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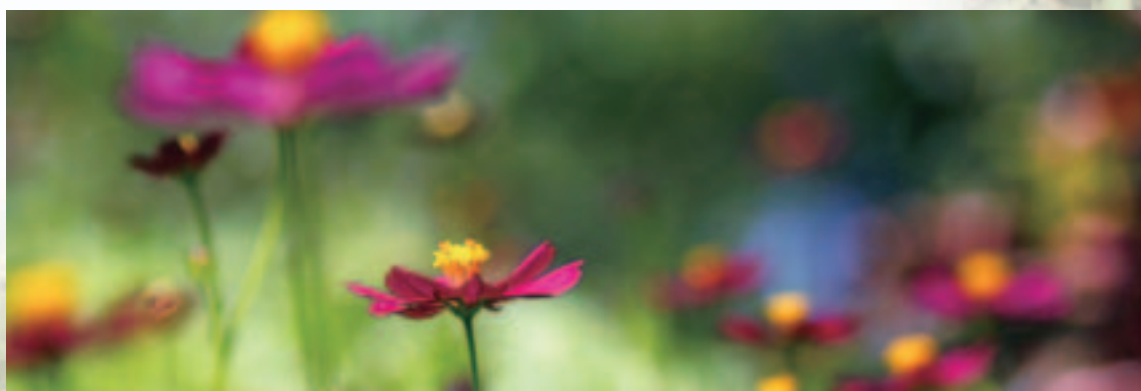
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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. LIN Chun Kuei (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. LI Chien Kuan
Mr. LIN Chun Fu

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Andree HALIM (*Co-vice Chairman*)
(re-designated on 1 December 2008)
Mr. NG Kin Nam (*Co-vice Chairman*)
(re-designated on 1 December 2008)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. GOH Gen Cheung
Mr. MA Chiu Cheung, Andrew
Mr. NG Tang Fai, Ernesto

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. MA Chiu Cheung, Andrew (*Chairman*)
Mr. GOH Gen Cheung
Mr. NG Tang Fai, Ernesto

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. NG Tang Fai, Ernesto (*Chairman*)
Mr. GOH Gen Cheung
Mr. MA Chiu Cheung, Andrew
Mr. LIN Chun Kuei
Mr. LI Chien Kuan

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. GOH Gen Cheung (*Chairman*)
Mr. MA Chiu Cheung, Andrew
Mr. NG Tang Fai, Ernesto
Mr. LIN Chun Kuei
Mr. LI Chien Kuan

QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT AND COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. JAN Wing Fu, Barry

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SHARE LISTING

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
(Stock code: 925)

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Dear shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), I hereby announce the audited consolidated results of Peaktop International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2008.

During the period, the Group recorded a turnover of HK\$302,166,000, representing a decrease of 39% from 2007. Net loss from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders was HK\$108,822,000.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Outdoor gardening products and indoor lifestyle products are still major business segments for the group. The Group's products are still mainly distributed in North America.

The major customers will visit our manufacturing factories in China during their annual purchase trip and discuss the products for the coming year with our R&D staffs. We will offer the newly-developed products of innovative design & technology to the customers for their selection.

Although the Group's organization has been restructured in line with the orders which were decreased substantially, the staffs of the Group's Development & Research Department exploit the creation idea for the new products in accordance with the overall working schedule to be the leader in the marketplace. The Group has to cut the development expense further to control the cost and increase the margin to challenge the intensive competition.

The major export district is destined in USA whose real estates industry is affected by the economic recession & the sub-credit crisis, thus the purchase policy for products is becoming more conservative. The Group's management team was working very hard to restructure the production process & the personnel organization to enhance the competitive ability for the products & the Group. Those efforts aren't effective in the short term, but they have established the sound basis on the Group's competitiveness for 2009 and 2010.

The Group's management team has been conducting its internal restructure process since the second half year of 2006 especially to increase the higher percentage of outsourcing for products to replace the percentage of its own production in order to dispose, rent out, close factories and make movement & adjustment for the manufacturing factories in China to further reduce the fixed production cost & product cost. The wind-up of all the overseas subsidiaries except SRG in USA is almost completed. Since the fourth quarter of 2008, the production cost has been lowered as the prices of the crude oil and other metal materials are dropping, but the margin could hardly be reflected in the operation of 2008. Meanwhile, the exchange rate of RMB is stabilizing in the latter half of 2008 to facilitate the export trade.

In the most part of year 2008, the Group's all operation was under serious effect of the worldwide financial turmoil which was triggered by the sub-credit crisis in USA, the situation has become even worse since the fourth quarter of 2008.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Nevertheless, the Group's management team has never stopped the restructure process in accordance with the current business need to perform diligently for the direction & goal and always pay attention to the operational threats, risks and make the necessary adjustment in order to create the profits for the shareholders. The Group's basic principle to create profit for the first priority, and to increase market share as the second has never been changed.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

To enhance corporate transparency and ensure fulfillment of openness, the Audit Committee that has been established under the Board and comprised of our independent non-executive directors, has become the mechanism for corporate governance. As stipulated, the Audit Committee convenes meetings prior to results announcements and major events and when the Board is required to report to the Audit Committee. The Remuneration and Nomination Committees have started meeting to enhance corporate governance function.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee comprises the three independent non-executive directors of the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the audited financial statements for the twelve months ended 31 December 2008.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE

In April, 2005, The Group set up a nomination committee and remuneration committee, both comprising mainly of independent non-executive directors. The nomination committee is responsible for nominating and affirming candidates approved by the Board, reviewing the structure and composition of the board on a regular basis, ensuring the competitive position of the organization, evaluating the leadership abilities of executive and non-executive directors and ensuring fair and transparent procedures for the appointment of directors to the Board. The remuneration committee is responsible for formulating and making recommendation to the Board on the Group's policy and structure for all the remunerations of the Directors and senior management and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on such remuneration.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors by Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. Upon enquiry by the Company, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the twelve months ended 31 December 2008.

PROSPECT

The Group has experienced the high crude oil prices from 2007 to July 2008 and the sustaining appreciation of the exchange rate for RMB, and the decreased crude oil prices and the stabilization of the exchange rate for RMB since the middle of 2008. However the more serious worldwide financial crisis once again lead to the structural changes of our customers in our main marketplaces and affect the demand for our products in the short term. Especially since the fourth quarter of 2008, the greatly-decreased orders and shipment volume have brought a lot of uncertain factors to the operation in 2009. However we must overcome these difficulties together and cut down the expenditure & the salary expense further to increase the margin for the going concern.

To continue the policy made in 2008, The Board has decided to sell its fixed asset and put efforts in the markets to bring in the capital of the investors who own the new business items to inject the working capital for the need in operation.

Through years of improvement, adjustment and effective & definitive operation strategy, the Group will provide premium products to consumers and offer better working environment to staff, and add to shareholder value.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our appreciation to our shareholders, customers, banks and business partners for their continuous trust and support, and also to all of our staff for their dedicated efforts in facilitating the Group's business restructuring and perseverance in face of challenges.

Lin Chun Kuei
Chairman

Hong Kong, 3 April 2009

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

REVIEW OF RESULTS

The Group's consolidated turnover was approximately HK\$302,166,000 (2007: HK\$495,047,000), representing a decrease of 39% when compared to 2007. Loss attributable to shareholders for the year 2008 amounted to HK\$108,822,000 (2007: HK\$193,838,000). The major reason for the decrease in total turnover was the downturns of the real estate industry in the USA since end of 2007 and the impact of worldwide financial tsunami became so serious since the third quarter of 2008. The demands of the Group's products have been affected to decrease and this was the business trend since the beginning of 2007. The loss attributable to shareholders has decreased, due to the reorganisation of the group structure and the cost reduction exercise in 2008.

SEGMENTAL TURNOVER

In year 2008, the United States and Asia Pacific remained as the Group's largest markets.

The Group's export sales to the United States decreased by 30% to HK\$255,115,000 (2007: HK\$362,215,000), representing 84% (2007: 73%) of the Group's total turnover. The Group's export sales to Asia Pacific decreased 49% to HK\$40,892,000 (2007: HK\$80,410,000), representing 14% (2007: 16%) of the Group's total turnover.

The Group's major products were water gardening, outdoor life-style products and indoor decorative products. In year 2008, the total turnover of outdoor decorative products and indoor decorative products amounted to HK\$160,027,000 (2007: HK\$207,439,000) and HK\$109,181,000 (2007: HK\$246,638,000) respectively, representing 53% (2007: 42%) and 36% (2007: 50%) of the Group's total turnover respectively.

MAJOR EVENTS

Disposal of the entire share capital of Peaktop (Vietnam) Limited

During the year, the Group entered into an agreement with an independent third party to dispose the entire share capital of Peaktop (Vietnam) Limited for a consideration of USD2,172,000 (equivalent to HK\$16,983,000).

Disposal of the entire share capital of Peaktop Technologies Limited

On 1 May 2008, the Group entered into an agreement with an independent third party to dispose the entire share capital of Peaktop Technologies Limited for a total consideration of RMB202,500,000 (equivalent to HK\$225,800,000). The sole asset of Peaktop Technologies Limited is a 75% equity interest of a PRC subsidiary.

On 25 February 2009, the Group entered into a supplemental agreement pursuant to which the Group agreed to sell the remaining 25% equity interest of its PRC subsidiary to the same independent third party by transferring the remaining 25% equity interest to Peaktop Technologies Limited. Upon completion, Peaktop Technologies Limited will own 100% equity interest of the PRC subsidiary. The consideration was adjusted from RMB202,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$225,800,000) to RMB240,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$271,200,000).



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Placing of Convertible Bonds

On 19 May 2008, the Company and the placing agent entered into the placing agreement, pursuant to which the placing agent agreed to place, on a best effort basis, to independent investors up to in the aggregate principal amount of HK\$75,440,000 convertible bonds bearing interest of 12% per annum attached with rights of conversion to a maximum of 184,000,000 conversion shares at initial conversion price of HK\$0.41 per share. On 1 September 2008, the fourth supplemental agreement on the placing of convertible bonds lapsed (as amended by the supplemental agreement signed on 10 June 2008 and the second, third and fourth supplemental agreements signed on 30 June 2008, 14 July 2008 and 31 July 2008 respectively) and the completion of the placing agreement would not be proceeded.

Conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement

On 11 June 2008, the Company's substantial shareholders (the "Vendors") and the offeror entered into the conditional sale and purchase agreement (the "Agreement"), pursuant to which the offeror conditionally agreed to acquire from the Vendors the sale shares for an aggregate consideration of HK\$150,724,900 (as amended by the supplemental agreement signed on 12 July 2008). On 21 August 2008, the Company had been informed by the offeror that the resolution relating to the offers was not approved by the shareholders of the offeror at the special general meeting convened on the same day. The approval of the shareholders of the offeror of the Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder was one of the conditions precedent to the completion of the Agreement. Accordingly, the Agreement had ceased and terminated. As the making of the offers was conditional on fulfillment of the conditions precedent under the Agreement, the offers would not be made by the offeror.

Disposal of a property situated in Fuqing City in Fujian Province in the PRC

On 26 November 2008, the Group entered into an agreement with an independent third party to dispose the property situated in Fuqing City, Fujian Province in the PRC for a consideration of RMB8,180,000 (equivalent to HK\$9,243,000).



FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Cost Control

During the year under review, the Group's gross profit margin was significantly decreased from 9.6% in the year 2007 to 8.8% in year 2008. The drop of gross profit was mainly due to the charging of design and molding costs for HK\$20,882,000 in the consolidated income statement in 2008. The other reasons were the increase of worldwide crude oil, raw materials and the PRC labor costs especially during the period from January 2008 to September 2008.

Selling and Distribution, Administrative and Other Operating Expenses

During the year under review, total selling and distribution expenses of the Group was HK\$45,960,000 (2007: HK\$89,184,000), representing 15% (2007: 18%) of total turnover and a decrease of 48% when compared to 2007. The decrease in total selling and distributing expense was mainly due to the decrease in turnover which consequently decreased the salaries and allowance of HK\$7,300,000, freight cost of HK\$12,700,000 and sales claims of HK\$15,546,000.

During the year under review, total administrative expenses of the Group was HK\$76,800,000 (2007: HK\$130,011,000), representing 25% (2007: 26%) of total turnover and a decrease of 41% when compared to 2007. The drop was mainly due to the decrease in salary expenses for HK\$22,300,000 and to slim down of organization structure.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

During the year under review, other operating expenses of the Group was HK\$11,029,000 (2007: HK\$11,944,000), representing 4% (2007: 3%) of total turnover.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Finance Costs

The Group finances its operations with internally generated cash flows and banking facilities. As at 31 December 2008, the Group had aggregate available banking facilities of HK\$119,192,000 (2007: HK\$379,768,000), of which HK\$96,329,000 (2007: HK\$224,545,000) was utilized and subject to floating market rates. The Group's cash and bank balance at that date amounted to HK\$19,575,000 (2007: HK\$41,188,000), which was denominated in United States dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. This together with unutilized banking facilities will enable the Group to fund its operational needs.

As at 31 December 2008, the Group's current ratio and quick ratio were 37% (2007: 67%) and 30% (2007: 46%) respectively. At that date, the Group's total borrowing, amounted to HK\$96,329,000 (2007: HK\$234,397,000), which included short-term borrowing and long-term borrowing of HK\$50,951,000 (2007: HK\$219,609,000) and HK\$45,378,000 (2007: HK\$14,788,000) respectively. As at 31 December 2008, the Group's gearing ratio, defined as total borrowing as percentage of total assets, was 25% (2007: 44%).

During the year under review, total finance costs incurred by the Group were HK\$10,077,000 (2007: HK\$20,148,000). The decrease of total finance costs was in line with the decrease of the total borrowing of the Group. The Group will continue to implement prudent financing policy in order to ensure that the Group will not be affected by short-term uncertainties.

Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year (2007: Nil).

Shareholders' Loans

During the year under review, certain directors and substantial shareholders of the Company had advanced totaling HK\$45,000,000 to the Company for general working capital purpose.

Capital Expenditure

The Group incurred a total capital expenditure in respect of re-building of property, plant and amounting to HK\$38,591,000 (2007: HK\$23,935,000) for the year ended 31 December 2008, which included 28,903,000 for re-building of the existed premises and few new buildings, as well as the amount of HK\$5,757,000 for other expenses in order to apply for the official land and building certificates for our properties in Shenzhen City in Guangdong Province in the PRC and HK\$3,931,000 for acquiring other fixed assets.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

During the year under review, the Group's major revenue was denominated in United States dollars, while banking facilities repayment and purchases were made essentially in the corresponding currencies and Renminbi, thus establishing a natural hedge. During the year under review, the Group was exposed to certain risks of exchange fluctuations.

Impact of the Revaluation of Renminbi

All of the Group's sales are denominated in either United States dollars or Australian dollars while some of the Group's purchases are denominated in Renminbi. During the year under review, the appreciation of Renminbi has caused slightly adverse effect on the current operating results and financial position of the Group. To reduce the possible impact in the future, the Group has negotiated to reduce the bank borrowing facilities and purchases denominated in Renminbi and incorporates the exchange risk in all quotations, and participating the appreciation of RMB in the quotation for the future new orders.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2008, the Group had no significant contingent liability (31 December 2007: Nil).

Charges on Assets

As at 31 December 2008, certain assets of the Group with aggregate carrying value of HK\$124,057,000 (2007: HK\$151,245,000) were pledged to secure loan facilities utilized by the Group.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Employees

As at 31 December 2008, the Group had a total of 1,006 (2007: 3,458) employees. Total staff cost incurred during the year ended 31 December 2008 amounted to HK\$64,897,000 (2007: HK\$126,462,000) excluding staff cost included in cost of sales and directors' remuneration. The Group offers a comprehensive remuneration and benefit package to its employees, and the management reviews the remuneration policies on a regular basis.

The Group also adopts a share option scheme, which is reviewed and revised periodically in accordance with the latest statutory requirements. During the year ended 31 December 2008, no option were granted or exercised under the share option scheme.

BUSINESS PROSPECT AND OUTLOOK

Even during this worldwide financial crisis, the Group should still continue on its main business of manufacturing and trading water gardening products in the year of 2009 and onwards, based on its very well established product design and development abilities as well as its very strong relationship with the buyers. The Group has changed its over-all marketing strategy since 2007 to

focus on developing those higher margin products with different raw materials and to select higher margin business partners from the long relation buyers' list and also approach those new players in the market places. USA is still the major market since the Group had started its operation in 1992. The water gardening business is mainly for improving life style and home decoration. Gone through contact and review with major buyers in USA, the prospect for its future business is still there, no matter, the serious economic down turn in USA has affected the market to be slow and conservative as compared the business to last year.



To stay competitive in the industry from supply side in China, the Group is not only to further reduce the production costs through the restructure process in every aspect to cut down labor costs, manufacturing overhead and financial expenses, but also has to increase larger portion of trading business gradually by out-sourcing products from the related production facilities outside of Guangdong province where local government has less encouraged the labor-intensive industries. The increased trading business shall substitute the turnover of own production and also to improve the profit margin and stay competitive. Besides, using poly-resin as its main raw materials for products, the Group also focus in developing products with other raw materials, such as ceramic, metal, nature rocks and woods through out-sourcing activities.

Finally, the Group is still looking for the potential investor in the market in order to bring in new business units which will compensate the loss of turnover and improve the profitability of the Group.



DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BIOGRAPHIES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

MR. LIN CHUN KUEI

(alias C. K. Lin), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, aged 58. He is responsible for formulating the overall business strategy and plans of the Group. Mr. Lin has over 21 years of experience in the giftware industry. Before establishing the Group's giftware business, he operated the machine and spare parts manufacturing business. He is the spouse of Mrs. Lin Huang Su Feng, the Vice President of the Group. He is the brother of Mr. Lin Chun Fu, an Executive Director of the Company. He is the father of Mr. Lin Wei Hung, the President of Silkroadgifts, Inc., a subsidiary of the Group.



