

# Report of the Auditors



羅兵咸永道會計師事務所

*H. C. Watt & Co. Ltd.*  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
*Chartered Secretaries*

## **TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 97 to 180 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The Hong Kong Companies Ordinance requires the directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 141 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Fundamental uncertainty**

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial statements concerning the possible outcome of the litigations between New World TMT Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, and PrediWave Corporation ("PrediWave") and certain companies associated with PrediWave (collectively the "PrediWave Companies") and the president and founder of the PrediWave Companies. The future settlement of these litigations might result in the recovery of certain of the Group's investments in the PrediWave Companies, loans to the PrediWave Companies and deposits paid to PrediWave, or additional liabilities for the commitment and/or loss under the PrediWave Cross-Complaint. Details of the circumstances relating to this fundamental uncertainty are described in note 47 to the financial statements. We consider that the fundamental uncertainty has been adequately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements and our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

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## Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 30 June 2006 and of the profit and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

### **PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Certified Public Accountants

### **H.C. Watt & Company Limited**

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### **H.C. Watt**

Practising Certificate No. P181

Hong Kong, 10 October 2006