

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2006, the following persons (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) had, or were deemed or taken to have interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and HKSE under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or, who were directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group or had any option in respect of such capital:

Name of substantial shareholders	Capacity	Number of issued ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company held	% of the issued share capital
Mr. Gottfried Ludwig Prentice Jurick	Beneficial owner	28,324,022	6.15%
Mr. Lawrence Y. L. Ho	Corporate	24,986,000*	5.42%
J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.	Corporate	24,300,000	5.28%
Morgan Stanley	Corporate	23,126,000	5.03%

\* Mr. Lawrence Y. L. Ho owned 24,986,000 ordinary shares in the Company through Grand Villa Assets Limited of which he has 100% control.

Save as disclosed above, as at the balance sheet date, none of the directors knew of any person (other than the directors or chief executive of the Company) who had, or were deemed or taken to have interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and HKSE under the provisions of Division 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or, who were, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group or had any option in respect of such capital.

## **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF OWN LISTED SECURITIES**

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to attaining good standard of corporate governance practices with an emphasis on a quality board, better transparency, and effective accountability system in order to enhance shareholders' value. Detailed disclosure of the Company's corporate governance practices is available in the 2005 annual report.

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules as its own code and has complied with the Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2006.

## **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the directors of the Company (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry of the directors of the Company, all the directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2006.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters related to the preparation of the unaudited condensed financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2006.

By order of the Board  
**Christopher W. Ho**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 30 August 2006