUP		rog.coo.co. cop.na.	<u></u> .	2000	
	DVN (Holdings) Limited ("DVN")	Bermuda	HK\$51,637,000 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Investment holding
	DVN (Group) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$10 ordinary US\$15,000,000 preference	21.95%	25.09%	Investment holding
	DVN (Management) Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Provision of administrative services in Hong Kong

## 14. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (Continued)

			Nominal			
News		Country/ place of	value of issued ordinary share/ preference share/	indi	st held rectly	Principal activities and place
Name		incorporation	registered capital	2004	2003	of operation
(i)	DVN GROUP (Continued)					
	Dynamic Network Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Investment holding
	DVN Technology Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Design, integration and installation of digital broadcasting equipment and development of related software and products in Hong Kong and Southeast Asian countries
	DVN Technology (Shenzhen) Co. Limited	People's Republic of China	HK\$6,000,000 registered capital	21.95%	25.09%	Development of hardware and software in relation to digital broadcasting in the PRC
	DVB Technology (Suzhou) Company Limited	People's Republic of China	RMB100,000,000 registered capital	15.37%	17.56%	Trading of digital broadcasting equipment and related products in the PRC
	Digital Video Networks Company Limited	People's Republic of China	US\$8,000,000 registered capital	21.95%	25.09%	Design, integration and installation of digital broadcasting equipment and development of related software and products in the PRC
	Digital Video Networks (Shanghai) Company Limited	People's Republic of China	US\$5,000,000 registered capital	21.95%	25.09%	Design, integration and installation of digital broadcasting equipment and development of related software and products in the PRC

## 14. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (Continued)

			Nominal			
		Country/ place of	value of issued ordinary share/ preference share/		st held rectly	Principal activities and place
Name		incorporation	registered capital	2004	2003	of operation
(i)	DVN GROUP (Continued)					
	Telequote Data International Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Provision of international financial market information and selective consumer data in Hong Kong
	Telequote Network (Singapore) Pte. Limited	Singapore	SGD2 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Provision of international financial market information and selective consumer data in Singapore
	Show Case International Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Holding of film rights in the PRC
	Victory Beat Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary	21.95%	25.09%	Investment holdings
(ii)	北京電發網博科技有限公司	People's Republic of China	RMB5,000,000 registered capital	35.00%	35.00%	Provision of IP telephone services

### 14. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (Continued)

Information relating to the operating results and financial position of the DVN Group, a significant associated company, which are based on their audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2004, are as follows:

## Operating results for the year

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Turnover	169,236	73,252
Loss for the year	59,734	140,065
Summary of balance sheet as at 31st December		
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Fixed assets	36,343	61,768
Intangible assets	28,075	27,752
Investment in a jointly controlled entity	6,685	7,717
Current assets	211,382	158,222
Current liabilities	(135,754)	(109,692)
Non current liability	(80)	(116)
Minority interests	(117,761)	(118,263)
Shareholders' equity	28,890	27,388

There was no material contingent liability for the associated company as at 31st December 2004 and 2003.

#### 15. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Group		
2004	2003	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
23,414	23,414	
143,508	143,508	
166,922	166,922	
23,414	23,414	
107,508	107,508	
130,922	130,922	
36,000	36,000	
1,287	_	
	2004 HK\$'000 23,414 143,508 166,922 23,414 107,508 130,922 36,000	

#### Notes:

- (a) The listed shares outside Hong Kong represent the holding of 1,500,000 shares (representing 6.8% of the common stock) in a company which was incorporated in the United States of America and was listed on the National Association of Securities Dealer Over-The-Counter Bulletin Board ("OTCBB"). The investee company was delisted since 3rd October 1998 and was relisted for trading in 2004. The market value of this listed investment was based on the closing market price of US\$0.11 quoted on the OTCBB as at 31st December 2004.
- (b) At 31st December 2004, the Group held 15,000,000 non-voting exchangeable preference shares of DVN (Group) Limited, an associated company, at HK\$143,508,000. These preference shares are exchangeable, after current year adjustment, to approximately 26,420,000 ordinary shares of DVN, a listed associated company, to an adjusted conversion price of HK\$4.40 per share, and are subject to adjustment. Fixed cumulative cash dividend on preference shares is receivable at a rate of 5% per annum on the nominal value amount of each preference share for each year. Dividend income receivable at 31st December 2004 amounted to HK\$21,797,000.

