

Financial Highlights

| <i>(HK\$ millions, unless stated otherwise)</i> | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 1,213.2 | 1,120.4 |
| Total operating expenses | 835.6 | 833.1 |
| Operating profit from principal activities | 377.6 | 287.3 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 338.6 | 246.4 |
| Earnings per share (HK cents) | 21.7 | 15.8 |
| Dividend per share (HK cents) | 19.0 | 15.0 |
| Dividend payout ratio | 88% | 95% |
| No. of shares outstanding | 1,560,945,596 | 1,560,945,596 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 567.0 | 623.0 |
| Investment properties | 773.8 | 733.0 |
| Available-for-sale financial assets | 208.5 | 147.8 |
| Cash and bank balances | 255.3 | 181.4 |
| Bank loans and overdraft | 31.9 | 75.6 |
| Net current assets | 313.8 | 201.1 |
| Net assets | 1,882.8 | 1,720.5 |
| Return on invested capital | 17% | 13% |
| Gearing | - | - |

Corporate Profile

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