MR. LI CHIEN KUAN

(also known as Spencer Lee), aged 62. He holds a bachelor's degree in commerce from Soochow University of Taiwan. Mr. Li has over 30 years of experience in accounting and finance. He had served various international companies before joining the Group in 1991. He is responsible for monitoring the overall finance and management strategies and plans of the Group. Since January 2002, Mr. Li has been assisting the Chief Executive Officer in supervising the Group's Management and Control Center in coordinating, organizing, managing and controlling all operational units within the Group. In addition to the above functions, he is now concentrating in the affairs of restructure, management and new investment of overseas operation units.



MR. LIN CHUN FU

(as known as C. F. Lin), aged 54. He joined the Group in 1991 and is in charge of the Group's Product and Sales Departments. Mr. Lin has over 21 years of experience in the giftware manufacturing industry. Mr. Lin is the brother of Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, the Chairman of the Group. He is also the brother-in-law of Mrs. Lin Huang Su Feng, the Vice President of the Group and the uncle of Mr. Lin Wei Hung, the President of Silkroadgifts, Inc., a subsidiary of the Group.



DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BIOGRAPHIES

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

MR. ANDREE HALIM

Co-vice Chairman, aged 61. He graduated with a diploma in Business Studies from the South East London Technical College of United Kingdom. He has been appointed as a director and a vice chairman of QAF Limited since October 2003. QAF Limited is an investment holding company listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange. Mr. Halim is an entrepreneur and holds interests in a wide range of businesses. He also holds directorships in various other private enterprises. He is a director and a shareholder of Tian Wan Pte. Ltd., a substantial shareholder of the Company.



MR. NG KIN NAM

Co-vice Chairman, aged 50. He joined the Group in August 2002. He is the chairman of Reputed Industrial Co. Ltd. He is a non-executive director and a vice chairman of IPE Group Limited which is listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, and a director of Integrated Precision Engineering Co., Ltd.. Mr. Ng has over 30 years of experience in various types of connector parts and electronic precision parts manufacturing business. In addition, he serves as the Honorable President of Eastern District Industries & Commerce Association, the Life Honorable President of Jin Jiang Clans Association (H.K.) Ltd., the Vice President of Ng Clan's Association, the Honorable President of The HK Fujian Charitable Education Fund and the director of Guangdong Chamber of Foreign Investors.



DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BIOGRAPHIES

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

MR. GOH GEN CHEUNG

Aged 62. He has been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director since November 1997. He has over 30 years of treasury, finance and banking experience. Mr. Goh is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and has a master's degree in business administration from the University of East Asia in Macau. Mr. Goh also sits on the board as independent non-executive director of CEC International Holdings Limited, China Favours and Fragrances Company Limited and Shinhint Acoustic Link Holdings Limited, public companies listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Goh resigned as independent non-executive director from Karce International Holdings Limited, a public company listed on The Hong Kong Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited effective from 9 February 2009.



MR. MA CHIU CHEUNG, ANDREW

Aged 67. He has been appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director since September 2004. He is a founder and former director of Andrew Ma DFK (CPA) Limited. He is presently a director of Mayee Management Limited. He has more than 30 years of experience in the field of accounting, auditing and finance. He received his bachelor's degree, majoring in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) in England. Mr. Ma is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Hong Kong Institute of Directors and the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong. In addition to his directorship in the Company, Mr. Ma is also an independent non-executive director of Asia Financial Holdings Limited, Tanrich Financial Holdings Limited, C.P. Pokphand Company Limited, China Resources Power Holdings Company Limited and Chong Hing Bank Limited; all of which are companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Ma is also a non-executive director of Asian Citrus Holdings Limited, a company listed on the AIM Board of The London Stock Exchange.



MR. NG TANG FAI, ERNESTO

Aged 65. He has been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director since May 2007. He has extensive experience in the areas of corporate governance, banking and capital markets. He is now the Executive Vice President of Asia Financial Holdings Limited, a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.



DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BIOGRAPHIES

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

MRS. LIN HUANG SU FENG, aged 59. She is the Vice President of the Group and is responsible for general operations in the PRC. She has over 31 years of experience in accounting and corporate finance. She is the spouse of Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, the Chairman of the Group and the mother of Mr. Lin Wei Hung, the President of Silkroadgifts, Inc., a subsidiary of the Company. She is also the sister-in-law of Mr. Lin Chun Fu, the Executive Director of the Company.

MR. LIN YUAN CHIA (as known as Y. C. Lin), aged 54, Group Vice President. He is responsible for the Group Product Division. He has over 22 years of experience in the giftware and home decoration manufacturing industry. He joined the Group in 1991.

MR. JAN WING FU, BARRY, aged 42, is the Financial Controller, Qualified Accountant and Company Secretary of the Group. Mr. Jan obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of New Brunswick, Canada in 1989. He is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Mr. Jan has over 18 year of solid experience in auditing, accounting, general management and financial control. Mr. Jan Joined the Group on 26 March 2008.

MS. LEE FENG-YU, (also known as Pola Lee), aged 46, Vice President of Product & Marketing. She is responsible for the Group's products development and sales and marketing affairs. Before joining the Group in 2002, she worked for several renowned international trading groups in the giftware & home decorative product industry. She has more than 17 years' experience in product development & marketing operation mainly for the U.S. & European markets.

MR. CHAN KAI CHEONG, RICKY, aged 40. He is in charge of the Group's Quality Control Division. He has over 11 years' experience in quality control and process management in polyresin industry. He also has 11 years' experience in quality control of giftware industry. He joined the Group in 1998.

MR. LEE CHIEH HSIN, SEWELL, aged 52, graduated from Department of Business Administration, National Taipei College of Business. Before joining the Group in 1999, he has worked for several renowned international trading groups in export business. He has more than 21 years' experience in export sales and export market exploitation.

MR. LIN WEI-HUNG, aged 34. He is the President of Silkroadgifts, Inc., a subsidiary of the Group and engaged in marketing and promoting Company's products throughout the United States market. He is responsible for the daily operations of Silkroadgifts, Inc., Mr. Lin is experienced in marketing and product development for giftware items. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Systems from Pace University in the United States of America. He is the son of Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Mrs. Lin Huang Su Feng, the Chairman and the Vice President of the Group respectively. He is also the nephew of Mr. Lin Chun Fu, an Executive Director of the Group.

MR. DOMINIC TUDDA, aged 59, Executive Director of Sales of Silkroadgifts, Inc., a subsidiary of the Group and engaged in marketing and promoting Company's products throughout the United States market. He has extensive working experience in handling national accounts' sales and marketing in the U.S.. He joined the company in April 2003. He graduated from Old Dominion University.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BIOGRAPHIES

MR. FU GUO XI, aged 39, Finance Manager of Shenzhen Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Group in China. He has over 12 years' experience in corporate planning and financial management. He joined the Group in 1994.

MR. DAVID LIAO, aged 42, Factory Manager of Lu He Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Group. He is responsible to establish the organization of the factory and general production and operation of business. He holds specialty qualification from the college and obtains the assistant accountant qualifications through the Nation-Wide technology qualifications test in 1996. He graduated in accounting major from Economical management leader college Fujian Province China in 1994 and he joined the company finance department in the same year in July, thereafter he held positions such as accounts manager and finance manager. He has over 14 years of abundant experience in team finance, administration, shipping and business planning.

MR. WANG GUO HUAI, aged 40, Factory Manager of Shuichun sub-plant of Luhe Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Group. He graduated from Light Industrial College of Hunan Province (currently known as Changsha University of Science and Technology). He joined Fuqing Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Group in 1994. He had been the deputy supervisor of engineering technique department, supervisor of engineering technique department and deputy department head. He was promoted to deputy factory manager of Luhe Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd., in October 2004, responsible for the setup and organization of the manufacturing and sales of sub-plant. He has 14 years experience of production, sales and management.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors herein present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. Details of the principal activities of the principal subsidiaries are set out in note 18 to the financial statements. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Group's loss for the year ended 31 December 2008 and the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 29 to 119. The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividends in respect of the year.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the published results and assets, liabilities and minority interests of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the published audited financial statements is set out below. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

	Year ended 31 December				
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Results					
Revenue	302,166	495,047	1,089,187	1,161,217	1,135,705
(Loss)/profit from operating activities	(110,979)	(188,935)	13,810	(18,173)	9,883
Share of loss of an associate	–	–	–	–	–
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(110,979)	(188,935)	13,810	(18,173)	9,883
Taxation	2,157	(5,104)	(102)	648	(3,146)
(Loss)/profit for the year	(108,822)	(194,039)	13,708	(17,525)	6,737
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company	(108,822)	(193,838)	13,766	(16,724)	6,421
Minority interests	–	(201)	(58)	(801)	316
	(108,822)	(194,039)	13,708	(17,525)	6,737

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December				
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2006 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND MINORITY INTERESTS					
Total assets	375,925	538,686	640,395	933,630	890,313
Total liabilities	(309,225)	(382,733)	(384,186)	(696,075)	(642,516)
Minority interests	–	–	(201)	(1,261)	(2,253)
	66,700	155,953	256,008	236,294	245,544

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment and investment property of the Group during the year are set out in notes 13 and 14 to the financial statements.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements in the Company's share capital during the year, together with the reasons therefor, are set out in note 34(c) to the financial statements.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda, being the jurisdiction in which the Company was incorporated, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

There has been no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the year ended 31 December 2008.

RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 34 to the financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity, respectively.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At 31 December 2008, the Company's reserves available for distribution and/or distribution in specie, calculated in accordance with the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, amounted to Nil. In addition, the Company's share premium account, in the amount of HK\$172,582,000, may be distributed in the form of fully paid bonus shares.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

In the year under review, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for 78.3% of the Group's total sales for the year and sales to the largest customer included therein amounted to 38.8%. Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 13.9% of the total purchases for the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS (Continued)

None of the directors of the Company or any of their associates or any shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any beneficial interest in any of the Group's five largest customers.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the year were:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Lin Chun Kuei (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Li Chien Kuan

Mr. Lin Chun Fu

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Andree Halim (*Co-vice Chairman*)

(re-designated on 1 December 2008)

Mr. Ng Kin Nam (*Co-vice Chairman and Authorised Representative*)

(re-designated on 1 December 2008)

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Goh Gen Cheung

Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew

Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto

In accordance with bye-law 111(A) of the Company's bye-laws, Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, Mr. Ng Kin Nam and Mr. Andree Halim shall retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The directors of the Company, including those appointed for a specific term, are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Company's bye-laws.

DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES

Biographical details of the directors of the Company are set out on pages 10 to 14 of the annual report.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, Mr. Lin Chun Fu and Mr. Li Chien Kuan, all being Executive Directors have entered into service agreements with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 1 December 1997, which are renewable automatically for successive terms of one year each, until terminated by not less than six months' notice in writing served by either party on the other.

Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto, an Independent Non-Executive Director, has entered into a service agreement with the Company on 30 May 2007 for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 30 May 2007, until terminated by either party thereto giving to the other not less than three months's notice in writing.

Apart from the foregoing, no director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

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DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors' fees are subject to shareholders' approval at general meetings. Other emoluments are determined by the Company's Board of Directors with reference to directors' duties, responsibilities and performance and the results of the Group. Details of directors' remuneration is set out in note 8 to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No director had a beneficial interest, either direct or indirect, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY

As at 31 December 2008, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), which (i) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors by Listed Company (the "Model Code") contained in the rules governing the listing of securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares:

Name of Director	Notes	Number of Shares held, capacity and nature of interest in the Shares			Total	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital (%)
		Personal	Family	Corporate		
Mr. Lin Chun Kuei		135,059,200	–	–	135,059,200	13.52
Mr. Lin Chun Fu		33,690,800	–	–	33,690,800	3.37
Mr. Andree Halim	1	42,086,000	–	127,822,000	169,908,000	17.00
Mr. Ng Kin Nam	2	60,123,200	6,107,000	89,291,800	155,522,000	15.56

Notes:

1. Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. is the beneficial owner of 127,822,000 Shares. The entire issued share capital of Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. is beneficially owned as to 50% each by Mr. Andree Halim and Mr. Daniel Halim, the son of Mr. Andree Halim. Accordingly, Mr. Andree Halim is deemed to be interested in the 127,822,000 Shares beneficially owned by Tian Wan Pte. Ltd.
2. Jade Investment Limited is the beneficial owner of 89,291,800 Shares. The entire issued share capital of Jade Investment Limited is beneficially owned as to 50% each by Mr. Ng Kin Nam and Ms. Jocelyn O. Angeleslao, the spouse of Mr. Ng Kin Nam. Accordingly, Mr. Ng Kin Nam is deemed to be interested in the 89,291,800 Shares beneficially owned by Jade Investment Limited. Mr. Ng is also deemed to be interested in the 6,107,000 Shares beneficially owned by Ms. Jocelyn O. Angeleslao.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY (Continued)

In addition to the above, certain directors hold shares in certain subsidiaries of the Company, in a non-beneficial capacity, solely for the purpose of complying with minimum company membership requirements.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2008, none of the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which (i) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); and (ii) were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code contained in the Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Apart from as disclosed in the share option scheme disclosures in note 33 to the financial statements, at no time during the year were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Detailed disclosures relating to the Company's share option scheme are set out in note 33 to the financial statements.

No share options were granted or exercised during the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY

So far as is known to the Directors and the chief executive of the Company, as at 31 December 2008, the following person (not being Directors and chief executive of the Company) had, or was deemed to have, interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company 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:

(i) Long positions in the Shares:

Name	Notes	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued share capital (%)
Ms. Jocelyn O. Angeleslao	1	Through a controlled corporation	89,291,800	8.94
	1	Directly beneficially owned	6,107,000	0.61
	1	Through the spouse	60,123,200	6.01
			155,522,000	15.56
Jade Investment Limited	1	Directly beneficially owned	89,291,800	8.94
Tian Wan Pte. Ltd.	2	Directly beneficially owned	127,822,000	12.79
Mr. Daniel Halim	2	Through a controlled corporation	127,822,000	12.79
Mrs. Lin Huang Su Feng	3	Through the spouse	135,059,200	13.52
Oasis Choice Holdings Limited ("Oasis Choice")	4	Directly beneficially interested	100,000,000	10.00
China Railway Logistics Limited ("China Railway")	4	Through a controlled corporation	100,000,000	10.00

Notes:

- Ms. Jocelyn O. Angeleslao is the spouse of Mr. Ng Kin Nam, an Executive Director, and the beneficial owner of 50% of the existing issued share capital of Jade Investment Limited. Accordingly, she is deemed to be interested in the 60,123,200 Shares beneficially owned by Mr. Ng Kin Nam and the 89,291,800 Shares beneficially owned by Jade Investment Limited. She is also the beneficial owner of 6,107,000 Shares.
- Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. is the beneficial owner of 127,822,000 Shares. The entire issued share capital of Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. is beneficially owned as to 50% each by Mr. Andree Halim (the Director of the Company) and Mr. Daniel Halim, the son of Mr. Andree Halim.
- Mrs. Lin Huang Su Feng is the spouse of Mr. Lin Chun Kuei (one of the Directors of the Company). Accordingly, she is deemed to be interested in 135,059,200 Shares which are beneficially owned by Mr. Lin.
- Mr. Lin Chun Kuei has charged 100,000,000 shares to Oasis Choice, which is thus deemed to be interested in the said shares. Oasis Choice is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Railway, which is also deemed to be interested in the said shares.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY (Continued)

(ii) Long positions in ordinary shares of subsidiaries of the Company:

Name of subsidiary	Name of substantial shareholder	Percentage of shareholding (%)
Waterwerks Pty. Ltd.	Infiniti Marketing Group Pty. Ltd.	10

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2008, the Directors and the chief executive of the Company were not aware of any other person (other than the Directors and the chief executive of the Company) who had, or was deemed to have, interest or short positions in the shares or underlying shares (including any interests in options in respect of such capital), which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who are, 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.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Certain related party transactions as disclosed in note 40 to the financial statements also constituted connected transactions under the Listing Rules, are required to be disclosed in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The following transactions between certain connected parties (as defined in the Listing Rules) and the Company have been entered into and/or are ongoing for which relevant announcements, if necessary, had been made by the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules.

The Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company have reviewed the above transactions and have considered the procedures performed by the auditors of the Company in reviewing them and confirmed that at the time of the transactions:

- (a) the transactions have been entered into by the relevant member of the Group in the ordinary and usual course of its business;
- (b) the transactions have been entered into on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms (to the extent that there are comparable transactions) or, if there are not sufficient comparable transactions to judge whether they are on normal commercial terms, or terms not less favourable to the Group than terms available to or from (as the case may be) independent third parties; and
- (c) the transactions have been entered into in accordance with the relevant agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Saved for those stated in notes 43 to the financial statements, there was no other significant post balance sheet events of the Group.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules required at least 25% of the issued share capital of the Company must be held in public hands. Based on information available and within the knowledge of the directors as at the date of this report prior to the issue of the annual report, the obligation has been complied with.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to building and maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The Company applied the principles and complied with all requirements set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practice ("CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for the deviations from provisions A.2.1 and A.4.1 of the CG Code.

Further information on the Company's corporate governance practices is set out in the Report of the Corporate Governance of the annual report.