The directors have made a provision for impairment loss on the preference shares held in DVN of approximately HK\$107,508,000 at 31st December 2004 (2003: HK\$107,508,000) against this investment.

### 16. OTHER ASSETS

	Group	
	2004	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deposit for investment in joint venture	_	2,468
Club debentures	2,065	2,065
	2,065	4,533

### 17. INVENTORIES

		Group	
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Finished goods	105	901	

At 31st December 2004, the carrying amount of inventories that are stated at net realised value amounted to HK\$105,000 (2003: HK\$901,000).

### 18. TRADE RECEIVABLES

At 31st December 2004, the aging analysis of the trade receivables is as follows:

		Group
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	
0 — 3 months	1,125	750
4 — 6 months	85	1,716
Over 6 months	477	299
	1,687	2,765

The majority of the Group's sales are on credit with credit terms of 30-90 days.

## 19. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group's prepayments, deposits and other receivables as at 31st December 2003 included redeemable preference shares with a face value of HK\$24,138,000, which was fully redeemed during the year.

### 20. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Equity securities:				
Listed in Hong Kong	_	4,073	_	_
Listed outside Hong Kong	_	532	_	532
	_	_	_	_
Market value of listed equity securities	_	4,605	_	532

### 21. TRADE PAYABLES

At 31st December 2004, the aging analysis of trade payables is as follows:

		Group
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 — 3 months	18	30
Over 6 months	320	33
	338	63

### 22. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deposits received, accrued charges				
and other payables	2,178	5,669	155	319
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary (note (i))	24,705	16,488	-	_
Provision for legal fees and				
settlement of legal dispute (note (ii))	6,757	17,208	_	
	33,640	39,365	155	319

#### 22. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES (Continued)

- (i) The amount due to a fellow subsidiary at 31st December 2004 bears interest at Hong Kong dollar prime lending rate plus 2.5% (2003: prime lending rate plus 2.5%) per annum. The balance is unsecured and is repayable on demand.
- (ii) The amount represents the remaining payments to be made to a customer for settlement on the legal claims arising between Universal Appliance Limited. Smoothline Limited, Greatsino Electronic Limited and the customer as agreed on 26th January 2004. An aggregate provision of US\$2.1 million was made in prior year, payable as follows: (a) an initial payment of US\$300,000, and (b) 18 subsequent monthly payments of US\$100,000 thereafter until the total amount of US\$2.1 million has been paid, which is expected to be in August 2005.

#### 23. SHORT-TERM LOAN — SECURED

The short-term loan was secured against certain shares of the associated company of the Group, bears interest at 17% rate per annum, and fully repaid in February 2004.

#### 24. AMOUNTS DUE TO A FELLOW SUBSIDIARY

The amount due to a fellow subsidiary bears interest at Hong Kong dollar prime lending rate plus 2.5% per annum (2003: prime lending rate plus 2.5%). The balance is unsecured and is not expected to be repaid within 1 year.

At 31st December 2004, there was an amount of HK\$50,715,000 due to a fellow subsidiary which is also a minority shareholder of a subsidiary. The balance was presented as a net-off against a debit balance arising from the same minority shareholder of that subsidiary of the same amount. The balance is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

### 25. SHARE CAPITAL

			Authorised		
	Preference	e shares	Ordinary	shares	
	of HK\$0.0	01 each	of HK\$0.	01 each	Total
!	No. of shares		No. of shares		
	'000	HK\$'000	'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003 and	d				
31st December 2003	240,760	2,408	5,000,000	50,000	52,408
At 1st January 2004 and	t				
31st December 2004	240,760	2,408	5,000,000	50,000	52,408

