Notes to Condensed Accounts

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited interim financial report (the "interim financial report") has been reviewed by the Company's audit committee and the Company's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standard 700 "Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the HKICPA.

This interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the 2005 annual accounts.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of this interim financial report are consistent with those used in the 2005 annual accounts, except that the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies following its adoption of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") and HKAS (collectively referred to as the "New HKFRSs"), which have become effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The applicable New HKFRSs adopted in this interim financial report are set out below.

| HKAS 19 (Amendment) | Actuarial Gains and Losses, Group Plans and Disclosures |
|---------------------|--|
| HKAS 21 (Amendment) | Net Investment in a Foreign Operation |
| HKAS 39 (Amendment) | Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions |
| HKAS 39 (Amendment) | The Fair Value Option |
| HKAS 39 and HKFRS 4 | |
| (Amendment) | Financial Guarantee Contracts |
| HKFRS-Int 4 | Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease |

The adoption of the above HKAS did not result in substantial changes to the Group's balance sheet and profit and loss account. The changes in the Group's accounting policies are summarized as below:

- HKAS 19 (Amendment) introduces the option of an alternative recognition approach for actuarial gains and losses. It may impose additional recognition requirements for multi-employer plans where insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit accounting. It also adds new disclosure requirements. The Group does not intend to change the accounting policy adopted for recognition of actuarial gains and losses.
- HKAS 21 (Amendment) changes the net investment definition to include loans between fellow subsidiaries. It
 permits inter-company loans denominated in any currency to be part of a net investment in a foreign operation
 and to recognize foreign exchange volatility on such loans funding for eign operations in exchange reserve in
 the consolidated financial statements.
- HKAS 39 (Amendment) allows the foreign currency risk of a highly probable forecast intragroup transaction to qualify as a hedged item in the consolidated financial statements, provided that: (a) the transaction is denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity entering into that transaction; and (b) the foreign currency risk will affect consolidated profit or loss.
- HKAS 39 (Amendment) changes the definition of financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss and restricts the ability to designate financial instruments as part of this category. This amendment has no impact as the Group has no financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss.
- HKAS 39 and HKFRS 4 (Amendment) requires issued financial guarantees, other than those previously asserted by the entity to be insurance contracts, to be initially recognized at their fair value, and subsequently measured at the higher of (a) the unamortized balance of the related fees received and deferred, and (b) the expenditure required to settle the commitment at the balance sheet date.

1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

 HKFRS-Int 4 requires the determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease to be based on the substance of the arrangement. It requires an assessment of whether: (a) fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets (the asset); and (b) the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

No early adoption of the following new standard, interpretations or amendment that have been issued but are not yet effective. The adoption of such new standard, interpretations or amendment will have no material impact on the accounts of the Group and will not result in substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies.

| HKAS 1 (Amendment) | Presentation of Financial Statements: Capital Disclosures |
|--------------------|--|
| HKFRS 7 | Financial Instruments: Disclosures |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int7 | Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29 Financial Reporting in |
| | Hyperinflationary Economies |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 8 | Scope of HKFRS 2 |
| HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 | Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives |

2 Segment information

The principal activity of the Group is export trading of consumer products.

(a) Geographical segments

An analysis of the Group's segment turnover and contribution to operating profit for the period by geographical segment is as follows:

| | Turnover Six months ended 30 June | | Operating Six months end | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 |
| Principal markets: | | | | |
| United States of America | 19,942,596 | 16,098,138 | 566,476 | 382,799 |
| Europe | 5,027,811 | 4,412,449 | 175,058 | 147,896 |
| Canada | 1,375,392 | 1,244,160 | 41,319 | 31,375 |
| Australasia | 761,758 | 926,526 | 29,329 | 32,827 |
| Central and Latin America | 440,784 | 382,581 | 12,762 | 12,994 |
| Rest of the world | 421,933 | 402,594 | 11,258 | 11,239 |
| | 27,970,274 | 23,466,448 | 836,202 | 619,130 |
| Gain on disposal of properties | | | 3,268 | 27,332 |
| | | | 839,470 | 646,462 |