AUDITORS

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2008 were audited by CCIF CPA Limited. A resolution to reappoint the retiring auditors, CCIF CPA Limited, will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

LIN Chun Kuei

Chairman

Hong Kong, 3 April 2009

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board considers that good corporate governance of the Company is essential to safeguarding the interests of the shareholders and enhancing the performance of the Group. The Board is committed to maintain and ensure high standards of corporate governance. The Company has applied the principles and complied with all the applicable code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices ("CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") for the year ended 31 December 2008, except for the deviations from provisions A.2.1 and A.4.1 of the CG Code in respect of segregation of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and appointment of Independent Non-executive Directors for specific terms. The Board will continuously review and improve the corporate governance practices and standards of the Company to ensure that business activities and decision-making processes are regulated in a proper and prudent manner.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. All the members of the Board have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2008.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As on the date of this report, the Board comprised eight Directors. There are three Executive Directors including a Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; two Non-executive Directors are also the Co-vice Chairmen; and three Independent Non-executive Directors. In addition, one of the Independent Non-executive Directors possesses appropriate professional accounting qualifications and financial management expertise pursuant to Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules. Detailed biographies outlining each individual Director's range of specialist experience can be found on pages 9 to 11.

The Board meets regularly throughout the year, the principal focus of the Board is on the overall strategic development of the Group. The Board also monitors the financial performance and the internal controls of the Group's business operations, and delegates responsibility for individual Director and management for overseeing the Group's business operations, implementing the strategies laid down by the Board and making day-to-day operating decisions.

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company is Mr. Lin Chun Kuei. This deviates from provision A.2.1 of the CG Code which stipulates that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Lin Chun Kuei is one of the founder of the Group and is primarily responsible for leadership of the Board, ensuring the effectiveness on all aspects of its role and setting its agenda, whereas clearly established executive responsibilities for running of the business operations of the Group lie with different designated senior executives. The Board considers that this structure will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the business of the Group given that there is a professional and independent non-executive element on the Board and a clear division of responsibility for the running of the business of the Group. The Board believes that the structure outlined above is beneficial to the Company and its business.

The Independent Non-executive Directors, with a wide range of expertise and a balance of skills, bring independent judgment on issues of strategic direction, development, performance and risk management. They also serve the important function of ensuring and monitoring the basis for an effective corporate governance framework. The Board considers that each Independent Non-executive Director is independent in character and judgment and that they all meet the specific independence criteria as required by the Listing Rules. The Company has received annual written confirmation from each Independent Non-executive Director of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Based on the contents of such confirmation, the Company considers that such Directors are independent.

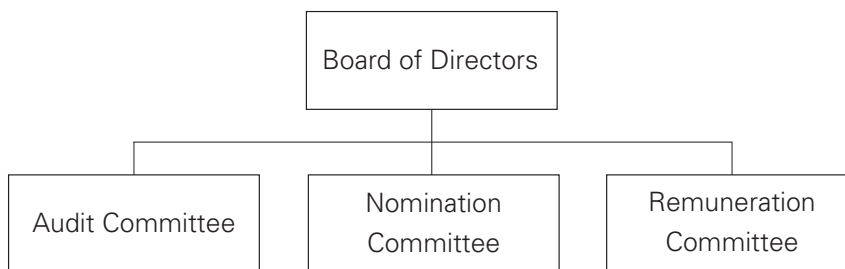
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

Two of three Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term. This deviates from provision A.4.1 of the CG Code which provides that Non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. Currently, two of three Independent Non-executive Directors are not appointed for a specific term but all three Independent Non-executive Directors are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws of the Company.

The Board considers that the Group has sufficient and appropriate liability insurance to cover its Directors and senior management team against any legal liability arising from their performance of their duties.

The Board has established audit, remuneration and nomination committees in accordance with the CG Code and all or a majority of the members of the committees are Independent Non-executive Directors.



The Board has established three committees with clearly-defined written terms of reference. The main roles and responsibilities of these committees, including all authorities delegated to them by the Board, as set out in the terms of reference, are dispatched to all members already. The different committees' independent views and recommendations not only ensure proper control of the Group but also the continual achievement of the high corporate governance standards expected of a listed company. The Chairman of each committee reports the outcome of the committee's meetings to the Board for further discussion and approval.

Minutes of Board meetings and meetings of committees are kept by duly appointed secretaries of the respective meetings and all Directors have access to board papers and related materials, and are provided with adequate information on a timely manner, which enable the Board to make an informed decision on matters placed before it.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

Member Attendance of Board and committee meetings for the year 2008

Name of Directors	Number of meetings attended/eligible to attend during the year			
	Board	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee
Executive Directors				
Mr. LIN Chun Kuei	5/5	3/3	1/1	2/2
Mr. LI Chien Kuan	5/5	3/3	1/1	2/2
Mr. LIN Chun Fu	2/5	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Non-executive Directors				
Mr. Andree HALIM *	0/5	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Mr. NG Kin Nam *	0/5	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Independent Non-executive Directors				
Mr. GOH Gen Cheung	5/5	3/3	1/1	2/2
Mr. MA Chiu Cheung, Andrew	5/5	3/3	1/1	2/2
Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto	5/5	3/3	1/1	2/2

* Re-designated on 1 December 2008

Note: Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is the spouse of Ms. Lin Huang Su Feng, a former Executive Director and currently the Group Vice President. He is the brother of Mr. Lin Chun Fu, an Executive Director. He is also the father of Mr. Lin Wei Hung, a former Executive Director and currently the President of a subsidiary of the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee was established in 1999 and consists of all Independent Non-executive Directors. Members of the audit committee are Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew, Mr. Goh Gen Cheung and Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto. The audit committee is chaired by Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew who is the founder and a former director of Andrew Ma DFK (CPA) Limited and has over 30 years of experience in accounting and finance. All members of this committee hold the relevant industry and financial experience necessary to advise on Board strategies and other related matters.

The audit committee's functions are:

- to decide on the appointment, terms of engagement of the external auditors;
- to review and monitor financial reporting and the reporting judgment contained in them; and
- to review financial and internal controls, accounting policies and practices with management, and external auditors.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Continued)

Every year, the Chairman of the audit committee meets with the Group's external auditors to discuss the annual audit plan. The meetings of the audit committee are attended by members of the committee, and where necessary, the external auditors. External auditors made presentations to the audit committee on the implications of the introduction of new accounting standards in Hong Kong. The audit committee subsequently reported its recommendations to the Board for further review and approval. The audit committee is also entrusted with monitoring and assessing the independence and objectivity of the external auditors and the effectiveness of the audit process. All external audit partners are subject to periodic rotations, and where necessary, and the ratio of annual fees for non-audit services and for audit service is subject to close scrutiny by the audit committee.

During the year under review, the audit committee met three times and reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008 with recommendations to the Board for approval and discussed with the management and external auditors the accounting policies and practices which may affect the Group and financial reporting matters.

The fees paid/payable in respect of services provided by the Group's external auditors during the year ended 31 December 2008 were as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Audit services	1,611	1,875
Non-audit services	600	100

The audit committee has concluded that it is satisfied with the findings of its review of the audit and non-audit service fees, process and effectiveness, independence and objectivity.

The Group's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2008 has been reviewed by the audit committee.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The remuneration committee was established in 2005, which is responsible for formulating and making recommendation to the Board on the Group's policy and structure for all the remunerations of the Directors and senior management and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedures for developing policy on such remuneration.

The majority of the remuneration committee members are Independent Non-executive Directors. Members of the remuneration committee are Mr. Goh Gen Cheung (Chairman), Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew, Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto, Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Mr. Li Chien Kuan.

The remuneration committee met once during the year to review the remuneration policy for the Directors and the senior management of the Group and to approve the basic salary of all individual Directors and senior management of the Group. Details of each Director's salary are set out in note 8 to the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The nomination committee was established in 2005, which is responsible for nominating and affirming candidates approved by the Board, reviewing the structure and composition of the board on a regular basis, ensuring the competitive position of the organization, evaluating the leadership abilities of Executive and Non-executive Directors and ensuring fair and transparent procedures for the appointment of directors to the Board.

The majority of the nomination committee members are Independent Non-executive Directors. Members of the nomination committee are Mr. Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto (Chairman), Mr. Goh Gen Cheung, Mr. Ma Chiu Cheung, Andrew, Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Mr. Li Chien Kuan.

The committee met twice during the year to review the structure, size and composition of the Board.

INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board is entrusted with the overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the Group's internal control systems and reviewing their effectiveness. The role of the Group's management is to implement all Board policies on risk and control.

The Group's internal control systems are designed to provide reasonable protection of the Group's assets, and to safeguard these assets against unauthorized use or disposition by ensuring that all such transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorisation.

During the year ended 31 December 2008, the Board had conducted a review of the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system. Procedures have been set up for safeguarding assets against unauthorized use or disposition, controlling over capital expenditure, maintaining proper accounting records and ensuring the reliability of financial information used for business and publication. Qualified management throughout the Group maintains and monitors the internal control system on an ongoing basis.

CCIF CPA Limited, the Group's external auditors, reported matters concerning internal control of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008 in accordance with the Hong Kong Standards on Auditing to the Audit Committee during its regular meetings.

In respect of the year ended 31 December 2008, the Board considered the internal controls system effective and adequate. No significant areas of concern, which might affect the operational, financial reporting, and compliance functions of the Company were identified.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the results and cash flow for that period. In preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008, the Directors have selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently; adopted appropriate Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards; made adjustments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and have prepared the accounts on the going concern basis. The Directors are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time on the financial position of the Group.

INVESTORS RELATIONSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

The Company endeavours to maintain a high level of transparency in communicating with shareholders and investors at large. The Company is committed to continue to maintain an open and effective investors communication policy and to update investors on relevant information on its business in a timely manner, subject to relevant regulatory requirements. In order to ensure effective, clear and accurate communications with the investors and analysts, all corporate communications are arranged and handled by the Executive Directors and designated senior executives according to established practices and procedures of the Company.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PEAKTOP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Peaktap International Holdings Limited (the "Company") set out on pages 29 to 119, which comprise the consolidated and the company balance sheets as at 31 December 2008, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

OPINION

In our opinion the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 December 2008 and of the Group's loss and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 2(b) to the consolidated financial statements which indicate that the Group incurred a consolidated loss attributable to equity shareholder of the Company of approximately HK\$108,822,000 for the year ended 31 December 2008 and the Group's and the Company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by approximately HK\$156,132,000 and HK\$69,938,000 respectively as at 31 December 2008. Notwithstanding the above, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon the success of the measures to improve the Group's and the Company's profitability and cash flows, to obtain financing from other resources and to secure the necessary facilities from its existing bankers. These conditions, along with other matters as set forth in note 2(b), indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

CCIF CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 3 April 2009

Betty P.C. Tse

Practising Certificate Number P03024

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Turnover	4 & 12	302,166	495,047
Cost of sales		(275,520)	(447,677)
Gross profit		26,646	47,370
Valuation (loss)/gain on investment property	14	(1,040)	2,670
Other revenue	5	3,194	12,705
Other net income/(loss)	5	4,087	(393)
Distribution costs		(45,960)	(89,184)
Administrative expenses		(76,800)	(130,011)
Other operating expenses		(11,029)	(11,944)
Loss from operations		(100,902)	(168,787)
Finance costs	6(a)	(10,077)	(20,148)
Loss before taxation	6	(110,979)	(188,935)
Income tax	7	2,157	(5,104)
Loss for the year		(108,822)	(194,039)
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company	10, 34(a)	(108,822)	(193,838)
Minority interests	34(a)	–	(201)
Loss for the year	34(a)	(108,822)	(194,039)
Loss per share	11		
Basic		HK(10.9) cents	HK(21.8) cents
Diluted		HK(10.9) cents	HK(21.8) cents

The notes on pages 36 to 119 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008		2007	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	13		177,463		164,248
Investment property	14		11,600		12,640
Prepaid lease payments	15		59,426		61,388
Intangible assets	16		820		927
Goodwill	17		–		–
Interest in an associate	19		–		–
Other non-current financial assets	20		19,464		31,891
			268,773		271,094
Current assets					
Trading securities	21	–		942	
Inventories	22	18,462		77,353	
Trade and other receivables	23	48,779		124,111	
Cash and cash equivalents	24	30,701		42,253	
		97,942		244,659	
Non-current assets held for sale	25	9,210		22,933	
Total current assets		107,152		267,592	
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	26	211,641		142,893	
Derivative financial instruments	27	–		2,113	
Bank loans and overdrafts	28	50,951		209,757	
Other loan, unsecured	29	–		9,852	
Obligations under finance leases	30	–		320	
Current taxation	31(a)	692		2,377	
		(263,284)		(367,312)	
Net current liabilities			(156,132)		(99,720)
Total assets less current liabilities			112,641		171,374

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008		2007	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities					
Bank loans	28	45,378		14,788	
Deferred tax liabilities	31(b)	563		633	
			(45,941)		(15,421)
NET ASSETS			66,700		155,953
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share capital	34(a)		99,920		99,920
Reserves			(33,220)		56,033
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company			66,700		155,953
Minority interests			–		–
TOTAL EQUITY			66,700		155,953

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 3 April 2009.

Lin Chun Kuei
Director

Li Chien Kuan
Director

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BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008		2007	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets					
Investments in subsidiaries	18		130,165		147,764
Current assets					
Trading securities	21	–		942	
Trade and other receivables	23	172		35	
Cash and cash equivalents	24	72		9,548	
		244		10,525	
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	26	(70,182)		(9,266)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(69,938)		1,259
NET ASSETS			60,227		149,023
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	34(b)				
Share capital			99,920		99,920
Reserves			(39,693)		49,103
TOTAL EQUITY			60,227		149,023

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 3 April 2009.

Lin Chun Kuei
Director

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Director

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company										
Note	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000	Asset revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000	(Accumulated losses)/ retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Minority interests HK\$'000	Total equity HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007	85,720	99,260	18,528	9,785	871	23,786	18,058	256,008	201	256,209
Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong	-	-	-	6,261	-	-	-	6,261	-	6,261
Shares issued under the placing	34(c)(iii) 14,200	73,322	-	-	-	-	-	87,522	-	87,522
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(193,838)	(193,838)	(201)	(194,039)
At 31 December 2007 and 1 January 2008	99,920	172,582	18,528	16,046	871	23,786	(175,780)	155,953	-	155,953
Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong	-	-	-	4,379	-	-	-	4,379	-	4,379
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	(1,936)	-	-	-	(1,936)	-	(1,936)
Revaluation surplus	-	-	-	-	17,126	-	-	17,126	-	17,126
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(108,822)	(108,822)	-	(108,822)
At 31 December 2008	99,920	172,582	18,528	18,489	17,997	23,786	(284,602)	66,700	-	66,700

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Operating activities			
Loss before taxation		(110,979)	(188,935)
Adjustments for:			
Valuation loss/(gain) on investment property	14	1,040	(2,670)
Depreciation	6(c)	25,053	32,354
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	6(c)	979	1,626
Amortisation of intangible assets	6(c)	231	5,033
Impairment loss on goodwill	6(c)	–	3,459
Impairment loss for amount due from an investee company	6(c)	9,576	–
Impairment loss for unlisted equity securities	6(c)	1,453	–
Impairment loss for property, plant and equipment	6(c)	2,921	–
Impairment loss for prepaid lease payments	6(c)	1,374	–
(Reversal of)/impairment loss for bad and doubtful debts	6(c)	(5,889)	6,222
Write-off of trade and other receivables	6(c)	–	2,032
Reversal for write-off of trade and other receivables	5	(1,725)	–
Reversal of impairment loss on amount due from an associate	6(c)	–	(46)
Finance costs	6(a)	10,077	20,148
Interest income	5	(157)	(945)
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	5	–	(6,243)
Unrealised gain on trading securities	5	–	(6)
Net loss on forward foreign exchange contracts	6(c)	–	2,113
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5	5,397	7,253
Gain on disposal of non-current financial assets classified as held for sale	5	(5,366)	–
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	35(a)	2,066	–
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries through deregistration	35(c)	8,376	–
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries through administration	35(b)	(18,563)	–
Fair value loss/(gain) on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss	5	9,929	(611)
Foreign exchange loss		–	2,031
Operating loss before changes in working capital		(64,207)	(117,185)
Decrease in inventories		44,893	83,850
Decrease in trade and other receivables		60,479	18,769
Decrease in trade and other payables		(15,634)	(12,970)
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		25,531	(27,536)
Tax refund/(paid)			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		–	–
Overseas tax refund/(paid)		799	(1,855)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		26,330	(29,391)

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Investing activities			
Payment for the purchases of property, plant and equipment		(38,463)	(23,769)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		8,178	3,537
Expenditure on development project		(128)	(166)
Increase in pledged deposits		(9,991)	(44)
Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary	35(a)	16,892	–
Proceeds from disposal of trading securities		942	–
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		–	10,530
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets held for sale		31,778	–
Net cash outflow from disposal of subsidiaries through administration	35(b)	(3)	–
Deposits for the consideration of disposal of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements		44,405	–
Interest received		157	945
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		53,767	(8,967)
Financing activities			
Net proceeds from shares issued under the placing		–	87,522
Capital element of finance lease rentals paid		(320)	(1,700)
Proceeds from new bank loans		194,152	155,319
Repayment of bank loan		(316,494)	(185,983)
Proceeds from other loans		–	9,852
Repayment of other loans		(9,852)	–
Advance from a director		23,000	17,902
Repayment to a director		–	(15,902)
Advance from an ex-director		–	10,730
Repayment to an ex-director		(2,066)	(8,664)
Advance from a substantial shareholder		22,000	15,000
Repayment to a substantial shareholder		–	(12,000)
Interest element of finance lease rentals paid		–	(111)
Other borrowing costs paid		(10,077)	(20,037)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(99,657)	51,928
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(19,560)	13,570
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	24	35,432	21,280
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		1,439	582
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	24	17,311	35,432

The notes on pages 36 to 119 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Peaktop International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in Bermuda and its shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the corporate information section of the annual report.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the business of design, manufacture and sale of home, garden and plastic decorative products.

The financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars rounded to the nearest thousand, which is the same as the functional currency of the Company.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The HKICPA has issued certain amendments and interpretations which are or have become effective. It has also issued certain new and revised HKFRSs which are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company. Note 3 provides information on initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the “Group”) and the Group’s interest in an associate.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except where stated otherwise in the accounting policies set out below.

Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale are stated at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell (see note 2(y)).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements (Continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made by management in the application of HKFRSs that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 42.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors have considered the future liquidity of the Group and the Company notwithstanding:

- the consolidated loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of approximately HK\$108,822,000 for the year ended 31 December 2008;
- the consolidated net current liabilities of approximately HK\$156,132,000 and the Company's net current liabilities of approximately HK\$69,938,000 as at 31 December 2008; and
- the outstanding bank loans and overdrafts of approximately HK\$96,329,000 (note 28), out of which an aggregate of approximately HK\$50,951,000 was due for repayment within the next twelve months after 31 December 2008.

The directors adopted the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements and implemented the following measures in order to improve the working capital position, immediate liquidity and cash flow position of the Group and the Company:

- (i) The Group will negotiate with its bankers to secure the necessary facilities in order to meet the Group's and the Company's working capital and financial requirements in the near future.

Subsequent to 31 December 2008, the Group obtained new bank loans of approximately HK\$9,008,000, which was repayable in March 2010.

- (ii) During and subsequent to 31 December 2008, the Group entered into several agreements to dispose of its interests in certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements for an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$279,451,000, (note 25(a) and 43(b)) of which approximately HK\$44,405,000 is received in advance during the year ended 31 December 2008 and the directors expect approximately HK\$167,486,000 to be receivable in 2009 and approximately HK\$67,560,000 to be receivable after 2009, to finance the operations of the Group.
- (iii) The Group and the Company would take relevant measures in order to tighten cost controls over various operating expenses and to seek new investment and business opportunities with an aim to attain profitable and positive cash flow operations. The Group and the Company are expected to derive sufficient cash flow in 2009.

In the opinion of the directors, in light of the various measures/arrangements implemented to date together with the expected results of other measures, the Group and the Company will have sufficient working capital for its current requirements and it is reasonable to expect the Group and the Company to remain a commercially viable concern. Accordingly, the directors are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements (Continued)

Should the Group and the Company be unable to continue to operate as a going concern, adjustments would have to be made to write down the value of assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any further liabilities which might arise and to reclassify non-current assets and liabilities as current assets and liabilities respectively. The effect of these adjustments has not been reflected in the financial statements.

(c) Subsidiaries and minority interests

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. Control exists when the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from activities. In assessing control, potential voting rights that presently are exercisable are taken into account.

An investment in a subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Intra-group balances and transactions and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Minority interests represent the portion of the net assets of subsidiaries attributable to interests that are not owned by the Company, whether directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, and in respect of which the Group has not agreed any additional terms with the holders of those interests which would result in the Group as a whole having a contractual obligation in respect of those interests that meets the definition of a financial liability. Minority interests are presented in the consolidated balance sheet within equity, separately from equity attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company. Minority interests in the results of the Group are presented on the face of the consolidated income statement as an allocation of the total profit or loss for the year between minority interests and the equity shareholders of the Company.

Where losses applicable to the minority exceed the minority's interest in the equity of a subsidiary, the excess, and any further losses applicable to the minority, are charged against the Group's interest except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation to, and is able to, make additional investment to cover the losses. If the subsidiary subsequently reports profits, the Group's interest is allocated all such profits until the minority's share of losses previously absorbed by the Group has been recovered.

Loans from holders of minority interests and other contractual obligations towards these holders are presented as financial liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet depending on the nature of the liability.

In the Company's balance sheet, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(m)) unless the investment is classified as held for sale.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Associates

An associate is an entity in which the Group or Company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

An investment in an associate is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements under the equity method and is initially recorded at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's net assets, unless it is classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale). The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition, post-tax results of the associates for the year, including any impairment loss on goodwill relating to the investment in associates recognised for the year (see note 2(e) and (m)).

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in the associate, the Group's interest is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. For this purpose, the Group's interest in the associate is the carrying amount of the investment under the equity method together with the Group's long-term interests that in substance form part of the Group's net investment in the associate.

Unrealised profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associate, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred, in which case they are recognised immediately in income statement.

(e) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of a business combination or an investment in an associate over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities.

Goodwill is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units and is tested annually for impairment (see note 2(m)). In respect of associates, the carrying amount of goodwill is included in the carrying amount of the interest in the associate.

Any excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of a business combination or an investment in an associate is recognised immediately in income statement.

On disposal of a cash-generating unit or an associate during the year, any attributable amount of purchased goodwill is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) Other investments in debt and equity securities

The Group's and the Company's policies for investments in debt and equity securities, other than investments in subsidiaries and associates, are as follows:

Investments in debt and equity securities are initially stated at cost, which is their transaction price unless fair value can be more reliably estimated using valuation techniques whose variables include only data from observable markets. Cost includes attributable transaction costs, except where indicated otherwise below. These investments are subsequently accounted for as follows, depending on their classification:

Investments in securities held for trading are classified as current assets. Any attributable transaction costs are recognised in income statement as incurred. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised in income statement. The net gain or loss recognised in income statement does not include any dividends or interest earned on these investments as these are recognised in accordance with the policies set out in note 2(v)(iii) and (iv).

Dated debt securities that the Group and/or the Company have the positive ability and intention to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity securities. Held-to-maturity securities are stated in the balance sheet at amortised cost less impairment losses (see note 2(m)).

Investments in equity securities that do not have a listed market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are recognised in the balance sheet at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(m)).

Investments in securities which do not fall into any of the above categories are classified as available-for-sale securities and are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity, except foreign exchange gains and losses in respect of monetary items such as debt securities which are recognised directly in income statement. Dividend income from these investments is recognised in income statement in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(v)(iii) and, where, these investments are interest-bearing, interest calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in income statement in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(v)(iv). When these investments are derecognised or impaired (see note 2(m)), the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised directly in equity is recognised in income statement.

For an investment in equity investments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market, or derivatives linked to such equity instruments, it is measured at cost less impairment (because its fair value cannot be measured reliably).

Investments are recognised/derecognised on the date the Group commits to purchase/sell the investments or they expire.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are recognised on the consolidated balance sheet when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in income statement.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss have two subcategories, including financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition. At each balance sheet date subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in income statement in the period in which they arise. The net gain or loss recognised in income statement included interest income from these financial assets.

(h) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is charged immediately to income statement.

(i) Investment property

Investment properties are land and/or buildings which are owned or held under a leasehold interest (see note 2(l)) to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation. These include land held for a currently undetermined future use.

Investment properties are stated in the balance sheet at fair value. Any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value or from the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognised in income statement. Rental income from investment properties is accounted for as described in note 2(v)(ii).

When the Group holds a property interest under an operating lease to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, the interest is classified and accounted for as an investment property on a property-by-property basis. Any such property interest which has been classified as an investment property is accounted for as if it were held under a finance lease (see note 2(l)), and the same accounting policies are applied to that interest as are applied to other investment properties leased under finance leases. Lease payments are accounted for as described in note 2(l).

(j) Property, plant and equipment

The building component of leasehold properties held for own use is stated in the balance sheet at their revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation.

Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount of these assets does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at the balance sheet date.

Construction in progress represents buildings under construction and equipment pending installation, and is stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(m)). Cost comprises direct costs of construction as well as interest charges during the period of construction and installation. Capitalisation of these costs ceases and the construction in progress is transferred to property, plant and equipment when the asset is substantially ready for its intended use.

The other items of property, plant and equipment are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (see note 2(m)).

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Changes arising on the revaluation of properties held for own use are generally dealt with in reserves. The only exceptions are as follows:

- when a deficit arises on revaluation, it will be charged to income statement to the extent that it exceeds the amount held in the reserve in respect of that same asset immediately prior to the revaluation; and
- when a surplus arises on revaluation, it will be credited to income statement to the extent that a deficit on revaluation in respect of that same asset had previously been charged to income statement.

The cost of self-constructed items of property, plant and equipment includes the cost of materials, direct labour, the initial estimate, where relevant, of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and an appropriate proportion of production overheads and borrowing costs (see note 2(x)).

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and are recognised in income statement on the date of retirement or disposal. Any related revaluation surplus is transferred from the revaluation reserve to accumulated losses/retained profits.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of items of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual value, if any, using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Buildings situated on leasehold land are depreciated over the shorter of the unexpired term of lease and their estimated useful lives, being no more than 40 years after the date of completion.
- Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the unexpired term of lease and their estimated useful lives, being no more than 10 years after the date of completion.
- Plant and machinery 10 years
- Furniture, fixtures, equipment 5 years
- Motor vehicles 5 years
- Moulds 2 years

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost or valuation of the item is allocated on a reasonable basis between the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Both the useful life of an asset and its residual value, if any, are reviewed annually.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(k) Intangible assets (other than goodwill)

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure on development activities is capitalised if the product or process is technically and commercially feasible and the Group has sufficient resources and the intention to complete development. The expenditure capitalised includes the costs of materials, direct labour, and an appropriate proportion of overheads and borrowing costs, where applicable (see note 2(x)). Capitalised development costs are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses (see note 2(m)). Other development expenditure is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Other intangible assets that are acquired by the Group are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation (where the estimated useful life is finite) and impairment losses (see note 2(m)). Expenditure on internally generated goodwill and brands is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Amortisation of intangible assets with finite useful lives is charged to income statement on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives. The following intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised from the date they are available for use and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

– capitalised development costs	2 to 5 years
– patents	5 years
– deferred expenses	amortised over the term of their underlying contracts

Both the period and method of amortisation are reviewed annually.

Intangible assets are not amortised while their useful lives are assessed to be indefinite. Any conclusion that the useful life of an intangible asset is indefinite is reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support the indefinite useful life assessment for that asset. If they do not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is accounted for prospectively from the date of change and in accordance with the policy for amortisation of intangible assets with finite lives as set out above.

(l) Leased assets

An arrangement, comprising a transaction or a series of transactions, is or contains a lease if the Group determines that the arrangement conveys a right to use a specific asset or assets for an agreed period of time in return for a payment or a series of payments. Such a determination is made based on an evaluation of the substance of the arrangement and is regardless of whether the arrangement takes the legal form of a lease.

(i) Classification of assets leased to the Group

Assets that are held by Group under leases which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as being held under finance leases. Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Group are classified as operating leases.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(l) Leased assets (Continued)

(ii) Assets acquired under finance leases

Where the Group acquires the use of assets under finance leases, the amounts representing the fair value of the leased asset, or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments, of such assets are included in fixed assets and the corresponding liabilities, net of finance charges, are recorded as obligations under finance leases. Depreciation is provided at rates which write off the cost or valuation of the assets over the term of the relevant lease or, where it is likely the Group will obtain ownership of the asset, the life of the asset, as set out in note 2(j). Impairment losses are accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy as set out in note 2(m). Finance charges implicit in the lease payments are charged to income statement over the period of the leases so as to produce an approximately constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period.

(iii) Operating lease charges

Where the Group has the use of assets held under operating leases, payments made under the leases are charged to income statement in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased asset. Lease incentives received are recognised in income statement as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments made. Contingent rentals are charged to income statement in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

The cost of acquiring land held under an operating lease is amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease term except where the property is classified as an investment property (see note 2(i)).

(m) Impairment of assets

(i) Impairment of investments in debt and equity securities and other receivables

Investments in debt and equity securities (other than investments in subsidiaries and associates: (see note 2(m)(iii))) and other current and non-current receivables that are stated at cost or amortised cost or are classified as available-for-sale equity securities are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. Objective evidence of impairment includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about one or more of the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor; and
- a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of an investment in an equity instrument below its cost.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Impairment of assets (Continued)

(i) *Impairment of investments in debt and equity securities and other receivables (Continued)*

If any such evidence exists, any impairment loss is determined and recognised as follows:

- For unquoted equity securities carried at cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset where the effect of discounting is material. Impairment losses to equity securities are not reversed.
- For trade and other current receivables and other financial assets carried at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these assets), where the effect of discounting is material. This assessment is made collectively where financial assets carried at amortised cost share similar risk characteristics, such as similar past due status, and have not been individually assessed as impaired. Future cash flows for financial assets which are assessed for impairment collectively are based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to the collective group.

If in a subsequent period the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, the impairment loss is reversed through income statement. A reversal of an impairment loss shall not result in the asset's carrying amount exceeding that which would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years.

- For available-for-sale equity securities, which are stated at fair value when a decline in the fair value has been recognised directly in equity and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in equity shall be removed from equity and recognised in income statement event though the financial asset has not been derecognised. The amount of the cumulative loss that is recognised in income statement is the difference between the acquisition cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and current fair value, less any impairment loss on the asset previously recognised in income statement.

Impairment losses recognised in income statement in respect of available-for-sale equity securities are not reversed through income statement. Any subsequent increase in the fair value of such assets is recognised directly in equity.

Impairment losses in respect of available-for-sale debt securities are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Reversals of impairment losses in such circumstances are recognised in income statement.

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For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Impairment of assets (Continued)

(i) *Impairment of investments in debt and equity securities and other receivables (Continued)*

Impairment losses are written off against the corresponding assets directly, except for impairment losses recognised in respect of trade debtors and bills receivable included within trade and other receivables, whose recovery is considered doubtful but not remote. In this case, the impairment losses for doubtful debts are recorded using an allowance account. When the Group is satisfied that recovery is remote, the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against trade debtors and bills receivable directly and any amounts held in the allowance account relating to that debt are reversed. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously charged to the allowance account are reversed against the allowance account. Other changes in the allowance account and subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off directly are recognised in income statement.

(ii) *Impairment of other assets*

Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at each balance sheet date to identify indications that the following assets may be impaired or, except in the case of goodwill, an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- property, plant and equipment (other than properties carried at revalued amounts);
- prepaid lease payments classified as being held under an operating lease;
- intangible assets;
- investments in subsidiaries and associates (except for those classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale)); and
- goodwill.

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. In addition, for goodwill, intangible assets that are not yet available for use and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives, the recoverable amount is estimated annually whether or not there is any indication of impairment.

– Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

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For the year ended 31 December 2008 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(m) Impairment of assets (Continued)

(ii) *Impairment of other assets (Continued)*

– Recognition of impairment losses

An impairment loss is recognised in income statement whenever the carrying amount of an asset, or the cash-generating unit to which it belongs, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the cash-generating unit (or group of units) and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (or group of units) on a pro rata basis, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs to sell, or value in use, if determinable.

– Reversals of impairment losses

In respect of assets other than goodwill, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

A reversal of an impairment loss is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to income statement in the year in which the reversals are recognised.

(iii) *Interim financial reporting and impairment*

Under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Group is required to prepare an interim financial report in compliance with HKAS 34, *Interim financial reporting*, in respect of the first six months of the financial year. At the end of the interim period, the Group applies the same impairment testing, recognition and reversal criteria as it would at the end of the financial year (see notes 2(m)(i) and (ii)).

Impairment losses recognised in an interim period in respect of goodwill, available-for-sale equity securities and unlisted equity securities carried at cost are not reversed in a subsequent period. This is the case even if no loss, or a smaller loss, would have been recognised had the impairment been assessed only at the end of the financial year to which the interim period relates.

(n) Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is calculated on the first-in, first-out basis and comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(o) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost less allowance for impairment of doubtful debts (see note 2(m)), except where the receivables are interest-free loans made to related parties without any fixed repayment terms or the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases, the receivables are stated at cost less allowance for impairment of doubtful debts (see note 2(m)).

(p) Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between the amount initially recognised and redemption value being recognised in income statement over the period of the borrowings, together with any interest and fees payable, using the effective interest method.

(q) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value. Except for financial guarantee liabilities measured in accordance with note 2(u)(i), trade and other payables are subsequently stated at amortised cost unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

(r) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and short-term, highly liquid investments readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity at acquisition. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management are also included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement.

(s) Employee benefits

(i) Short term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees. Where payment or settlement is deferred and the effect would be material, these amounts are stated at their present values.

(ii) Share-based payments

The fair value of share options granted to employees is recognised as an employee cost with a corresponding increase in a capital reserve within equity. The fair value is measured at grant date using the binomial lattice model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. Where the employees have to meet vesting conditions before becoming unconditionally entitled to the share options, the total estimated fair value of the share options is spread over the vesting period, taking into account the probability that the options will vest.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(s) Employee benefits (Continued)

(ii) *Share-based payments (Continued)*

During the vesting period, the number of share options that is expected to vest is reviewed. Any adjustment to the cumulative fair value recognised in prior years is charged/credited to the income statement for the year under review, unless the original employee expenses qualify for recognition as an asset, with a corresponding adjustment to the capital reserve. On vesting date, the amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that vest (with a corresponding adjustment to the capital reserve) except where forfeiture is only due to not achieving vesting conditions that relate to the market price of the Company's shares. The equity amount is recognised in the capital reserve until either the option is exercised (when it is transferred to the share premium account) or the option expires (when it is released directly to accumulated losses).

(iii) *Termination benefits*

Termination benefits are recognised when, and only when, the Group demonstrably commits itself to terminate employment or to provide benefits as a result of voluntary redundancy by having a detailed formal plan which is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

(t) Income tax

Income tax for the year comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in income statement except to the extent that they relate to items recognised directly in equity, in which case they are recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities, and all deferred tax assets to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised, are recognised. Future taxable profits that may support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences include those that will arise from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, provided those differences relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse either in the same period as the expected reversal of the deductible temporary difference or in periods into which a tax loss arising from the deferred tax asset can be carried back or forward. The same criteria are adopted when determining whether existing taxable temporary differences support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and credits, that is, those differences are taken into account if they relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse in a period, or periods, in which the tax loss or credit can be utilised.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(t) Income tax (Continued)

The limited exceptions to recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities are those temporary differences arising from goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit (provided they are not part of a business combination), and temporary differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that, in the case of taxable differences, the Group controls the timing of the reversal and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future, or in the case of deductible differences, unless it is probable that they will reverse in the future.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at each balance sheet date and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilised. Any such reduction is reversed to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised when the liability to pay the related dividends is recognised.

Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities, if the Company or the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:

- in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Company or the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
- in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
 - the same taxable entity; or
 - different taxable entities, which, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered, intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis or realise and settle simultaneously.

(u) Financial guarantees issued, provisions and contingent liabilities

(i) Financial guarantees issued

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the issuer (i.e. the guarantor) to make specified payments to reimburse the beneficiary of the guarantee (the “holder”) for a loss the holder incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(u) Financial guarantees issued, provisions and contingent liabilities (Continued)

(i) Financial guarantees issued (Continued)

Where the Group issues a financial guarantee, the fair value of the guarantee (being the transaction price, unless the fair value can otherwise be reliably estimated) is initially recognised as deferred income within trade and other payables. Where consideration is received or receivable for the issuance of the guarantee, the consideration is recognised in accordance with the Group's policies applicable to that category of asset. Where no such consideration is received or receivable, an immediate expense is recognised in income statement on initial recognition of any deferred income.

The amount of the guarantee initially recognised as deferred income is amortised in income statement over the term of the guarantee as income from financial guarantees issued. In addition, provisions are recognised in accordance with note 2(u)(ii) if and when (i) it becomes probable that the holder of the guarantee will call upon the Group under the guarantee, and (ii) the amount of that claim on the Group is expected to exceed the amount currently carried in trade and other payables in respect of that guarantee i.e. the amount initially recognised, less accumulated amortisation.

(ii) Other provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for other liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group or the Company has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

(v) Revenue recognition

Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in income statement as follows:

(i) Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised when goods are delivered at the customers' premises which is taken to be the point in time when the customer has accepted the goods and the related risks and rewards of ownership. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts.

(ii) Rental income from operating leases

Rental income receivable under operating leases is recognised in income statement in equal instalments over the periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the use of the leased asset. Lease incentives granted are recognised in income statement as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments receivable. Contingent rentals are recognised as income in the accounting period in which they are earned.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(v) Revenue recognition (Continued)

(iii) Dividends

Dividend income from unlisted investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established.

Dividend income from listed investments is recognised when the share price of the investment goes ex-dividend.

(iv) Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

(w) Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in income statement.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

The results of foreign operations are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Balance sheet items, including goodwill arising on consolidation of foreign operations acquired on or after 1 January 2005, are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are recognised directly in a separate component of equity. Goodwill arising on consolidation of a foreign operation acquired before 1 January 2005 is translated at the foreign exchange rate that applied at the date of acquisition of the foreign operation.

On disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences recognised in equity which relate to that foreign operation is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

(x) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed in income statement in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or complete.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(y) Non-current assets held for sale

A non-current asset (or disposal group) is classified as held for sale if it is highly probable that its carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and the asset (or disposal group) is available for sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such assets (or disposal groups). A disposal group is a group of assets to be disposed of together as a group in a single transaction, and liabilities directly associated with those assets that will be transferred in the transaction.

Immediately before classification as held for sale, the measurement of the non-current assets is brought up-to-date in accordance with the accounting policies before the classification. Then, on initial classification as held for sale and until disposal, the non-current assets (except for certain assets as explained below), are recognised at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. The principal exceptions to this measurement policy so far as the financial statements of the Group and the Company are concerned are deferred tax assets, assets arising from employee benefits, financial assets (other than investments in subsidiaries and associates) and investment properties. These assets, even if held for sale, would continue to be measured in accordance with the policies set out elsewhere in note 2.

Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale, and on subsequent remeasurement while held for sale, are recognised in income statement. As long as a non-current asset is classified as held for sale, the non-current asset is not depreciated or amortised.

(z) Related parties

For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Group if:

- (i) the party has the ability, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, to control the Group or exercise significant influence over the Group in making financial and operating policy decisions, or has joint control over the Group;
- (ii) the Group and the party are subject to common control;
- (iii) the party is an associate of the Group or a joint venture in which the Group is a venturer;
- (iv) the party is a member of key management personnel of the Group or the Group's parent, or a close family member of such an individual, or is an entity under the control, joint control or significant influence of such individuals;
- (v) the party is a close family member of a party referred to in (i) or is an entity under the control, joint control or significant influence of such individuals; or
- (vi) the party is a post-employment benefit plan which is for the benefit of employees of the Group or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

Close family members of an individual are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that individual in their dealings with the entity.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(aa) Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting system, the Group has chosen geographical segment information as the primary reporting format and business segment information as the secondary reporting format for the purposes of these financial statements.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. For example, segment assets may include inventories, trade receivables and property, plant and equipment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process, except to the extent that such intra-group balances and transactions are between group entities within a single segment. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to other external parties.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire segment assets (both tangible and intangible) that are expected to be used for more than one period.

Unallocated items mainly comprise financial and corporate assets, interest-bearing loans, borrowings, tax balances, corporate and financing expenses.

3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

In the current year, the Company has where applicable applied the following amendments and interpretations ("new HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") which are or have become effective.

HKAS 39 & HKFRS 7 (Amendments)	Reclassification of Financial Assets
HK(IFRIC) – Int 11	HKFRS 2: Group and Treasury Share Transactions
HK(IFRIC) – Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements
HK(IFRIC) – Int 14	HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction

The application of the new HKFRSs had no material effect on how the results and financial position for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior adjustment is required.

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3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

The Group has not early applied any of the following new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations which have been issued but are not yet effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2008.

HKFRSs (Amendments)	Improvements to HKFRSs ¹
HKAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements ²
HKAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs ²
HKAS 27 (Revised)	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements ³
HKAS 32 & 1 (Amendments)	Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligation Arising on Liquidation ²
HKAS 39 (Amendment)	Eligible hedged items ³
HKFRS 1 and HKAS 27 (Amendments)	Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate ²
HKFRS 1 (Revised)	First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ³
HKFRS 2 (Amendments)	Vesting Conditions and Cancellations ²
HKFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations ³
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments ²
HK(IFRIC) – Int 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes ⁴
HK(IFRIC) – Int 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate ²
HK(IFRIC) – Int 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation ⁵
HK(IFRIC) – Int 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners ³
HK(IFRIC) – Int 18	Transfers of Assets from Customers ⁶

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 except for the amendments to HKFRS 5, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009

⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008

⁵ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008

⁶ Effective for transfers of assets from customers received on or after 1 July 2009

The application of HKFRS 3 (Revised) may affect the accounting for business combination for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

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3. APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

HKAS 27 (Revised) will affect the accounting treatment for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary.

The Company's directors anticipate that the application of the other new and revised standards, amendments or interpretations will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

4. TURNOVER

The principal activities of the Group are the design, manufacture and sales of home, garden and plastic decorative products. Turnover represents the sales value of goods supplied to customers.

5. OTHER REVENUE AND OTHER NET INCOME/(LOSS)

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Other revenue		
Interest income on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss		
– Interest income from bank deposits	157	945
Gross rentals from investment property	622	482
Dividend income from unlisted securities	22	22
Commission income	65	1,739
Compensation from legal claim (note 39)	–	7,771
Others	2,328	1,746
	3,194	12,705
Other net income/(loss)		
Fair value (loss)/gain on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss [#] (note 5(a) and 20(b))	(9,929)	611
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	6,243
Unrealised gain on trading securities	–	6
Realised gain on trading securities	30	–
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(5,397)	(7,253)
Reversal of bad debts written off	1,725	–
Compensation income from demolition work performed for other party	4,171	–
Gain on disposals of subsidiaries, net (note 35)	8,121	–
Gain on disposal of non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 25(b))	5,366	–
	4,087	(393)

(a) Included in fair value (loss)/gain on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss is interest expense of approximately HK\$137,000 (2007: interest income of approximately HK\$1,754,000) on financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

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6. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

Loss before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

(a) Finance costs

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Interest on bank advances and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	10,077	20,037
Finance charges on obligations under finance leases	–	111
Total interest expense on financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	10,077	20,148

(b) Staff costs (including directors' remuneration)[#]

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Salaries, wages and other benefits	64,339	124,643
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plans	558	1,819
	64,897	126,462

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6. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION (Continued)

(c) Other items

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Amortisation [#]		
– prepaid lease payments	979	1,626
– intangible assets	231	5,033
Depreciation [#]	25,053	32,354
(Reversal of)/impairment losses, net*		
– trade and other receivables	(5,889)	6,222
– goodwill	–	3,459
– property, plant and equipment	2,921	–
– prepaid lease payments	1,374	–
– amount due from an investee company	9,576	–
– unlisted equity securities	1,453	–
Write-off of trade and other receivables – others*	–	2,032
Reversal of impairment loss on amount due from an associate	–	(46)
Design and molding costs	20,882	15,204
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)	5,283	(121)
Net loss on forward foreign exchange contracts	–	2,113
Auditor's remuneration	1,611	1,875
Operating leases charges in respect of property rentals		
– minimum lease payments*	4,448	12,904
Rentals receivable from investment property less direct outgoings of HK\$37,000 (2007: HK\$61,000)	607	421
Cost of inventories [#] (note 22(b))	274,439	454,522

Cost of inventories includes approximately HK\$64,545,000 (2007: HK\$93,564,000) relating to staff costs, depreciation, amortisation and operating lease charges in respect of property rentals, which are also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above or in note 6(b) for each of these types of expenses.

* These expenses are included in "other operating expenses" as disclosed in the consolidated income statement.

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7. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(a) Taxation in the consolidated income statement represents:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Current tax – Overseas		
Provision for the year	37	2,867
Over-provision in respect of prior years	(2,123)	(50)
	(2,086)	2,817
Deferred tax		
Original and reversal of temporary differences	(71)	2,287
	(2,157)	5,104

For the year ended 31 December 2008 and 2007, no Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for in the financial statements as the Group has no estimated assessable profits during those years.

On 26 June 2008, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed the Revenue Bill 2008 that reduced corporate profit tax rate from 17.5% to 16.5% will effect from the year of assessment 2008/2009. Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2007: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof during the year.

Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations of the PRC, provision for PRC enterprise income tax is calculated based on a statutory rate of 25% (2007: 33%) of the assessable profit of the companies comprising the Group. In 2007, certain subsidiaries are exempted or taxed at preferential rates ranging from 12% to 21%.

During the year, certain subsidiaries in the PRC were entitled to preferential tax treatments. They were fully exempted from PRC enterprise income tax for a tax concession period of one year or were entitled to tax concessions whereby the profit for the first two financial years beginning with the first profit-making year is exempted from income tax in the PRC and the profit for each of the subsequent three years is taxed at 50% of the applicable tax rate.

The Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC ("New Tax Law") took effect on 1 January 2008. The PRC income tax rate is unified to 25% for all enterprises.

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7. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (Continued)

- (a) Taxation in the consolidated income statement represents: (Continued)

The State Council of the PRC passed an implementation guidance note ("Implementation Guidance") on 26 December 2007, which sets out details of how existing preferential income tax rates will be adjusted to the standard rate of 25%. According to the Implementation Guidance, certain PRC enterprises of the Group which have not fully utilised its five-year tax holiday will be allowed to continue to receive benefits of the full exemption from a reduction in income tax rate until expiry of the tax holiday, after which, the 25% standard rate will apply.

The income tax rate that is applicable to the subsidiaries of the Group in the PRC would be changed from 33% (or 12% to 21% if subsidiaries taxed at preferential rates) to 25% effective from 1 January 2008. The enactment of the new tax law is not expected to have any significant financial effect on the amounts accrued in the consolidated balance sheet in respect of current tax payable or deferred tax.

Further under the New Tax Law, from 1 January 2008, non-resident enterprises without an establishment or place of business in the PRC or which have an establishment or place of business in the PRC but whose relevant income is not effectively connected with the establishment or a place of business in the PRC, will be subject to withholding tax at the rate of 10% (unless reduced by treaty) on various types of passive income such as dividends derived from sources within the PRC. The Group has already assessed the impact of the New Tax Law regarding this withholding tax and considered the New Tax Law would not have a significant impact on the results of operations and financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2008.

- (b) Reconciliation between tax expense and accounting loss at applicable tax rates:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	(110,979)	(188,935)
Notional tax on loss before taxation, calculated at the rates applicable to losses in the countries concerned	(28,642)	(53,397)
Tax effect of tax concessions	639	18,423
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	21,204	45,480
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(12,792)	(16,020)
Tax effect of unused tax losses not recognised	17,346	10,665
Under/(over)-provision in prior years	88	(50)
Others	–	3
Actual tax (refund)/expense	(2,157)	5,104

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration disclosed pursuant to section 161 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

	Directors' fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Retirement scheme contributions HK\$'000	2008 Total HK\$'000
Executive directors:				
Lin Chun Kuei (Chairman)	–	1,999	12	2,011
Li Chien Kuan	–	1,111	5	1,116
Lin Chun Fu	–	974	5	979
Non-executive directors:				
Andree Halim (note (v))	–	187	–	187
Ng Kin Nam (note (v))	–	187	9	196
Independent non-executive directors:				
Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto (note (iii))	180	–	–	180
Goh Gen Cheung	180	–	–	180
Ma Chiu Cheung Andrew	180	–	–	180
	540	4,458	31	5,029

	Directors' fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Retirement scheme contributions HK\$'000	2007 Total HK\$'000
Executive directors:				
Lin Chun Kuei (Chairman)	–	2,114	12	2,126
Andree Halim	–	203	–	203
Ng Kin Nam	–	203	10	213
Li Chien Kuan	–	1,216	5	1,221
Lin Chun Fu	–	1,064	5	1,069
Lin Huang Su Feng (note (ii))	–	589	9	598
Daniel Halim (note (iii))	–	31	2	33
Cheung Kwok Ping (note (ii))	–	59	3	62
Independent non-executive directors:				
Ng Tang Fai, Ernesto (note (iii))	105	–	–	105
Bernard Charnwut Chan (note (iv))	75	–	–	75
Goh Gen Cheung	180	–	–	180
Ma Chiu Cheung Andrew	180	–	–	180
	540	5,479	46	6,065

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) Resigned on 17 July 2007
- (ii) Resigned on 30 March 2007
- (iii) Appointed on 30 May 2007
- (iv) Resigned on 30 May 2007
- (v) Re-designated on 1 December 2008

During the year, no emoluments (2007: nil) were paid by the Group to any of the directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as a compensation for loss of office. None of the directors waived or agreed to waive any remuneration for the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007.

9. INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest paid emoluments, three (2007: three) are directors whose emoluments are disclosed in note 8. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of the other two (2007: two) individuals are as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Salaries and other emoluments	1,872	2,414
Retirement scheme contributions	–	16
	1,872	2,430

The emoluments of the two (2007: two) individuals with the highest emoluments are within the following band:

	2008 Number of individuals	2007 Number of individuals
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$1,500,000	–	2
Nil – HK\$1,000,000	2	–

During the year, no emoluments (2007: Nil) were paid by the Group to any of the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as a compensation for loss of office.

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10. LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The consolidated loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company includes a loss of HK\$88,796,000 (2007: a loss of HK\$173,432,000) which has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company.

11. LOSS PER SHARE

(a) Basic loss per share

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the loss for the year attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$108,822,000 (2007: a loss of HK\$193,838,000) and the weighted average number of 999,196,000 ordinary shares (2007: 889,928,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the year and is calculated as follows:

Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	2008 '000	2007 '000
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January	999,196	857,196
Effect of shares issued under the placing (note 34(c)(iii))	–	32,732
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December	999,196	889,928

(b) Diluted loss per share

There were no dilutive potential shares during 2008 and 2007, and diluted loss per share is the same as basic loss per share.

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12. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's geographical and business segments. Geographical segment based on the location of customers is chosen as the primary reporting format because this is more relevant to the Group's internal financial reporting.