#### 25. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

	Issued and fully paid				
	Preference	shares	Ordinary	shares	
	of HK\$0.0	1 each	of HK\$0.0	1 each	Total
	No. of shares	N	lo. of shares		
	'000	HK\$'000	'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003	240,760	2,408	2,774,293	27,743	30,151
Issue of shares		_	500,000	5,000	5,000
At 31st December 200	3 240,760	2,408	3,274,293	32,743	35,151
At 1st January 2004 at 31st December 2004		2,408	3,274,293	32,743	35,151

The following changes in the Company's authorised and issued share capital took place during the period from 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2004:

(a) On 15th September 2003, Techral Holdings Limited ("Techral"), a substantial shareholder of the Company, and Kwan Wing Holdings Limited ("Kwan Wing"), a shareholder of the Company, entered into a private placement of 300,000,000 ordinary shares and 200,000,000 ordinary shares, respectively, in the Company of HK\$0.01 each at a price of HK\$0.03 per share to independent private investors. On the same date, the Company entered into an agreement with Techral and Kwan Wing for the subscription of 500,000,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the Company at a price of HK\$0.03 per share raising net proceeds of approximately HK\$14.5 million. The excess of the shares issue proceeds over the nominal value of the shares issued, net of share issue expenses of approximately HK\$436,000, amounting to HK\$9,564,000 was credited to the share premium account.

#### Preference shares

Preference shareholders are entitled to convert a specific number of their preference shares into ordinary shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustments) during the specified periods. The preference shareholders are also entitled to receive a non-cumulative cash dividend which will be paid at the same rate and at the same time as any dividend declared by the Company in respect of the ordinary shares.

### 25. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

### Share options

Pursuant to the 10-year term share option scheme ("Option Scheme") adopted by the Company on 30th July 2002, the Company can grant options to Qualified Persons (as defined in the Option Scheme) for a consideration of HK\$1.00 for each grant payable by the Qualified Persons to the Company. The total number of the shares issued and to be issued upon exercise options granted to each Qualified Person (including both exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the shares then in issue. Unless with shareholders' approval, the maximum number of shares options that can be granted under the Option Scheme shall not exceed 277,429,315 shares, representing 10% of the total number of shares in issue at the time the Option Scheme was adopted.

Subscription price in relation to each option pursuant to the Option Scheme shall not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets on the date on which the option is offered to a Qualified Person; or (ii) the average of the closing prices of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the 5 trading days immediately preceding the date of offer; or (iii) the nominal value of the shares of the Company. There shall be no minimum holding period for the vesting or exercise of the options and the options are exercisable within the option period as determined by the board of directors of the Company.

Share options granted during the year are as follows:

	Number		Number	Number		
	of share	Number	of share	of share		
	options	of share	options	options		
Date of	outstanding	options	cancelled/	outstanding		
share	as at 1st	granted	lapsed	as at 31st		Exercise
options	January	during	during	December	Exercise	price per
granted	2004	the year	the year	2004	period	share
						HK\$
1/12/2004	_	277,400,000	_	277,400,000	1/1/2005 to	0.054
					31/12/2009	
	_	277,400,000	_	277,400,000		

### 26. RESERVES

### Group

	Share	Merger	Currency A	Accumulated	
	premium	reserve (i)	translation	losses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003	162,789	860,640	(171)	(934,087)	89,171
Issue of shares	9,564	_	_	— (***,****)	9,564
Net loss for the year	_	_	_	(70,046)	(70,046)
At 31st December 2003	172,353	860,640	(171)	(1,004,133)	28,689
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At 1st January 2004	172,353	860,640	(171)	(1,004,133)	28,689
Net loss for the year	_			(9,931)	(9,931)
At 31st December 2004	172,353	860,640	(171)	(1,014,064)	18,758
Reserve retained by:					
Company and subsidiaries	172,353	860,640	(171)	(950,291)	82,531
Associated companies	_	_	_	(63,773)	(63,773)
At 31st December 2004	172,353	860,640	(171)	(1,014,064)	18,758
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Reserve retained by:					
Company and subsidiaries	172,353	860,640	(171)	(955,229)	77,593
Associated companies	_	_	_	(48,904)	(48,904)
At 31st December 2003	172,353	860,640	(171)	(1,004,133)	28,689