2 Segment information (continued)

(b) Business segments

An analysis of the Group's segment turnover and contribution to operating profit for the period by business segment is as follows:

| | Turnover Six months ended 30 June | | Operating profit Six months ended 30 June | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 |
| Softgoods | 19,371,138 | 16,616,230 | 720,490 | 522,641 |
| Hardgoods | 8,599,136 | 6,850,218 | 115,712 | 96,489 |
| | 27,970,274 | 23,466,448 | 836,202 | 619,130 |
| Gain on disposal of properties | | | 3,268 | 27,332 |
| | | | 839,470 | 646,462 |

3 Operating profit

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

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 |
| Amortization of system development costs | 3,901 | 3,773 |
| Employee share option expenses | 29,233 | 23,044 |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | 84,144 | 62,796 |
| Gain on disposal of properties | (3,268) | (27,332) |
| Loss on disposal of other fixed assets | 420 | 591 |

4 Taxation

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for at the rate of 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged/(credited) to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

| | Six months end | Six months ended 30 June | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 | | |
| Current taxation | | | | |
| Hong Kong profits tax | 59,745 | 52,277 | | |
| - Overseas taxation | 14,713 | 13,329 | | |
| Deferred taxation | (7,756) | 1,603 | | |
| | 66,702 | 67,209 | | |

At the date of approval of this interim financial report, certain subsidiaries of the Group have disputes with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue involving additional assessments of tax of approximately HK\$757 million on the non-taxable claim of certain non-Hong Kong sourced income and the deduction claim of marketing expenses for the years of assessment from 1992/1993 to 2004/2005.

The Commissioner of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue issued a determination dated 14 June 2004 with disagreement to the Group's objection against the additional tax assessments of HK\$333 million. Under further legal advice from the Group's counsel, the directors believe that the Group has meritorious defence to the additional tax assessments and the Group proceeded to appeal to Board of Review against the Commissioner's determination and served a notice of appeal to the Board of Review on 13 July 2004. The appeal was heard before the Board of Review in January 2006 but as at the date of this interim financial report, the result is not yet known.

The Group has also filed objections to the Hong Kong Inland Revenue against the remaining additional tax assessments of HK\$424 million issued to the subsidiaries.

The directors consider that no material tax liabilities will finally crystallize and sufficient tax provision has been made in the accounts in this regard.

5 Interim dividend

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 HK\$'000 | 2005 HK\$'000 |
| Proposed, of HK\$0.160 (2005: HK\$0.132) per ordinary share (Note) | 518,742 | 425,095 |

Note: Interim dividend per share of 2005 has been adjusted for the effect of 1-for-10 Bonus Issue during the period.

6 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the Group's profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$764,105,000 (2005: HK\$618,468,000) and on the weighted average number of 3,233,557,000 (2005: 3,213,251,000) shares in issue during the period, after taking into account the effect of the Bonus Issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of 3,233,557,000 (2005: 3,213,251,000) ordinary shares in issue by 21,153,000 (2005: 17,161,000) to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares granted under the Company's Option Scheme. A calculation is done to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average annual market share price of the Company's shares) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to outstanding share options. The number of shares calculated as above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options.

7 Capital expenditure

| - | | Intangible assets | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Goodwill* HK\$'000 | System development costs HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 | Fixed assets HK\$'000 |
| Six months ended 30 June 2006 | | | | |
| Net book amount as at | | | | |
| 1 January 2006 | 2,794,894 | 14,486 | 2,809,380 | 947,608 |
| System development costs | | | | |
| recognized as asset | _ | 2,299 | 2,299 | - |
| Fixed assets additions | - | - | - | 111,393 |
| Acquisition of business (Note 13) | 202,613 | - | 202,613 | 5,663 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | (16,165 |
| Amortization/depreciation charge | - | (3,901) | (3,901) | (84,144 |
| Exchange adjustment | 10,599 | - | 10,599 | 16,483 |
| Net book amount as at | | | | |
| 30 June 2006 | 3,008,106 | 12,884 | 3,020,990 | 980,838 |

Goodwill arising from business combinations is tested for impairment annually and when there is indication of impairment. Up to the date of this interim financial report, no events or changes in circumstances have indicated that the goodwill might be impaired.

