

The Board is committed to raise the standard of corporate governance within the Group in order to enhance the transparency in disclosure of material information. With effect from 1 January 2005, the Company has applied the principles and complied with the requirements of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the “CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

THE BOARD

The Board has the collective responsibility for leadership and control of, and for promoting the success of, the Company by directing and supervising the Company’s affairs. One of the roles of the Board is to protect and enhance shareholder value. In the course of discharging its duties, the Board acts with integrity and due care for the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Leading the Group in a responsible and effective manner, the Board adopts formal terms of reference which detail its functions and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, ensuring competent management, approving objectives, strategies and business plans and monitoring integrity in the Company’s conduct of affairs.

During the financial year ended 31 December, 2005, the Board held four regular meetings at approximately quarterly intervals according to the CG Code. The attendance of each director is set out on page 18.

The Company does not appoint chief executive officer. In view of the existing structure of the Board and the operation of the Group, the Board believes that the present structure of the Board will provide a strong leadership for the Group to implement prompt decisions and to formulate efficient strategies, which is for benefits of the Group. Moreover, the day-to-day operation of the Group’s businesses are shared among those executive directors and the management of the Company. Therefore, there should be a clear division of the responsibilities at the board level to ensure a balance of power and authority, so that power is not concentrated in any one individual.

Together with a balanced of skill and experience for the business of the Group, a balanced composition of executive and independent non-executive director of the Board shall exercise effective independent judgment. The Board comprises of seven directors, of which four are executive directors, namely Mr. Yau Tak Wah, Paul, Ms. Louie Mei Po, Ms Wong Shin Ling, Irene, and Mr. Tam Wing Kin and three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Ng Wai Hung, Mr. Cheung Chung Leung, Richard and Mr. Wu Wang Li.

During the period, two independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. Ng Wai Hung and Mr. Cheung Chung Leung, Richard, are not appointed for any specific fixed term and one independent non-executive director, Mr. Wu Wang Li, is appointed for the term of one year from 27 September 2005. In accordance with the bye-laws of the Company (the “Bye-Laws”), at each annual general meeting of the Company one third of the directors shall retire from office by rotation. The Board considers that sufficient measures will be taken to ensure the corporate governance practices of the Company are not less exacting than those in the CG Code A.4.1 and A.4.2.

The Company has received, from each of the independent non-executive directors, an annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all of the independent non-executive directors are independent.

The management is obliged to supply the Board with adequate information in a timely manner to enable the members to make informed decisions and to discharge their duties and responsibilities. Each director has separate and independent access to the Group’s senior management to acquire more information and to make further enquiries if necessary.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Currently, there is no remuneration committee in the Board. Meanwhile, the Board conducts an informal assessment of the individual director's contribution so that no director decides his or her own remuneration and their remuneration has been relatively stable in the past years. All employees are remunerated based on industry practice and in accordance with the prevailing labour law. In Hong Kong, apart from basic salary, staff benefits include medical insurance, performance related bonuses and mandatory provident fund would be provided by the Group. The remuneration committee will be established and the Board will review and formulate its terms of reference in accordance with the Code in due course.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Company and the Group. In preparing the financial statements, the Board has adopted Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants that are relevant to its operations.

The Board was not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that might cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, the Board has prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The audit committee comprises three independent non-executive directors (the "Audit Committee") and reports to the Board. The Audit Committee meets with the Group's senior management regularly to review the effectiveness of the internal control systems and the interim and annual reports of the Group.

The Audit Committee is mainly responsible for:

- (i) making recommendation to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the auditors and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the auditors and any questions of resignation or dismissal;
- (ii) reviewing and monitoring the independence and objective of the auditors and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standard;
- (iii) liaising with the Board, senior management and the auditors to monitor the integrity of financial statements, the interim and annual reports particular on its accounting policies and practices and compliance with accounting standards, the Listing Rules and other legal requirements in relation to financial reporting;
- (iv) reviewing the financial control, internal control and risk management system to ensure the management of the Company discharge its duty to have an effective internal control system;
- (v) reviewing of the report and management letter submitted by the auditors; and
- (vi) considering any findings of major investigations of internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and management's response.

During the year, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited financial results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2005 and the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control systems.

INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board, through the Audit Committee, has reviewed the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system covering all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions. Areas for improvement have been identified and appropriate measures taken so as to safeguard the shareholders' investment and the Company's assets.

DELEGATION BY THE BOARD

The Board is responsible for determining the overall strategy and corporate development and ensuring the business operations are properly monitored. The Board reserves the right to decide all policy matters of the Group and material transactions. The Board delegates the day-to-day operations to general managers and department heads who are responsible for different aspects of the operations of the Group.

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDER

The Company believes in regular and timely communication with shareholders as part of its efforts to help shareholders understand its business better and the way the Company operates. To promote effective communication with the public at large, the Company maintains a website (<http://www.tihl.com.hk>) on which comprehensive information about the Company's major businesses, financial information and announcements, annual and interim reports and shareholders circulars are being made available.

The Board is endeavour to maintain an on-going dialogue with shareholder. The chairman of the Board and member of the Audit Committee should attend the annual general meeting to answer questions.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules for directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiries of all directors of the Company, they have confirmed that they complied with required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the accounting period covered by the Annual Report.

DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT BOARD AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

	The Board		Audit Committee	
	Number of meeting	Attendance	Number of meeting	Attendance
Executive Directors				
Mr. Yau Tak Wah (<i>Chairman of the Board</i>)	4	4	4	N/A
Miss Louie Mei Po	4	4	4	N/A
Miss Wong Shin Ling, Irene	4	4	4	N/A
Mr. Tam Wing Kin	4	4	4	N/A
Independent non-executive Directors				
Mr. Ng Wai Hung (<i>Chairman of the Audit Committee</i>)	4	4	4	4
Mr. Cheung Chung Leung, Richard	4	4	4	4
Mr. Wu Wang Li	4	4	4	4