### 26. RESERVES (Continued)

### Company

	Share premium (ii) HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003	162,789	(74,107)	88,682
Issue of shares	9,564	_	9,564
Loss for the year		(71,937)	(71,937)
At 31st December 2003	172,353	(146,044)	26,309
At 1st January 2004	172,353	(146,044)	26,309
Loss for the year		(1,827)	(1,827)
At 31st December 2004	172,353	(147,871)	24,482

### Notes:

- (i) The merger reserve of the Group was derived from the difference between the nominal value of the Company's shares issued to acquire the issued share capital of Universal Appliances Limited pursuant to the group reorganisation in 2002, and the consolidated net asset value of Universal Appliances Limited so acquired. Under the Companies Law (2003 Revision) (Cap. 22) of the Cayman Islands, the merger reserve is distributable to shareholders under certain prescribed circumstances.
- (ii) The share premium of the Company represents the excess of the fair value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the group reorganisation in 2002, over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange therefor. Under the Companies Law (2003 Revision) (Cap. 22) of the Cayman Islands, a company may make distributions to its members out of the share premium under certain prescribed circumstances.

## 27. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) from ordinary activities to net cash inflow/ (a) (outflow) from operations

	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	8,593	(27,706)
Interest income	(36)	(31)
Depreciation	425	3,457
Provision for the deposit for investment in joint venture	2,468	_
Amortisation of intangible assets	52	472
Write-off of development costs	_	92
Disposal of fixed assets	47	(26)
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries	836	_
Net gain on dilution of interest		
in an associated company	(14,289)	(11,503)
Provision for impairment loss on investment securities	_	44,508
Operating (loss)/profit before working capital changes	(1,904)	9,263
Decrease in amounts due to associate companies	(91)	(467)
Decrease in short-term investments	4,605	7,002
Decrease in inventories	796	5,026
Decrease/(increase) in trade receivables,		
preference dividends receivable, prepayments,		
deposits and other receivables	26,772	(33,880)
(Decrease)/increase in trade payables,		
other payables and accrued liabilities	(12,605)	9,942
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operations	17,573	(3,114)

## 27. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)

### (b) Sale of subsidiaries

Details of disposal of subsidiaries:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Nich constantion and of		
Net assets disposal of:		
Fixed assets	85	_
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	161	_
Cash and bank balances	20	_
Accrued liabilities and other payables	(1,062)	_
	(796)	_
Write-off of unamortised goodwill	1,633	_
Loss on disposal	(836)	_
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Represented by:		
Cash consideration	1	_
	1	

Analysis of net cash outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the disposal of subsidiaries:

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Cash consideration received  Cash and cash equivalents of disposed subsidiaries	1 (20)	_
Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents	(19)	_

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES** 28.

The Group and the Company had no material contingent liabilities as at 31st December 2004 (2003: Nil).

#### COMMITMENTS 29.

#### Commitments under operating leases (a)

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

	Land and	Land and buildings	
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Not later than one year	313	313	
Later than one year and not later than five years	_	313	
	313	626	

	Equip	Equipment	
	2004	2003	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Not later than one year	_	416	
Later than one year and not later than five years	_	340	
		756	

(b) The Group and the Company had no material capital commitments at 31st December 2004 (2003: Nil).

#### 30. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, the maximum amount of advances due to a wholly owned subsidiary of Kwan Wing was approximately HK\$34 million (2003: HK\$43 million) (notes 22 and 24).

The balance due to the above-mentioned fellow subsidiary is unsecured, bears interest at Hong Kong dollar prime rate plus 2.5% per annum and has no fixed terms of repayment. The total interest paid on the advances for the year ended 31st December 2004 amounted to HK\$2,167,000 (2003: HK\$2,468,000).