8 Trade and bills receivable

The ageing analysis of trade and bills receivable is as follows:

| | Current to 90 days HK\$'000 | 91 to 180 days HK\$'000 | 181 to 360 days HK\$'000 | Over 360 days HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance at | | | | | |
| 30 June 2006 | 6,936,151 | 309,411 | 120,435 | 14,189 | 7,380,186 |
| Balance at | | | | | |
| 31 December 2005 | 7,300,091 | 371,674 | 54,639 | 12,114 | 7,738,518 |

All trade and bills receivable are either repayable within one year or on demand. Accordingly, the fair value of the Group's and the Company's trade and bills receivables are approximately the same as the carrying value.

A significant portion of the Group's business are on sight letter of credit, usance letter of credit up to a tenor of 120 days, documents against payment or customers' letter of credit to suppliers. The balance of the business are on open account terms payable against deliveries of shipments which are often covered by customers' standby letters of credit, bank guarantees or credit insurance.

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables, as the Group has a large number of customers internationally dispersed.

The Group transferred certain bills of exchange and trade receivable amounting to HK\$1,452,383,000 to banks with recourse in exchange for cash as at 30 June 2006. The transactions have been accounted for as collateralized banks advances.

9 Trade and bills payable

The ageing analysis of trade and bills payable is as follows:

| | Current to 90 days HK\$'000 | 91 to 180 days HK\$'000 | 181 to 360 days HK\$'000 | Over 360 days HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2006 | 6,204,647 | 130,527 | 44,627 | 54,136 | 6,433,937 |
| Balance at 31 December 2005 | 5,849,410 | 121,289 | 43,007 | 45,011 | 6,058,717 |

10 Long-term liabilities

| | 30 June 2006 HK\$'000 | 31 December 2005 HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Long-term loans from minority shareholders | 38,867 | 38,867 |
| Balance of purchase consideration payable for acquisitions | 913,446 | 1,361,817 |
| | 952,313 | 1,400,684 |
| Current portion of balance of purchase consideration | | |
| payable for acquisitions | (412,167) | (647,492) |
| | 540,146 | 753,192 |

11 Share capital and options

| | No. of shares (in thousand) | HK\$'000 | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|--|
| uthorized | | | |
| At 1 January 2006 or dinary shares of HK\$0.025 each | 3,200,000 | 80,000 | |
| At 30 June 2006 or dinary shares of HK\$0.025 each | | | |
| (Note (a)) | 4,000,000 | 100,000 | |
| ssued and fully paid | | | |
| At 1 January 2006, or dinary shares of HK\$0.025 each | 2,936,570 | 73,414 | |
| Exercise of share options before Bonus Issue (Note (b)) | 5,093 | 127 | |
| Bonus Issue (Note (c)) | 294,166 | 7,354 | |
| Exercise of share options after Bonus Issue (Note (d)) | 4,216 | 106 | |
| | | | |

Notes:

- (a) Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 18 May 2006 ("2006 AGM"), the Company's authorized share capital was increased from HK\$80,000,000 to HK\$100,000,000 by the creation of an additional 800,000,000 new shares of HK\$0.025 each in the capital of the Company.
- (b) During the period from 1 January 2006 to 17 May 2006, 1,418,000 Shares, 3,569,000 Shares and 106,000 Shares were issued at a price of HK\$9.20, HK\$9.20 and HK\$9.90 per Share respectively to the share option holders who exercised their subscription rights.
- (c) Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at 2006 AGM, 294,166,000 Shares were issued on 18 May 2006 as fully paid up by way of a one for ten bonus issue ("Bonus Issue") in respect of which an amount of HK\$7,354,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account was applied (*Note 12*).
- (d) During the period from 19 May 2006 to 30 June 2006, 147,000 Shares, 744,500 Shares, 3,301,000 Shares and 23,200 Shares were issued at a price of HK\$8.36, HK\$8.36, HK\$8.36 and HK\$9.00 per Share, as adjusted for the effect of the Bonus Issue, respectively to the share option holders who exercised their subscription rights.