(a) Geographical segments

	United States of America		Europe		Asia Pacific		Others		Inter-segment elimination		Consolidated	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	255,115	362,215	6,159	52,419	40,892	80,410	-	3	-	-	302,166	495,047
Inter-segment revenue	134,650	82,675	3,100	694	54,584	52,851	-	-	(192,334)	(136,220)	-	-
Total	389,765	444,890	9,259	53,113	95,476	133,261	-	3	(192,334)	(136,220)	302,166	495,047
Segment result	(41,996)	(62,278)	(443)	(34,899)	(45,724)	(49,975)	-	-			(88,163)	(147,152)
Interest income											157	945
Unallocated operating income and expenses											(12,896)	(22,580)
Loss from operations											(100,902)	(168,787)
Finance costs											(10,077)	(20,148)
Loss before taxation											(110,979)	(188,935)
Taxation											2,157	(5,104)
Loss for the year											(108,822)	(194,039)
Depreciation and amortisation for the year	19,868	26,341	525	1,178	5,870	11,494	-	-			26,263	39,013
Impairment of/(reversal for)												
- goodwill	-	-	-	-	-	3,459	-	-			-	3,459
- trade and other receivables	-	-	(907)	1,269	(4,982)	4,953	-	-			(5,889)	6,222
- amount due from an investee company	-	-	9,576	-	-	-	-	-			9,576	-
(Reversal of)/written-off of trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,725)	2,032			(1,725)	2,032
Segment assets	258,661	170,601	5,981	40,063	41,198	216,973	3,086	1	(5,113)	(10,249)	303,813	417,389
Unallocated assets											72,112	121,297
Total assets											375,925	538,686
Segment liabilities	14,442	17,728	670	3,443	141,143	137,339	-	-	(5,362)	(10,510)	150,893	148,000
Unallocated liabilities											158,332	234,733
Total liabilities											309,225	382,733
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	180	2,159	-	-	38,411	21,610	-	166			38,591	23,935

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12. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Geographical segments (Continued)

Additional information concerning geographical segments:

	United States of America		Europe		Asia Pacific		Unallocated		Consolidated	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Segment assets by location of the assets	106,556	58,871	1,122	571	267,426	468,745	821	10,499	375,925	538,686
Capital expenditure incurred during the year to acquire segment assets by location of the assets	180	2,159	–	–	38,411	21,610	–	166	38,591	23,935

(b) Business segments

	Outdoor decoration		Indoor decoration		Plastic injection		Others		Unallocated		Consolidated	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Revenue from external customers	160,027	207,439	109,181	246,638	22,405	21,429	10,553	19,541	–	–	302,166	495,047
Carrying amount of segment assets	183,974	244,824	113,808	210,665	21,267	17,416	7,962	11,431	48,914	54,350	375,925	538,686
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	20,437	10,029	13,944	11,925	2,862	1,036	1,348	945	–	–	38,591	23,935

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	The Group							
	Buildings held for own use HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles HK\$'000	Moulds HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Construction in progress HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost or valuation:								
At 1 January 2007	141,723	58,431	76,607	56,296	28,038	361,095	1,057	362,152
Exchange adjustments	9,053	2,376	3,394	2,736	1,945	19,504	527	20,031
Additions	1,018	917	2,478	707	4,988	10,108	13,661	23,769
Disposals	-	(33,249)	(20,679)	(26,161)	(926)	(81,015)	-	(81,015)
Transfer to non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 25)	(20,693)	-	-	-	-	(20,693)	-	(20,693)
At 31 December 2007	131,101	28,475	61,800	33,578	34,045	288,999	15,245	304,244
Representing:								
Cost	-	28,475	61,800	33,578	34,045	157,898	15,245	173,143
Valuation - 2007	131,101	-	-	-	-	131,101	-	131,101
	131,101	28,475	61,800	33,578	34,045	288,999	15,245	304,244
At 1 January 2008	131,101	28,475	61,800	33,578	34,045	288,999	15,245	304,244
Exchange adjustments	7,467	1,338	2,722	1,258	1,966	14,751	884	15,635
Additions	5,757	-	780	3,023	-	9,560	28,903	38,463
Revaluation surplus	28,910	-	-	-	-	28,910	-	28,910
Disposals	-	(501)	(31,695)	(8,901)	(5,132)	(46,229)	-	(46,229)
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	(4,460)	(5,764)	-	(10,224)	-	(10,224)
Transfer to non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 25)	(20,837)	(3,222)	-	-	-	(24,059)	-	(24,059)
At 31 December 2008	152,398	26,090	29,147	23,194	30,879	261,708	45,032	306,740
Representing:								
Cost	-	26,090	29,147	23,194	30,879	109,310	45,032	154,342
Valuation - 2008	152,398	-	-	-	-	152,398	-	152,398
	152,398	26,090	29,147	23,194	30,879	261,708	45,032	306,740

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

	The Group							
	Buildings held for own use HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles HK\$'000	Moulds HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Construction in progress HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Accumulated depreciation:								
At 1 January 2007	29,785	45,992	39,755	34,788	22,951	173,271	–	173,271
Exchange adjustments	2,387	1,818	1,862	1,570	1,708	9,345	–	9,345
Charge for the year	7,876	4,493	6,642	5,576	7,767	32,354	–	32,354
Written back on disposals	–	(33,208)	(12,488)	(23,544)	(985)	(70,225)	–	(70,225)
Transfer to non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 25)	(4,749)	–	–	–	–	(4,749)	–	(4,749)
At 31 December 2007	35,299	19,095	35,771	18,390	31,441	139,996	–	139,996
At 1 January 2008	35,299	19,095	35,771	18,390	31,441	139,996	–	139,996
Exchange adjustments	2,210	910	1,589	468	1,816	6,993	–	6,993
Revaluation surplus	11,786	–	–	–	–	11,786	–	11,786
Charge for the year	6,755	7,688	4,049	3,978	2,583	25,053	–	25,053
Impairment	2,921	–	–	–	–	2,921	–	2,921
Written back on disposals	–	(443)	(20,310)	(7,142)	(5,132)	(33,027)	–	(33,027)
Disposal of subsidiaries	–	–	(1,360)	(5,337)	–	(6,697)	–	(6,697)
Transfer to non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 25)	(14,568)	(3,180)	–	–	–	(17,748)	–	(17,748)
At 31 December 2008	44,403	24,070	19,739	10,357	30,708	129,277	–	129,277
Net book value:								
At 31 December 2008	107,995	2,020	9,408	12,837	171	132,431	45,032	177,463
At 31 December 2007	95,802	9,380	26,029	15,188	2,604	149,003	15,245	164,248

(a) Property, plant and equipment held under finance lease:

The Group leases plant and machinery under finance leases expiring from two to three years. At the end of the lease term, the Group has the option to purchase the leased plant and machinery at a price deemed to be a bargain purchase option. None of the leases includes contingent rentals. At the balance sheet date, the net book value of plant and machinery held under finance leases of the Group was approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$2,758,000).

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) The analysis of net book value of buildings is as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
In Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	5,232	4,150
Outside Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	102,763	91,652
	107,995	95,802
Representing:		
Buildings carried at fair value	107,995	95,802

- (c) Buildings held for own use were revalued as at 31 December 2008 on the basis of (i) their open market value by reference to observable prices in recent market transactions in comparable properties for buildings in Hong Kong and (ii) their depreciated replacement costs for buildings in Mainland by Asset Appraisal Ltd., an independent professional valuers firm with recent experience in the location and category of property being valued. The carrying amounts did not differ materially from their fair value as at 31 December 2008.

The cost of buildings held for use of the Group was approximately HK\$134,401,000 (2007: HK\$130,230,000). The carrying value of these buildings as at 31 December 2008 would have been approximately HK\$89,998,000 (2007: HK\$94,931,000) had they been carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

- (d) At 31 December 2008, the Group's buildings and prepaid lease payments (note 15) with an aggregate carrying value of HK\$75,859,000 (2007: HK\$65,152,000) were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group as set out in note 28.

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(e) The Group's prepaid lease payments for leasehold land having a carrying amount of approximately RMB34,319,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$38,643,000) (2007: RMB34,587,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$36,818,000)) and buildings having a net book value of approximately RMB46,563,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,430,000) (2007: RMB35,431,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$37,716,000)) are held by a subsidiary in the PRC, which represent the land use rights together with the buildings thereon situated in Shenzhen, the PRC. The applications for the property ownership certificates of certain of these leasehold land and buildings having a carrying amount of HK\$26,258,000 (2007: HK\$25,016,000) and net book value of HK\$38,405,000 (2007: HK\$27,626,000) respectively are still in progress and the property ownership certificates have not yet been issued to the Group by the relevant offices of the State-owned Land Bureau in the PRC as at the balance sheet date. Notwithstanding this, the directors are of the opinion that the Group are beneficial owner of these leasehold land and buildings as at 31 December 2008 and the property ownership certificates will be obtained before the end of 2009.

(f) **Construction in progress**

Construction in progress as at 31 December 2008 represents buildings, intended by the Group for holding for own use, under construction.

14. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
At 1 January	12,640	9,970
Valuation adjustment	(1,040)	2,670
At 31 December	11,600	12,640

(a) The investment property is held under the medium-term leases and situated in Hong Kong.

(b) The investment property was revalued as at 31 December 2008 on the basis of its open market value by reference to observable prices in recent market transactions in comparable properties by Asset Appraisal Ltd., an independent professional valuers firm, who has among their staff associate members of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors with recent experience in the location and category of property being valued. During the year ended 31 December 2008, the total valuation loss of approximately HK\$1,040,000 (2007: total valuation gain of approximately HK\$2,670,000) was charged to the income statement.

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14. INVESTMENT PROPERTY (Continued)

(c) Investment property leased out under operating leases

The Group leases out investment property under operating leases. The lease typically runs for an initial period of one to four years. The leases do not include renewal option. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

All properties held under operating leases that would otherwise meet the definition of investment property are classified as investment property.

At 31 December 2008, the carrying amounts of investment property of the Group held for use under operating leases were approximately HK\$11,600,000 (2007: HK\$12,640,000).

The Group's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are receivable as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Within 1 year	500	500
After 1 year but within 5 years	791	1,291
	1,291	1,791

- (d) At 31 December 2008, the Group's investment property with a carrying amount of HK\$11,600,000 (2007: HK\$12,640,000) was pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group as set out in note 28.

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15. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

The Group's interests in leasehold land and land use rights are analysed as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Carrying amount at 1 January	62,889	68,254
Exchange adjustments	2,214	3,250
Impairment	(1,374)	–
Transfer to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(2,899)	(6,989)
Amortisation	(979)	(1,626)
Carrying amount at 31 December	59,851	62,889
Current portion included in trade and other receivables (note 23)	(425)	(1,501)
Non-current portion	59,426	61,388

The amortisation charge of HK\$979,000 for the year is included in administrative expense in the consolidated income statements.

(a) The analysis of carrying amount of prepaid lease payments is as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
In Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	15,950	16,801
Outside Hong Kong		
– medium-term leases	43,901	46,088
	59,851	62,889

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16. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	The Group			
	Patents	Development costs	Deferred expenses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007				
Cost	8,366	17,092	4,167	29,625
Accumulated amortisation	(6,881)	(12,290)	(4,167)	(23,338)
Accumulated impairment	(491)	–	–	(491)
Carrying amount	994	4,802	–	5,796
Year ended 31 December 2007				
Opening carrying amount	994	4,802	–	5,796
Exchange adjustments	(2)	–	–	(2)
Additions	166	–	–	166
Amortisation	(231)	(4,802)	–	(5,033)
Closing carrying amount	927	–	–	927
At 31 December 2007				
Cost	1,158	1,826	–	2,984
Accumulated amortisation	(231)	(1,826)	–	(2,057)
Accumulated impairment	–	–	–	–
Carrying amount	927	–	–	927
Year ended 31 December 2008				
Opening carrying amount	927	–	–	927
Exchange adjustments	(4)	–	–	(4)
Additions	128	–	–	128
Amortisation	(231)	–	–	(231)
Closing carrying amount	820	–	–	820
At 31 December 2008				
Cost	1,279	–	–	1,279
Accumulated amortisation	(459)	–	–	(459)
Accumulated impairment	–	–	–	–
Carrying amount	820	–	–	820

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16. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Patents represent the registration fee of internally developed technologies, which have been registered with relevant government authorities to restrict the access of such technologies by third parties.

Development costs represent the internally developed technologies relating to the process, methods, techniques, materials and product specifications for the production of home, garden and plastic decorative products.

Deferred expenses represent payments made to customers as consideration for their long term commitments to purchase exclusively from the Group.

The amortisation charge for the year of HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$4,802,000) for development cost is included in "cost of sales" and the amortisation charge for the year of HK\$231,000 (2007: HK\$231,000) for patents is included in "other operating expenses" in the consolidated income statement.

17. GOODWILL

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Cost:		
At 1 January	3,459	3,459
Disposals	(3,459)	–
At 31 December	–	3,459
Accumulated impairment losses:		
At 1 January	3,459	–
Impairment Loss	–	3,459
Disposals	(3,459)	–
At 31 December	–	3,459
Carrying amount:		
At 31 December	–	–

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17. GOODWILL (Continued)

Impairment tests for cash-generating units containing goodwill

Goodwill, mainly arising from the acquisition of the subsidiaries namely Waterwerks Pty. Ltd. and Kun Ming (Shenzhen) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd., is allocated, before impairment provision, to the Group's cash-generating units ("CGU") identified according to business segment as follows:

	Cost HK\$'000
Outdoor decoration	2,155
Indoor decoration	1,003
Plastic injection	204
Others	97
	<hr/> 3,459 <hr/>

The recoverable amount of CGU is determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a five-year period at a discount rate of 18% in 2007. No growth rate is projected beyond the five-year period. The growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the business in which the CGU operates.

Management determined the budgeted gross margin based on past performance and its expectation for market development. The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant segments. In 2007, due to unsatisfactory operating performance, the value-in-use calculated by using the discount rate is lower than the carrying amount of the CGU and accordingly, the following impairment loss of approximately HK\$3,459,000 was recognised in 2007.

	Impairment 2007 HK\$'000
Outdoor decorations	2,155
Indoor decoration	1,003
Plastic injection	204
Others	97
	<hr/> 3,459 <hr/>

The Group disposed of the above subsidiaries namely Waterwerks Pty. Ltd. and Kun Ming (Shenzhen) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd during the year ended 31 December 2008.

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17. GOODWILL (Continued)

Key assumptions were used in the value-in-use calculations of the outdoor decoration and indoor decoration units. The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill.

Budgeted gross margins – The basis used to determine the value assigned to the budgeted gross margins is the average gross margins achieved in the year immediately before the budgeted year, increased for expected efficiency improvements and expected market development.

Discount rates – The discount rates used are before tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant units.

Raw materials price inflation – The basis used to determine the value assigned to raw materials price inflation is the forecast price indices during the budget year for currencies denominated in Renminbi, United States dollars and Hong Kong dollars from where raw materials are sourced. The values assigned to key assumptions are consistent with external information sources.

18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	75,331	75,331
Less: impairment loss (note 18(a))	(65,524)	(61,740)
	9,807	13,591
Amounts due from subsidiaries (note 18 (b))	358,598	288,219
Less: impairment loss (note 18(a))	(238,240)	(154,046)
	120,358	134,173
	130,165	147,764

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18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Movements on the provision for impairment of investments in subsidiaries are analysis as follows:

	The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Impairment loss for investment costs:		
At 1 January	61,740	47,629
Recognised during the year	3,784	14,111
At 31 December	65,524	61,740
Impairment loss for amounts due from subsidiaries:		
At 1 January	154,046	–
Recognised during the year	84,194	154,046
At 31 December	238,240	154,046

Due to unsatisfactory operating performance of certain subsidiaries, after considering profitability, cash flow position, financial position and forecast business development and future prospects of the subsidiaries, the directors concluded that it is appropriate to make an impairment of approximately HK\$65,524,000 (2007: HK\$61,740,000) on the investment costs in subsidiaries and approximately HK\$238,240,000 (2007: HK\$154,046,000) on amounts due from subsidiaries respectively.

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18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) (Continued)

At 31 December 2008, the provision for impairment of investments in subsidiaries by business segment is as follows:

	The Company				
	At 1 January 2007 HK\$'000	Recognised during the year HK\$'000	At 31 December 2007 and at 1 January 2008 HK\$'000	Recognised during the year HK\$'000	At 31 December 2008 HK\$'000
Impairment loss for investment costs:					
Outdoor decoration	16,280	9,264	25,544	1,676	27,220
Indoor decoration	31,349	–	31,349	1,721	33,070
Plastic injection	–	2,419	2,419	235	2,654
Others	–	2,428	2,428	152	2,580
	47,629	14,111	61,740	3,784	65,524
Impairment loss for amounts due from subsidiaries:					
Outdoor decoration	–	64,545	64,545	35,277	99,822
Indoor decoration	–	76,746	76,746	41,946	118,692
Plastic injection	–	6,670	6,670	3,646	10,316
Others	–	6,085	6,085	3,325	9,410
	–	154,046	154,046	84,194	238,240

The recoverable amount of the investments in subsidiaries based upon which impairment loss is arrived at is its value in use and is determined using discounted cash flows at a discount rate of 25% (2007: 18%).

(b) Amounts due from subsidiaries

The amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment. In the opinion of the directors, the amounts due from subsidiaries were not repayable within one year from the balance sheet date as the Company has given undertakings to provide continuous financial support to the subsidiaries by subordinating its rights to demand repayment of all sums due by the subsidiaries to their creditors.

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18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

- (c) The following list contains only the particulars of subsidiaries which principally affect the results, assets and liabilities of the Group. The class of shares held is ordinary unless otherwise stated.

Name of company	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Proportion of ownership interest			Principal activity
			Group's effective holding	Held by the Company	Held by a subsidiary	
Peaktop Investment Holdings (B.V.I.) Limited (note (i))	British Virgin Islands	10,000 shares of US\$1 each	100%	100%	–	Investment holding
Peaktop Limited	Hong Kong	100 shares of HK\$1 each and 18,720,000 deferred shares of HK\$1 each (note (iii))	100%	–	100%	Trading of giftware, gardening and water gardening products and investment holding
Fuqing Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd. (note (iii))	Mainland China	Registered US\$5,200,000	100%	–	100%	Inactive
Luhe Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd. (note (iii))	Mainland China	Registered US\$3,950,000	100%	–	100%	Manufacture and export of giftware, gardening and water gardening products
Shenzhen Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd. (note (iii))	Mainland China	Registered RMB80,000,000	100%	–	100%	Manufacture and export of giftware, gardening and water gardening products
Shenzhen Yu Hua Pumping Co., Ltd. (note (i) and note (iii))	Mainland China	Registered HK\$26,000,000	100%	–	100%	Manufacture and distribution of water pumps
Yu Hua (Hong Kong) Electrical Appliance Co., Ltd.	Hong Kong	Registered HK\$10,000	100%	–	100%	Distribution of water pumps

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18. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(c) (Continued)

Name of company	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Proportion of ownership interest			Principal activity
			Group's effective holding	Held by the Company	Held by a subsidiary	
Silkroadgifts, Inc. (note (i))	United States of America	95,000 shares of US\$1 each	100%	–	100%	Wholesale of giftware and stationery and development of new products
HPT Group (USA), Inc. (note (i))	United States of America	5,001,500 shares of US\$1 each	100%	–	100%	Investment holding
Peaktap Technologies (USA) Hong Kong Limited (note (i))	Hong Kong	10,000 shares of HK\$1 each	51%	–	51%	Distribution of gardening and water gardening products
深圳巨成泵業有限公司 (note (i) and note (iii))	Mainland China	Registered HK\$3,500,000	100%	–	100%	Manufacture and distribution of water pumps

Notes:

(i) Companies not audited by CCIF CPA Limited.