#### 31. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the following transactions were entered into by the Group:

(i) On 2nd February 2005, the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement to acquire 49% effective beneficial interest of the registered capital in Asia Union Film and Media ("Media Company") at a maximum consideration of HK\$550.0 million (subject to adjustments), through the acquisition of Orient Ventures Limited ("Orient Ventures") (a wholly owned company of Mr. Johnson Ko ("Mr. Ko")), which will acquire 100% equity interest in Anglo Alliance Co., Limited ("Anglo Alliance") upon the completion of a deed on the same date. Upon completion of the acquisition, Beijing Hao Ge ShengShi Film & TV Culture Co, Limited ("Hao Ge"), a 98% owned subsidiary of Anglo Alliance, will become a sino-foreign joint venture and will hold 50% of the registered capital in Media Company.

The consideration of HK\$550.0 million will be satisfied by the Company issuing 3,046,570,871 shares and 2,700,000,000 shares at an issue price of HK\$0.049 and HK\$0.042 per share respectively, and issuing a HK\$287.3 million convertible note at a conversion price of HK\$0.049 per share. After the completion of the acquisition, Orient Ventures, Anglo Alliance and Hao Ge will become subsidiaries of the Company. Media Company will become a 49% owned associated company of the Company. The acquisition is conditional upon the approval from the shareholders of the Company at an extraordinary general meeting to be held after the despatch of the circular. Details of the transactions are disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 2nd February 2005.

(ii) On 22nd February 2005, the Company issued a total of 654,850,000 shares at an issue price of HK\$0.12 per share raising net proceeds of HK\$76 million, as a result of a Placing and Top-up Subscription Agreement ("Agreement") entered into between the Company, Kwan Wing, a company wholly owned by Mr. Ko, Techral Holdings Limited ("Techral"), a subsidiary of Kwan Wing which Mr. Ko has approximately 96% beneficial interest in Techral (Kwan Wing and Techral together referred as "Vendors"), and Goldbond Securities Limited (the "Placing Agent"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Placing Agent placed 654,850,000 existing shares held by the Vendors at placing price of HK\$0.12 per share, and the Vendors subscribed for the same number of new shares equal to the number of shares sold by them respectively under the placing at the subscription price of HK\$0.12 per share. Details of the transactions are disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 23rd February 2005.

#### 32. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The directors regard Kwan Wing, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, as being the ultimate holding company.

#### 33. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 15th April 2005.

#### PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES 34.

The table below lists out the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results of 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.

		Nominal value of issued		
		ordinary share/		
	Place of	preference share/	Interest	Principal activities
Name	incorporation	registered capital	held	and place of operation
Beijing E-Pay Net Technology Co. Ltd.	PRC*	US\$2,680,000 registered capital	70%	Provision of communication Services in the PRC
reciniology Co. Ltd.		registered capital		Gervices in the Fric
Beijing Jiya	PRC*	RMB2,680,000	70%	Provision of computer
Telecommunication Engineering Co Ltd		registered capital		telephony integration engineering service in the PRC
Barnwell Enterprises Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary	#100%	Administrative services in Hong Kong
Entertainment Soundview Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000 ordinary	100%	Marketing and sales of home audio/video products in Hong Kong
Global Assets Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$5,000,000 ordinary	100%	Group treasury and trading of audio and video equipment and components in Hong Kong
Million Way Enterprises Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary	100%	Investment holding
Netbroad Communication Limited	British Virgin Islands	HK\$1 ordinary	100%	Investment holding
Prime Pacific International Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$50,000 ordinary	67%	Investment holding

## 34. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation	Nominal value of issued ordinary share/ registered capital	Interest held	Principal activities and place of operation
Smoothline Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$7,500,000 ordinary	100%	Design, manufacturing and marketing of telecommunication products — inactive
Super China Development Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary	100%	Investment holding
Universal Appliances Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$499,373,000 ordinary HK\$43,337,000 preference	#100%	Investment holding

Co-operative joint venture

Except for Barnwell Enterprises Limited and Global Assets Limited, all other statutory accounts for year ended 31st December 2004 are not audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

<sup>#</sup> Shares held directly by the Company