|  | Note | Year ended 31 December 2004 HK\$'000 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Period } \\ 1 \text { April } 2003 \\ \text { to } \\ 31 \text { December } \\ 2003 \\ H K \$ \$^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating activities |  |  |  |
| (Loss)/profit before taxation |  | $(7,181)$ | 7,470 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |
| Share of profits of an associated company |  | $(1,230)$ | $(1,452)$ |
| Interest income |  | $(1,408)$ | $(1,731)$ |
| Bad and doubtful debts |  | 655 | 150 |
| Depreciation of fixed assets |  | 236 | 87 |
| Profit on disposal of a subsidiary | 5 | $(1,470)$ | - |
| Loss on disposal of interest in associates |  | - | 149 |
| Gain on disposal of investment securities |  | - | $(11,883)$ |
| Operating loss before working capital changes |  | $(10,398)$ | $(7,210)$ |
| Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables |  | 32,023 | (733) |
| Increase /(Decrease) in other payables |  | 221 | (938) |
| Decrease/(Increase) in trading securities |  | 5,985 | (122) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in amount due to a fellow subsidiary |  | (45) | 45 |
| Increase in amount due to the former ultimate holding company by a former subsidiary | 5 | 2,145 | - |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) generated from operations |  | 29,931 | $(8,958)$ |
| Hong Kong profits tax refund, net |  | 550 | - |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities |  | 30,481 | $(8,958)$ |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |
| Purchase of fixed assets |  | (558) | (111) |
| Sales of a subsidiary, net of cash disposed | 5 | 20 | - |
| Interest received |  | 1,408 | 855 |
| Receipts from disposal of interest in associated company |  | - | 1,250 |
| Dividends received from an associated company |  | 975 | - |
| Receipts from/(payments to) reverse repo transactions | 16 | 77,653 | $(77,653)$ |
| Investment in and advances to an associated company |  | $(4,135)$ | - |
| Proceeds for disposal of investment in an associated company and assignment of advances to such associated company |  | 4,135 | - |
| Net cash inflow/(outlfow) from investing activities |  | 79,498 | $(75,659)$ |
| Financing activities |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid |  | - | (1,440) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |  | 109,979 | $(86,057)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January |  | 76,693 | 162,750 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December |  | 186,672 | 76,693 |
| Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents |  |  |  |
| Cash at banks and in hand |  | 10,538 | 36,876 |
| Short term deposits placed with banks |  | 176,134 | 39,817 |
|  |  | 186,672 | 76,693 |