(ii) In accordance with the Articles of Association of Peaktap Limited, the deferred shares carry no rights to dividends other than a dividend at a fixed rate of 1% per annum on the excess of the net profits that the Company may determine to distribute in respect of any financial year over HK\$1,000,000,000,000,000, no rights to attend or vote at general meetings and no rights to receive any surplus assets in a return of capital in a winding-up other than 1% of the surplus assets of the company available for distribution after a total of HK\$100,000,000,000,000,000 has been distributed to the holders of the ordinary shares of the company in such winding-up.

(iii) Registered under the laws of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") as wholly foreign-owned enterprise.

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19. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Share of net assets	–	–
Amount due from an associate	171	171
Less: impairment loss	(171)	(171)
	–	–

The amount due from the associate is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

In prior years, the directors assessed the recoverable amount of the amount due from the associate and concluded to make a full impairment on the amount due from the associate, after taking into account the cash flow position, forecast of the performance and business development of the associate. At 31 December 2008, the directors concluded that no significant change in the events and circumstances that led to the reversal of the impairment loss.

(a) The following list contains the particulars of an associate, which is an unlisted corporate entity:

Name of associate	Form of business structure	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	Proportion of ownership			Principal activity
				Group's effective interest	Held by the Company	Held by a Subsidiary	
Yuan Hua International Investment Company Limited ("Yuan Hua")*	Incorporated	Hong Kong	500,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	30%	–	30%	Inactive

* Company not audited by CCIF CPA Limited

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19. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

- (b) The summarised financial information of Yuan Hua based on the unaudited management accounts of the associate as at 31 December and for the year ended 31 December is as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Assets	–	–
Liabilities	(595)	(595)
Capital deficiency	(595)	(595)
Revenues	–	–
Loss	–	(2)

- (c) The Group has discontinued to recognise of its shares of loss of an associate. The amount of unrecognised share of loss of the associate, both for the year and cumulatively, are as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Unrecognised share of loss of an associate for the year	–	1
Accumulated unrecognised share of loss of an associate	178	178

20. OTHER NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Available-for-sale financial assets (note 20(a))		
– Unlisted equity securities outside Hong Kong		
Cost	8,420	8,420
Impairment	(1,453)	–
	6,967	8,420
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss (note 20(b))		
– Unlisted outside Hong Kong	12,497	23,471
	19,464	31,891

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20. OTHER NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS (Continued)

(a) Available-for-sale financial assets

The available-for-sale financial assets are not traded in an open market and there is no quoted market price. The directors are of the opinion that the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets cannot be reliably measured because (i) the variability in the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant for that investment or (ii) the probabilities of the various estimates within the range cannot be reasonably assessed and used in estimating fair value. The available-for-sale financial assets are stated at cost less any impairment losses, if any.

In 2008, the directors assessed the recoverable amounts of the available-for-sale financial assets based on past performance, directors' expectation for the market development and certain key assumptions. Based on this assessment, the directors concluded that it is appropriate to make an impairment of HK\$1,453,000 during the year ended 31 December 2008.

(b) Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss

The movement in financial asset at fair value through profit or loss is analysed as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
At 1 January	23,471	20,460
Change in fair value (note 5)	(9,929)	611
Exchange differences	(1,045)	2,400
At 31 December	12,497	23,471

Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss represents consideration receivable in relation to the Group's disposal of its 81% equity interest in Heissner AG (the "Sale Shares"), a former subsidiary of the Company, to an independent third party in August 2006. The consideration with a notional amount of Euro€2 million subject to adjustment between zero to Euro€2.5 million with reference to the performance of Heissner AG and its subsidiaries for the five years ending 31 December 2010, is interest-bearing at 6% p.a. and receivable with accrued interest in November 2011. The Group may demand the retransfer of the Sale Shares back to the Group, if the consideration is zero unless the purchaser elects to pay a purchase price of Euro€1 million.

Fair value at the balance sheet date is determined by the directors based on the valuation assessed by Asset Appraisal Ltd., an independent professionally qualified valuer. The recoverable amount is determined based on value-in-use calculations. The carrying amount did not differ materially from their fair value as at 31 December 2008.

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21. TRADING SECURITIES

	The Group and the Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Trading securities, at market value		
Unlisted investment funds in Hong Kong	–	942

22. INVENTORIES

(a) Inventories in the balance sheet comprise:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Raw materials	10,694	41,341
Work in progress	2,972	16,010
Finished goods	4,796	20,002
	18,462	77,353

(b) The analysis of the amount of inventories recognised as an expense is as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Carrying amount of inventories sold	275,520	447,677
Write-down of inventories	3,412	6,845
Reversal of write-down of inventories	(4,493)	–
	274,439	454,522

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22. INVENTORIES (Continued)

(b) (Continued)

In 2008, the Group reversed approximately HK\$4,493,000 of a previous inventory write-down. The Group has sold all the goods that were written down to independent customers. The amount reversed has been included in "cost of sales" in the consolidated income statement.

Due to unsatisfactory sales records on certain inventories which were held by the Group for more than one year, the inventories was written down by approximately HK\$3,412,000 (2007: HK\$6,845,000).

23. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	The Group		The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Trade debtors and bills receivable	38,201	69,274	-	-
Less: allowance for doubtful debts (note 23(b))	(150)	(6,222)	-	-
	38,051	63,052	-	-
Compensation receivable from legal claim (note 39)	-	7,771	-	-
Amount due from an investee company (note 23(d))	9,576	22,633	-	-
Less: allowance for doubtful debts (note 23(d))	(9,576)	-	-	-
	-	22,633	-	-
Others (note 23(e))	-	-	-	-
Loans and receivables	38,051	93,456	-	-
Deposits	616	1,921	172	35
Prepayments to suppliers	2,777	9,882	-	-
Prepaid lease payments (note 15)	425	1,501	-	-
Other prepayments	4,570	6,825	-	-
PRC value added tax recoverable	2,340	10,526	-	-
	10,728	30,655	172	35
	48,779	124,111	172	35

All of the trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered or recognised as expense within one year. Discounted bills with recourse of approximately HK\$2,381,000 (2007: HK\$4,499,000) was pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group as set out in note 28.

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23. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

(a) Ageing analysis

Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors and bills receivable (net of allowance for doubtful debts) with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Current	35,456	56,094
Less than 1 month past due	641	1,714
1 to 3 months past due	981	709
More than 3 months past due	973	4,535
Amounts past due	2,595	6,958
	38,051	63,052

Debts are generally due within three to six months from the date of billing. The Group may, on a case by case basis and after evaluation of the business relationship and creditworthiness, extend the credit period upon customers' requests. Further details on the Group's credit policy are set out in note 36(a).

(b) Impairment of trade debtors and bills receivable

Impairment losses in respect of trade debtors and bills receivable are recorded using an allowance account unless the Group is satisfied that recovery of the amount is remote, in which cases the impairment loss is written off against trade debtors and bills receivable directly (see note 2(m)(i)).

The movement in the allowance for doubtful debts during the year, including both specific and collective loss components, is as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
At 1 January	6,222	2,924
Exchange adjustments	(183)	110
(Reversal of)/Impairment loss recognised	(5,889)	6,222
Uncollectible amounts written off	–	(3,034)
At 31 December	150	6,222

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23. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

(b) Impairment of trade debtors and bills receivable (Continued)

At 31 December 2008, the Group's trade debtors and bills receivable of approximately HK\$150,000 (2007: HK\$6,222,000) were individually determined to be impaired. The individually impaired receivables related to customers that were in financial difficulties and management assessed that only a portion of the receivables is expected to be recovered. Consequently, specific allowances for doubtful debts of approximately HK\$150,000 (2007: HK\$6,222,000) were recognised. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. The factors which the Group considered in determining whether these trade debtors and bills receivables were individually impaired include the following:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtors; and
- receivables that have been more than six months past due as at the balance sheet date without any settlement during the year and remained outstanding.

(c) Trade debtors and bills receivable that are not impaired

The ageing analysis of trade debtors and bills receivable that are neither individually nor collectively considered to be impaired are as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	35,456	56,094
Less than 1 month past due	641	1,714
1 to 3 months past due	981	709
More than 3 months past due	973	4,535
	2,595	6,958
	38,051	63,052

Receivables that were neither past due nor impaired relate to a wide range of customers for whom there was no recent history of default.

Receivables that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

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23. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

(d) Amount due from an investee company

The amount due from Heissner AG, a company the Group holds 18.1% equity interest (an investment included in note 20(a)) is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

During the year ended 31 December 2008, due to the deteriorating market conditions resulting in poor performance of the investee company, the directors concluded it is appropriate to impair the remaining balance due from the investee company of HK\$9,576,000.

(e) Others

During the year ended 31 December 2007, the amount written-off represented the remaining sales proceeds of HK\$2,032,000 receivable from Newa-Techno, an independent party, for the disposal of the then subsidiary Peaktop Technologies Italy s.r.l. ("Peaktop Italy") in 2004. The amount would be satisfied by Newa-Techno providing or procuring Peaktop Italy to provide, general research and development services in relation to water pumps used in the household indoor aquariums and water filtering systems to the Group on or before 31 December 2007. In 2007, in light of the fact that the Group no longer acquired research and development services and water pump from Newa-Techno, the directors considered it appropriate to write off the amount of HK\$2,032,000 in full.

24. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	The Group		The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Bank deposits with original maturity of three months or less	–	16,066	–	–
Cash at banks and on hand	30,701	26,187	72	9,548
Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheets	30,701	42,253	72	9,548
Less: Bank overdrafts (note 28)	(2,264)	(5,756)		
Pledged deposits (notes 24(a))	(11,126)	(1,065)		
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated cash flow statement	17,311	35,432		

- (a) At 31 December 2008, a bank deposit of approximately HK\$11,126,000 was pledged as security against bills payable amounting to approximately HK\$11,260,000 extended to the Group. Such facilities were utilised to the extent of approximately HK\$11,249,000 at 31 December 2008.

At 31 December 2007, a bank deposit of approximately HK\$1,065,000 was pledged as security against banking facilities amounting to approximately HK\$5,323,000 extended to the Group. Such facilities were utilized to the extent of approximately HK\$4,210,000 at 31 December 2007.

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24. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

- (b) Cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$18,072,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB16,050,000) (2007: HK\$6,867,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB6,451,000)) are denominated in Renminbi. Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency and the remittance of funds out of the PRC is subject to exchange restrictions imposed by the PRC government.
- (c) Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposits rates. Short term time deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short term time deposit rates. The carrying amounts of the cash and cash equivalents and the pledged deposits approximate to their fair values.

25. NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

a) For the year ended 31 December 2008

On 26 November 2008, the Group and an independent third party entered into an agreement that the Group agreed to dispose of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements in Fuqing City to the independent third party for an aggregate consideration of RMB8,180,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$9,210,000). It is expected that the completion of the disposal will take place by the end of August 2009.

The non-current assets classified as held for sale represent certain buildings held for own use, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements with carrying amount, before recognising a further impairment of approximately HK\$4,295,000, approximately HK\$9,190,000, approximately HK\$4,273,000 and approximately HK\$42,000 respectively. As the carrying amount of these properties will be recovered through the sale transaction, they have been presented as non-current assets held for sale as at 31 December 2008. As the expected disposal proceeds are lower than their carrying amounts, impairment loss of approximately of HK\$4,295,000 has been recognised immediately before the classification of the non-current assets held for sale.

b) For the year ended 31 December 2007

On 31 December 2007, the Group and an independent third party entered into an agreement that the Group agreed to dispose of certain buildings and prepaid lease payments to the independent third party for an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$29,328,000. The transaction was completed in February 2008.

The non-current assets classified as held for sale represent certain buildings held for own use and prepaid lease payments with carrying amount of approximately HK\$15,944,000 and approximately HK\$6,989,000 respectively. As the carrying amount of these properties would be recovered through the sale transaction, they have been presented as non-current assets held for sale as at 31 December 2007. As the expected disposal proceeds were to exceed their carrying amounts, no impairment loss has been recognised immediately before the classification of the non-current assets held for sale.

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26. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	The Group		The Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Trade creditors and bills payable (note 26(a))	62,824	78,315	–	–
Accrued salaries, wages and other benefits	3,044	15,229	–	–
Other accrued charges	31,368	30,431	122	558
Amount due to directors (note 26(b))	25,000	2,000	25,000	2,000
Amount due to an ex-director (note 26(c))	–	2,066	–	–
Amount due to a minority equity holder (note 26(d))	–	189	–	–
Amount due to a substantial shareholder (note 26(e))	25,000	3,000	25,000	3,000
Other creditors (note 26(f))	20,000	11,663	20,000	–
Deposit for the consideration of disposal of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements (note 26(g))	44,405	–	–	–
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	211,641	142,893	70,122	5,558
Financial guarantees issued	–	–	60	3,708
	211,641	142,893	70,182	9,266

All of the trade and other payables (including amounts due to related parties) are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.

(a) Trade creditors and bills payable

The ageing analysis of trade creditors and bills payable as of the balance sheet date is analysed as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Due within 1 month or on demand	40,675	37,707
Due after 1 month but within 2 months	6,580	17,675
Due after 2 months but within 3 months	4,330	10,660
Due after 3 months	11,239	12,273
	62,824	78,315

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26. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

(b) Amount due to directors

The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(c) Amount due to an ex-director

The amount is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(d) Amount due to a minority equity holder

The amount is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(e) Amounts due to substantial shareholders

The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

(f) Other creditors

During the year ended 31 December 2007, certain independent third parties advanced to the Group amounting to approximately HK\$11,663,000. The amounts were unsecured, interest-bearing and repayable on demand. The amounts were fully repaid during the year ended 31 December 2008.

During the year ended 31 December 2008, an independent third party advanced to the Group amounting to approximately HK\$20,000,000. The amount is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

(g) Deposit for the consideration of disposal of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements

As detailed in note 25(a) and note 43(b), the amount represents the deposits for the consideration of disposals of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements.

27. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Forward foreign exchange contracts, at market value	–	2,113

The net unrealised fair value gain/(loss) on forward foreign exchange contracts as at 31 December 2007 which are not qualified as hedges has been accounted for in the consolidated income statement.

The Group did not have outstanding forward exchange contract as at 31 December 2008.

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28. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

At 31 December 2008, the borrowings were carried at amortised cost and repayable as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Within 1 year or on demand	50,951	209,757
After 1 year but within 2 years	11,339	2,468
After 2 years but within 5 years	34,039	12,320
	45,378	14,788
	96,329	224,545

At 31 December 2008, the bank loans and overdrafts were secured as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Bank overdrafts		
– Secured	937	5,359
– Unsecured	1,327	397
	2,264	5,756
Bank loans		
– Secured	93,033	167,588
– Unsecured	1,032	51,201
	94,065	218,789
	96,329	224,545

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28. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS (Continued)

At 31 December 2008, the carrying amounts of pledged assets in relation to the secured bank loans and overdrafts were analysed as follows:

	2008			2007		
	Carrying amount of pledged assets HK\$'000	Interest rate	Bank loans and overdrafts HK\$'000	Carrying amount of pledged assets HK\$'000	Interest rate	Bank loans and overdrafts HK\$'000
Bank loans and overdrafts secured by						
Land and buildings (note 13(d))	75,859	8.25% – 8.5%	69,570	65,152	5.33% – 8.25%	114,608
Non-current assets held for sale (note 25)	–	–	–	22,933	8.00% – 8.25%	13,792
Investment property (note 14(d))	11,600	8.00% – 8.5%	5,421	12,640	8.00% – 8.25%	13,673
Trading securities (note 21)	–	–	–	942	8%	1,122
Bank deposits (note 24)	–	–	–	1,065	8.00% – 8.25%	4,210
Discounted bills with recourse	2,381	7.50% – 8.25%	2,381	4,499	7.50% – 8.25%	4,499
Total assets of a subsidiary	34,217	6.50% – 8.25%	16,598	44,014	6.50% – 8.25%	21,043
			93,970			172,947
Unsecured bank loans and overdrafts	N/A	8.25% – 8.5%	2,359	N/A	5.33% – 8.25%	51,598
			96,329			224,545

(a) At 31 December 2008, the banking facilities of the Group were secured by:

- (i) corporate guarantees from the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company;
- (ii) first legal charges over buildings and prepaid lease payments of the Group with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$75,859,000 (2007: HK\$88,085,000) including non-current assets held for sale amounting to approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$22,933,000);
- (iii) legal charges over the investment property of approximately HK\$11,600,000 (2007: HK\$12,640,000);
- (iv) trading securities of approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$942,000);
- (v) bank deposits of approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$1,065,000);
- (vi) bills receivable of approximately HK\$2,381,000 (2007: HK\$4,499,000); and

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28. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS (Continued)

(a) At 31 December 2008, the banking facilities of the Group were secured by: (Continued)

- (vii) floating charges over the assets of a subsidiary with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$34,217,000 (2007: HK\$44,014,000) representing furniture, fixtures, equipment and motor vehicles of approximately HK\$3,790,000 (2007: HK\$5,083,000), leasehold improvements of approximately HK\$1,026,000 (2007: HK\$1,554,000), inventories of approximately HK\$578,000 (2007: HK\$3,453,000), trade receivables of approximately HK\$25,977,000 (2007: HK\$26,680,000) and other assets of approximately HK\$2,846,000 (2007: HK\$7,244,000).

Such banking facilities amounted to approximately HK\$108,121,000 (2007: HK\$243,267,000). The facilities were utilised to the extent of approximately HK\$93,970,000 (2007: HK\$172,947,000).

(b) For the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007, certain banking facilities of the Group are subject to the fulfilment of covenants. If the Group were to breach the covenants the drawn down facilities would become payable on demand.

- (i) During the year ended 31 December 2008, the Group had breached covenants relating to the asset value of the subsidiary of banking facilities from a bank. Such banking facilities amounting to approximately HK\$23,400,000 and were utilised to the extent of approximately HK\$16,598,000. As at the balance sheet date, the Group received a waiver from compliance with these covenants from the bank.
- (ii) For the year ended 31 December 2007, covenants relating to (i) maintenance of the capital adequacy ratio at not less than 25% of certain subsidiaries and (ii) the asset value of the Company and certain subsidiaries had been met.