11 Share capital and options (continued)

Notes: (continued)

(e) Details of share options granted by the Company pursuant to the Option Scheme and the share options outstanding at 30 June 2006, as adjusted for the effect of the Bonus Issue, are as follows:

| | | | Number of Share Options | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Grant date | Exercise price HK\$ | Exercisable period | As at 1/1/2006 | Granted | Exercised before Bonus Issue | before | Adjustment for Bonus Issue | after | after | As a 30/6/200 | |
| 23/5/2003 | 8.36 | 23/5/2004 - 22/5/2007 | 3,208,000 | - | (1,418,000) | - | 179,000 | (147,000) | - | 1,822,000 | |
| 23/5/2003 | 8.36 | 23/5/2005 – 22/5/2008 | 8,372,000 | - | (3,569,000) | - | 480,300 | (744,500) | - | 4,538,80 | |
| 23/5/2003 | 8.36 | 23/5/2006 – 22/5/2009 | 15,031,000 | - | - | - | 1,503,100 | (3,301,000) | - | 13,233,100 | |
| 20/8/2004 | 9.00 | 20/8/2005 – 19/8/2008 | 300,000 | - | (106,000) | - | 19,400 | (23,200) | - | 190,200 | |
| 20/8/2004 | 9.00 | 20/8/2006 – 19/8/2009 | 2,230,000 | - | - | - | 223,000 | - | - | 2,453,000 | |
| 20/6/2005 | 13.45 | 20/6/2007 – 19/6/2010 | 23,453,000 | - | - | (230,000) | 2,322,300 | - | (110,000) | 25,435,300 | |
| 20/6/2005 | 13.45 | 20/6/2008 – 19/6/2011 | 23,440,000 | - | - | (610,000) | 2,283,000 | - | (176,000) | 24,937,000 | |
| 20/6/2005 | 13.45 | 20/6/2009 – 19/6/2012 | 23,550,000 | - | - | (610,000) | 2,294,000 | - | (176,000) | 25,058,000 | |
| 23/1/2006 | 13.72 | 20/6/2007 – 19/6/2010 | - | 730,000 | - | (24,000) | 70,600 | - | (22,000) | 754,600 | |
| 23/1/2006 | 13.72 | 20/6/2008 – 19/6/2011 | - | 1,470,000 | - | (50,000) | 142,000 | - | (55,000) | 1,507,000 | |
| 23/1/2006 | 13.72 | 20/6/2009 – 19/6/2012 | - | 1,470,000 | - | (50,000) | 142,000 | - | (55,000) | 1,507,000 | |
| 19/6/2006 | 15.65 | 20/6/2007 – 19/6/2010 | - | 212,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 212,000 | |
| 19/6/2006 | 15.65 | 20/6/2008 - 19/6/2011 | - | 2,270,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,270,000 | |
| 19/6/2006 | 15.65 | 20/6/2009 – 19/6/2012 | - | 2,350,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 2,350,000 | |

11 Share capital and options (continued)

Employee share option expenses charged to the consolidated profit and loss account are determined with the Black-Scholes valuation model based on the following assumptions:

| Date of grant | 23 May 2003 | 20 August 2004 | 20 June 2005 | 23 January 2006 | 19 June 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Option value | HK\$2.41 – HK\$2.65 | HK\$2.04 – HK\$2.36 | HK\$2.23 - HK\$2.68 | HK\$2.13 - HK\$2.82 | HK\$2.85 – HK\$3.78 |
| Share price at date of grant | HK\$9.0 | HK\$9.9 | HK\$14.8 | HK\$14.75 | HK\$15.65 |
| Exercisable price | HK\$9.2 | HK\$9.9 | HK\$14.8 | HK\$15.09 | HK\$15.65 |
| Standard deviation | 44% | 41% | 24% | 27% | 31% |
| Annual risk-free interest rate | 1.39% – 3.31% | 1.36% – 3.41% | 2.79% - 3.54% | 3.90% - 4.26% | 4.09% - 4.79% |
| Life of options | 4 – 6 years | 4 – 5 years | 5 – 7 years | 4 – 6 years | 4 – 6 years |
| Dividend yield | 3.89% | 4.24% | 3.45% | 3.45% | 3.04% |
| | | | | | |

