

千里之行 始於足下

在考慮本年度年報之設計主題時，我們評估過很多同等重要和具紀念價值的事情：包括營業額及溢利打破歷來紀錄、於「亞洲貨幣雜誌2004年度選舉」當中分別被推選為「全亞洲最佳管理公司」（小型企業組）及「香港最佳企業管治表現」第二名、為小投資者舉辦首次茶敘活動等等。但最後的結論是，以對嘉利發展里程與及未來發展的影響力而言，沒有任何事情能夠與我們決定於中國東莞市鳳崗鎮玉泉區興建新廠房比擬，而新廠址之佔地面積（超過200,000平方米）比起現有雁田及鳳崗兩地廠房合計（89,000平方米）超出一倍以上。

新玉泉廠址標誌著我們共同的承擔與及對未來前景之信心，於二零零三／零四年度我們經歷了非典型肺炎的艱難時期，令營業額及股東應佔溢利分別下跌3%及25%，但我們有著港人一貫「逆境自強」的本色，令集團本年度之營業額及溢利均打破歷年來之紀錄。如常地，我們已預計未來再攀高峰的路上將會是荊棘滿途，但我們會勇敢面對這些挑戰，不作退縮。於一九九九／二零零零年度集團營業額僅為662,000,000港元，但我們今天已期望於來年度成為一間3,000,000,000港元的企業，我們亦會繼續專注照顧股東們及其他有關人仕的長遠利益。我們明白到要走畢「千里之行」，對於一些意志薄弱的人而言並不容易，但只要你們的支持，我們定必一如既往踏出第一步，終有一天可以走畢這個「千里之行」；然後再一起攜手並肩，定下新目標，繼續下一個「千里之行」……

A Thousand-Mile Journey Starts With A First Step

In deliberating the main theme of the current annual report, we have considered many equally important and memorable events: record breaking turnover & profit, 2nd places in the 2004 Asiamoney Poll for the Overall Regional Best-Managed Companies (Small Cap Category) and Overall Best Companies for Corporate Governance in Hong Kong, the holding of first tea-breaks for individual investors and so on. However, we come to the inevitable conclusion that in the history of Karrie and in terms of impact of future development, none of them can be compared to the decision to build a new plant in Yu Quan, Fenggang, Dongguan, China. The size of the new site is more than double (over 200,000 sq. metres) the combined site areas of our existing Yantian and Fenggang plants (89,000 sq. metres).

The Yu Quan Plant represents our collective commitment and confidence on the future. We have endured the difficult period associated with Sars in 2003/04 when turnover and profit attributable to shareholders dropped 3% and 25% respectively. With the typical 'can do' attitude, in the current financial year we take the Group into new heights with record turnover and profit. As usual, in the coming years we expect numerous obstacles to the road of excellence. But we will not be deterred by such challenges. In 1999/2000 our turnover was only HK\$662,000,000. Now we are looking forward to become a HK\$3,000,000,000 company in the coming financial year. We will continue to focus on long-term benefit to shareholders and stakeholders. Yes, the thousand-mile journey is not easy for those who are weak and not determined. But with your support we will take our first step today, just as we did together years ago. We will join our hands in finishing this thousand-mile journey. Someday. And then we will take another first step for our next thousand-mile journey.....

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