12 Reserves

| | Attributable to shareholders of the Company | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Group | Share Capita premium reserve HK\$'000 HK\$'00 | | Employee share-based compensation reserve HK\$'000 | Revaluation reserve HK\$'000 | Hedging reserve HK\$'000 | Exchange reserve HK\$'000 | Retained earnings HK\$'000 | Sub-total HK\$'000 | Minority Interests HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2005 | 3,145,038 | 7,334 | 77,811 | - | - | (27,800) | 1,466,513 | 4,668,896 | (32,389) | 4,636,50 |
| Opening adjustments for the adoption of HKASs 32 and 39 | - | - | - | - | (897) | - | (26,871) | (27,768) | - | (27,76 |
| Balance at 1 January 2005, | | | | | | | | | | |
| as restated | 3,145,038 | 7,334 | 77,811 | - | (897) | (27,800) | 1,439,642 | 4,641,128 | (32,389) | 4,608,7 |
| 2004 final and special dividend paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,608,530) | (1,608,530) | - | (1,608,53 |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | - | - | - | (45,728) | - | (45,728) | 33 | (45,6) |
| Fair value gains of available-for-sale | | | | | | , | | (, , | | () |
| financial assets | - | - | - | 6,369 | - | - | - | 6,369 | - | 6,3 |
| Fair value gains on cash flow hedges | - | - | - | · - | 3,506 | - | - | 3,506 | - | 3,5 |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | · - | - | 1,790,279 | 1,790,279 | 298 | 1,790,5 |
| Employee share option scheme: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - value of employee services | - | - | 47,378 | - | - | - | - | 47,378 | - | 47,3 |
| - proceeds from shares issued | 174,480 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 174,480 | - | 174,4 |
| - transfer to share premium | 18,067 | - | (18,067) | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 2005 interim dividend paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (425,437) | (425,437) | - | (425,4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserves | 3,337,585 | 7,334 | 107,122 | 6,369 | 2,609 | (73,528) | 152,959 | 3,540,450 | (32,058) | 3,508,3 |
| Proposed dividend | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,042,995 | 1,042,995 | - | 1,042,9 |
| At 31 December 2005 | 3,337,585 | 7.334 | 107.122 | 6.369 | 2.609 | (73.528) | 1.195.954 | 4.583.445 | (32,058) | 4,551,3 |

12 Reserves (continued)

| | Attributable to shareholders of the Company | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Share | Employee share-based Capital compensation | | Revaluation | Iladaina | Fuchana | Datained | | Minority | |
| The Group | premium HK\$'000 | reserve reserve | reserve HK\$'000 | | Hedging reserve HK\$'000 | Exchange reserve HK\$'000 | Retained earnings HK\$'000 | Sub-total HK\$'000 | Interests HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2006, | | | | | | | | | | |
| as per above | 3,337,585 | 7,334 | 107,122 | 6,369 | 2,609 | (73,528) | 1,195,954 | 4,583,445 | (32,058) | 4,551,38 |
| 2005 final dividend paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,044,290) | (1,044,290) | - | (1,044,29 |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | - | - | - | 32,390 | - | 32,390 | (14) | 32,3 |
| Transfer to share capital (Note 11(c)) | (7,354) | - | - | - | - | - | - | (7,354) | - | (7,3 |
| Fair value losses on | | | | | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale financial assets | - | - | - | (1,453) | - | - | - | (1,453) | - | (1,4 |
| Fair value losses on cash flow hedges | - | - | - | - | (13,031) | - | - | (13,031) | - | (13,0 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | 764,105 | 764,105 | 176 | 764,2 |
| Employee share option scheme: | | | | | | | | | | |
| - value of employee services | - | - | 29,233 | - | - | - | - | 29,233 | - | 29,2 |
| - proceeds from shares issued | 81,955 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 81,955 | - | 81,9 |
| - transfer to share premium | 18,444 | - | (18,444) | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 5 | 0.400.000 | 7.00. | | 1.010 | (40,400) | (11.100 | 207.007 | 0.000.050 | (04.000) | 0.0710 |
| Reserves | 3,430,630 | 7,334 | 117,911 | 4,916 | (10,422) | (41,138) | 397,027 | 3,906,258 | (31,896) | 3,874,3 |
| Proposed dividend | - | - | - | - | - | - | 518,742 | 518,742 | - | 518,7 |
| At 30 June 2006 | 3,430,630 | 7,334 | 117,911 | 4,916 | (10,422) | (41,138) | 915,769 | 4,425,000 | (31,896) | 4,393,1 |

13 Business combination

On 2 June 2006, the Group acquired the Oxford Womenswear Group business from Oxford Industries, Inc., a United States-based company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Oxford Womenswear Group is a design intensive producer of budget and moderately priced, privated-label women apparel collections. It is primarily focused on the mass merchants segment of the United States market.

The acquired business made no significant contribution to the revenue and profit of the Group from both date of acquisition and 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006. As at the date of this interim report, the Group has yet to finalize the fair value amount of the net identifiable assets acquired. The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of the acquired business approximate their preliminary fair value.

Details of provisional net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

| | HK\$'000 |
|---|----------|
| Purchase consideration: | |
| Cash consideration | 287,707 |
| Direct expenses relating to the acquisition | 7,613 |
| Total purchase consideration | 295,320 |
| Less: preliminary fair value of net assets acquired | (92,707) |
| Goodwill on consolidation (Note 7) | 202,613 |

The goodwill is attributable to the profitability and the synergies expected to arise from the acquired business.

14 Contingent liabilities

| | 30 June 2006 HK\$'000 | 31 December 2005 HK\$'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Guarantees in respect of banking | | |
| facilities granted to associated companies | 99,450 | 98,870 |
| Other guarantees | 9,600 | 9,600 |
| | 109,050 | 108,470 |

15 Commitments

(a) Operating lease commitments

At 30 June 2006, the Group had total future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | 30 June 2006 HK\$'000 | 31 December 2005 HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Within one year | 132,355 | 94,030 |
| In the second to fifth year inclusive | 319,042 | 202,425 |
| After the fifth year | 317,420 | 283,601 |
| | 768,817 | 580,056 |

(b) Capital commitments

| | 30 June 2006 HK\$'000 | 31 December 2005 HK\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Contracted but not provided for: Property, plant and equipment | 8,819 | 3.120 |

16 Financial risk management

The Group's overall risk management policy focuses on minimizing all potential financial risks of the Group.

(a) Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates globally with almost all of its sales and purchases traded in foreign currencies, mostly in US dollar. HK dollar is pegged to US dollar at a range between 7.75 to 7.85, the foreign exchange exposure between US dollar and HK dollar is therefore limited.

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures mainly to the extent of its receivable and payable in currencies other than US dollar, such as Euro and Sterling Pound. To minimize such risks, sales and purchases are generally transacted in same currency.

Foreign exchange risk arising from sales and purchases transacted in different currencies are managed by the Group treasury with the use of foreign exchange forward contracts.

The Group's cash is kept in either HK dollar or US dollar to minimize the foreign exchange risk.

16 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit risk

The Group has stringent policies in place to manage its credit risk.

The Group's business is mainly on sight letter of credit, usance letter of credit up to a tenor of 120 days, documents against payment or customers' letter of credit to suppliers. The balance of the business are on open account terms payable against deliveries of shipments which are often covered by customers' standby letters of credit, bank guarantees or credit insurance.

(c) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash on hand and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities from the Group's bankers.

(d) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

As the Group has no significant interest-bearing assets/liabilities, other than its HK dollar and US dollar bank deposits and bank loans, the Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

17 Event after balance sheet date

On 7 July 2006, the Group entered into an asset purchase agreement to acquire from Rosetti Handbags and Accessories, Ltd., a New York corporation, its business as conducted by its Rosetti Handbag Division and Franco Sarto Division and substantially all their assets (collectively referred to as the "Handbag Divisions") for a cash consideration of approximately US\$162 million. The acquisition constitutes a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The Group will be verifying the fair value of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the Handbag Divisions as at the acquisition date and it is impracticable to disclose their respective amounts together with the goodwill so arising at the current stage. Further details of the transaction are set out in the Group's circular dated 27 July 2006.

18 Approval of interim financial report

The interim financial report was approved by the Board of Directors on 10 August 2006.