The related banking facilities amounting to approximately HK\$65,924,000 were utilised to the extent of approximately HK\$27,901,000 and subsequent to 31 December 2007, the Group either received waiver from compliance with these covenants from a bank or the related were fully repaid.

On the balance sheet date of 31 December 2007, all of the above utilised facilities were classified as current liabilities that were repayable within twelve months after the balance sheet date.

The Group regularly monitors its compliance with these covenants. Further details of the Group's management of liquidity risk are set out in note 36(b).

29. OTHER LOAN, UNSECURED

At 31 December 2007, the Group's other loan of HK\$9,852,000 due to a financial institution bore interest at 9% per annum and was repayable on or before 29 February 2008. The loan is secured by personal guarantees to the extent of HK\$10,000,000 put up by Mr. Lin Chun Kui and Mr. Li Chien Kuan, the directors of the Company. The loan was repaid by the Group in full in February 2008.

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30. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

At 31 December 2008, the Group had obligations under finance leases repayable as follows:

	The Group			
	2008		2007	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments HK\$'000	Total lease payments HK\$'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments HK\$'000	Total lease payments HK\$'000
Within 1 year	–	–	320	330
After 1 year but within 2 years	–	–	–	–
	–	–	320	330
Less: total future interest expenses		–		(10)
Present value of lease obligations		–		320

31. INCOME TAX IN THE BALANCE SHEET

(a) Current taxation in the balance sheet represents:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Provision for profits tax for the year	37	2,867
Provisional profits tax paid	(398)	(1,324)
	(361)	1,543
Balance of profits tax provision relating to prior years	1,053	834
	692	2,377

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31. INCOME TAX IN THE BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

(b) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised:

The Group

The components of deferred tax (assets)/liabilities recognised in the consolidated balance sheet and the movements during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax arising from:	Tax losses HK\$'000	Depreciation allowances in excess of the related depreciation HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007	(3,019)	795	740	(1,484)
Exchange adjustments	(192)	22	–	(170)
Charged/(credited) to income statement	3,104	(817)	–	2,287
At 31 December 2007 and at 1 January 2008	(107)	–	740	633
Exchange adjustments	1	–	–	1
Charged/(credited) to income statement	(71)	–	–	(71)
At 31 December 2008	(177)	–	740	563

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Net deferred assets recognised on the balance sheet	–	–
Net deferred tax liability recognised on the balance sheet	563	633
	563	633

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31. INCOME TAX IN THE BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

(c) Deferred taxation not recognised:

In accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 2(t), the Group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of tax losses of approximately HK\$78 million (2007: HK\$62 million) as it is not probable that future taxable profits against which the losses can be utilised will be available in the relevant tax jurisdiction and entity.

At 31 December 2008, the Group's tax losses of approximately HK\$11 million (2007: HK\$5 million) do not expire under current tax legislation and tax losses of approximately HK\$67 million (2007: HK\$57 million) will expire in five years from the year in which they were incurred.

The Group had no other significant deferred taxation not provided for during the year and at the balance sheet date.

32. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- (a) The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF scheme") under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for employees employed under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance. The MPF scheme is a defined contribution retirement plan administered by independent trustees. Under the MPF scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the plan at 5% of the employees' relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of HK\$20,000. Contributions to the plan vest immediately.
- (b) Pursuant to the relevant labour rules and regulations in the Mainland, the Group participates in defined contribution retirement benefit schemes (the "Schemes") organised by the relevant local government authorities, whereby the Group is required to make contributions to the Schemes at a rate of 8% of the eligible employees' salaries. The local government authorities are responsible for the entire pension obligations payable to retired employees which are calculated based on a certain percentage of the basic payroll.

33. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") which is adopted on 18 June 2002. The purpose of the Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to the eligible participants in recognition of their contribution to the Group. Subject to the terms of the Scheme, the directors may, at their absolute discretion, invite employees of the Group, including executive directors, non-executive directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, suppliers, consultants, agents and advisers, whether on a contractual or honorary basis and whether paid or unpaid, who have contributed or will contribute to the Group to take up options to subscribe for shares.

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33. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

The maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted (together with options exercised and options then outstanding) at any time under this scheme shall not, when aggregated with any shares subject to any other schemes involving the issue or grant of option over shares by the Company, or for the benefit of the eligible participants, exceed such number of shares as shall represent 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the adoption date (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). Options that lapse in accordance with the terms of this scheme will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit unless the Company obtains a fresh approval from shareholders to renew the 10% limit provided that the maximum number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Scheme together with any options outstanding and yet to be exercised under the Scheme and any other schemes shall not exceed 30% of the issued shares from time to time.

The total number of shares issued and to be issued on the exercise of options granted and to be granted (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period up to the date of the grant of each eligible participant shall not exceed 1% of the total issued shares.

The offer of a grant of share option may be accepted within a period of 28 days from the date of offer. An option shall be deemed to have been accepted when the duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the option duly signed by the eligible participant together with the consideration of HK\$1 is received by the Company.

The exercise price for shares will not be less than the higher of: (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of the grant, which must be a business day; and (ii) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of the grant.

An option may be exercised at any time during the period to be determined and identified by the board to each grantee at the time of making an offer for the grant of an option, but in any event no later than 10 years from the date of grant but subject to the early termination of the new share option scheme.

No share options were granted during the year and there were no outstanding share options under the Scheme at the balance sheet date (2007: Nil).

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34. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

(a) The Group

	Note	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company							Minority interests	Total equity
		Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Exchange reserve	Asset revaluation reserve	Statutory reserve	(Accumulated losses)/ retained profits		
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007		85,720	99,260	18,528	9,785	871	23,786	18,058	256,008	256,209
Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong		-	-	-	6,261	-	-	-	6,261	6,261
Shares issued under the placing	34(c)(iii)	14,200	73,322	-	-	-	-	-	87,522	87,522
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	(193,838)	(193,838)	(194,039)
At 31 December 2007 and 1 January 2008		99,920	172,582	18,528	16,046	871	23,786	(175,780)	155,953	155,953
Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong		-	-	-	4,379	-	-	-	4,379	4,379
Disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	-	(1,936)	-	-	-	(1,936)	(1,936)
Increase in asset revaluation		-	-	-	-	17,126	-	-	17,126	17,126
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	(108,822)	(108,822)	(108,822)
At 31 December 2008		99,920	172,582	18,528	18,489	17,997	23,786	(284,602)	66,700	66,700

Included in the accumulated losses as at 31 December 2008 of the Group is an amount of approximately HK\$150,000 (2007: HK\$150,000) being the accumulated losses attributable to an associate.

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34. CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Continued)

(b) The Company

	Note	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2007		85,720	99,260	75,131	(25,178)	234,933
Shares issued under the placing	34(c)(iii)	14,200	73,322	–	–	87,522
Loss for the year		–	–	–	(173,432)	(173,432)
At 31 December 2007 and 1 January 2008		99,920	172,582	75,131	(198,610)	149,023
Loss for the year		–	–	–	(88,796)	(88,796)
At 31 December 2008		99,920	172,582	75,131	(287,406)	60,227

(c) Share capital

(i) Authorised and issued share capital

	2008		2007	
	Number of shares '000	Amount HK\$'000	Number of shares '000	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	5,000,000	500,000	5,000,000	500,000
Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:				
At 1 January	999,196	99,920	857,196	85,720
Shares issued under the placing (note (iii))	–	–	142,000	14,200
At 31 December	999,196	99,920	999,196	99,920

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally regard to the Company's residual assets.

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34. CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Continued)

(c) Share capital (Continued)

(ii) Increase in authorised share capital

By an ordinary resolution passed at the special general meeting held on 20 November 2007, the Company's authorised ordinary share capital was increased to HK\$500,000,000 by the creation of an additional 4,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each, ranking pari passu with existing ordinary shares of the Company in all respects.

(iii) Shares issued under the placing

On 26 July 2007, the Company and a placing agent entered into a placing agreement whereby the Company placed through the placing agent an aggregate of 63,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company of HK\$0.1 each to not less than six placees at a price of HK\$0.86 per share. The placing was completed on 7 August 2007. The net proceeds from the placing of approximately HK\$52,076,000 were used for repayment of the Group's bank loans and for general working capital purpose.

On 10 October 2007, the Company entered into conditional subscription agreements with Mr. Lin Chun Kuei ("Mr. Lin"), Mr. Ng Kin Nam ("Mr. Ng") and Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. ("Tian Wan") (collectively, the "Subscribers") whereby the Subscribers agreed to subscribe for an aggregate of 79,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company of HK\$0.1 each at a price of HK\$0.45 per share. The subscription was completed on 28 November 2007. The net proceeds from the subscription of approximately HK\$35,446,000 were used for repayment of the Group's bank loans and for general working capital purpose. Mr. Lin and Mr. Ng are directors of the Company, and Tian Wan is the Company's substantial shareholder, which is owned by Mr. Andree Halim ("Mr. Halim"), a director of the Company, and the son of Mr. Halim.

(d) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Share premium

The application of the share premium account is governed by section 40 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

(ii) Contributed surplus

The contributed surplus of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired over the nominal value of the shares of the Company issued pursuant to the Group's reorganisation in 1997.

The contributed surplus of the Company represents the difference between the nominal value of the Company's shares issued and the aggregate net asset value of the subsidiaries acquired. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus is available for distribution to shareholders. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make distributions out of contributed surplus if:

- it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.

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34. CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Continued)

(d) Nature and purpose of reserves (Continued)

(iii) *Exchange reserve*

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong which is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 2(w).

(iv) *Asset revaluation reserve*

The asset revaluation reserve has been set up and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy adopted for buildings in note 2(j).

(v) *Statutory reserve*

In accordance with relevant rules and regulations in the PRC, all the PRC companies are required to transfer 10% of their profit after taxation calculated under PRC accounting rules and regulations to the statutory reserve fund, until the accumulated total of the fund reaches 50% of their registered capital. The transfer to the reserve must be made before distribution of dividends to shareholders. The statutory reserve fund can only be used to offset previous years' losses or to increase the capital of respective companies, provided that the balance after such issue is not less than 25% of its registered capital.

(e) Distributability of reserves

At 31 December 2008, the aggregate amount of reserve available for distribution to equity shareholders of the Company was HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$Nil).

(f) Capital management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debts (which include bank loans and overdrafts, other loans and other financial liabilities), cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company (which comprises issued share capital and reserves).

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements, apart from the information as disclosed in note 28(b).

The directors review the capital structure on a regular basis to ensure the Group compliance with the requirements and consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. In view of this, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through new share issues, raising new debts, the redemption of existing debts or selling assets to reduce debts. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior years.

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35. NOTE TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Disposal of subsidiaries to an independent third party during the year ended 31 December 2008

In May 2008, the Group disposed of a subsidiary, namely Peaktap Vietnam Limited, which was engaged in the operation of manufacture and export of candle products to an independent third party for a consideration of HK\$16,983,000.

The cash flows and the net assets of subsidiary disposed of are provided below:

	2008 HK\$'000
Net assets disposed of:	
Property, plant and equipment	3,172
Inventories	14,660
Trade and other receivables	2,228
Cash and cash equivalents	91
Trade and other payables	(1,261)
	18,890
Translation reserve released upon disposal	119
Expenses incurred by the Group on the disposal of subsidiary	40
Loss on disposal of subsidiary, net	(2,066)
	16,983
Consideration received	16,983
Less: Cash of subsidiary disposed of	(91)
	16,892
Net cash inflow in respect of the disposal of subsidiary	16,892

The subsidiary disposed of during the year contributed revenue of HK\$3,205,000 and profit after tax HK\$14,651,000 to the Group for the period to its respective dates of disposal to 31 May 2008.

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35. NOTE TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)

(b) Disposal of subsidiaries through administration during the year ended 31 December 2008

The Group disposed of subsidiaries, namely Waterwerks Pty. Limited and Heissner UK Limited, which were engaged in the operation of trading of giftware, gardening and water gardening products through administration.

The cash flows and the net liabilities of subsidiary disposed of are provided below:

	2008 HK\$'000
Net liabilities disposed of:	
Property, plant and equipment	69
Inventories	1,601
Trade and other receivables	2,064
Cash and cash equivalents	3
Bank loans and overdrafts	(11,132)
Trade and other payables	(9,113)
	(16,508)
Translation reserve released upon disposal	(2,055)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries, net	18,563
Consideration received	–
Less: Cash of subsidiary disposed of	(3)
Net cash outflow in respect of the disposal of subsidiaries	(3)

The subsidiaries disposed of during the year contributed revenue of HK\$10,766,000 and profit after tax HK\$7,992,000 to the Group for the period to its respective dates of disposals.

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35. NOTE TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Continued)

(c) Disposal of subsidiaries through deregistration during the year ended 31 December 2008

The Group disposed of certain subsidiaries which were engaged in the operation of manufacture and distribution of giftware, gardening and water gardening products through deregistration.

The cash flows and the net assets of subsidiary disposed of are provided below:

	2008 HK\$'000
Net liabilities disposed of:	
Trade and other receivables	8,376
	8,376
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries, net	(8,376)
Consideration received	–
Less: Cash of subsidiary disposed of	–
Net cash outflow in respect of the disposal of subsidiary	–

The subsidiaries disposed of during the year had no significant impact on the Group's turnover or loss for the year ended 31 December 2008.

36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Exposure to credit, liquidity, interest rate and currency risks arises in the normal course of the Group's business. These risks are limited by the Group's financial management policies and practices described below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises primarily from the Group's trade and other receivables and deposits with banks.

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to trade and other receivables. Management has a credit policy in place and the exposures to these credit risks are monitored on an ongoing basis.

In respect of trade and other receivables, individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These evaluations focus on the customer's past history of making payments when due and current ability to pay, and take into account information specific to the customer as well as pertaining to the economic environment in which the customer operates. Trade receivables are due within three to six months from the date of billing. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers. The impairment losses on bad and doubtful debts account are within management's expectation.

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate also has an influence on credit risk but to a lesser extent. At the balance sheet date, the Group has a certain concentration of credit risk as 31.1% (2007: 20.6%) and 65.1% (2007: 51.8%) of the total trade and other receivables was due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers respectively in the United States of America and Europe.

The maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of any collateral held is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the balance sheet after deducting any impairment allowance. Except for the financial guarantees given by the Group as set out in note 38(a), the Group does not provide any other guarantees which would expose the Group or the Company to credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect of these financial guarantees at the balance sheet date is disclosed in note 38(a).

Further quantitative disclosures in respect of the Group's exposure to credit risk arising from trade and other receivables are set out in note 23.

The Group limits its exposure to credit risk by placing deposits with financial institutions with no recent history of default. Management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations.

As at 31 December 2008, the Group has no significant concentration of credit risk on deposits with banks.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

Individual operating entities within the Group are responsible for their own cash management, including the short term investment of cash surpluses and the raising of loans to cover expected cash demands, subject to approval by the parent company's board when the borrowings exceed certain predetermined levels of authority. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and readily realisable marketable securities and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The following table details the remaining contractual maturities at the balance sheet date of the Group's and the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on rates current at the balance sheet date) and the earliest date the Group and the Company can be required to pay:

The Group

	2008					2007				
	Total					Total				
	contractual		More than	More than		contractual		More than	More than	
	Carrying	undiscounted	Within 1	1 year but	2 years	Carrying	undiscounted	Within 1	1 year but	2 years
amount	cash flow	year or on	less than	but less		amount	cash flow	year or on	less than	but less
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	demand	2 years	than 5 years	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	demand	2 years	than 5 years
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and other payables	211,641	211,641	211,641	-	-	142,893	142,893	142,893	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	96,329	110,946	54,893	12,686	43,367	224,545	242,518	224,022	2,977	15,519
Other loans, unsecured	-	-	-	-	-	9,852	10,000	10,000	-	-
Obligations under finance leases	-	-	-	-	-	320	330	330	-	-
	307,970	322,587	266,534	12,686	43,367	377,610	395,741	377,245	2,977	15,519

The Company

	2008			2007		
	Total			Total		
	contractual			contractual		
	Carrying	undiscounted	Within	Carrying	undiscounted	Within
amount	cash flow	1 year or		amount	cash flow	1 year or
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	on demand	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	on demand
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and other payables	70,182	70,182	70,182	9,266	9,266	9,266

As at 31 December 2008, the maximum gross nominal value of outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts held by the Group was approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$6,240,000). The table below analyses the Group's outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts as at 31 December that would be settled on a gross basis into relevant maturity buckets based on their remaining contractual maturity dates. The amounts disclosed in the table are contractual undiscounted cash flows, which are different from the carrying amount (i.e. market value) in the consolidated balance sheet.

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The Group

	2008		2007	
	Total contractual undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000	Total Contractual undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000
Forward foreign exchange contracts				
– outflows	–	–	6,240	6,240
– inflows	–	–	6,180	6,180

The Group employs projected cash flow analysis to manage liquidity risk by forecasting the amount of cash required and monitoring the working capital of the Group to ensure that all liabilities due and known funding requirements could be met.

(c) Interest rate risk

The Group regularly seeks out the most favourable interest rates available for its bank deposits and borrowings are disclosed as below. The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from the Group's bank deposits, other loan and bank loans. Borrowings issued at variable rates and at fixed rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk respectively. The Group does not use financial derivatives to hedge against the interest rate risk. Borrowings at fixed rate are insensitive to any change in market rates and a change in interest rates at the balance sheet date would not affect profit or loss. The Group's interest rate profile as monitored by management is set out in (i) below.

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Interest rate risk (Continued)

(i) Interest rate profile

The following table details the interest rate profile of the Group's and the Company's net borrowings (as defined above) at the balance sheet date.

	The Group				The Company			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	Effective interest rate %	HK\$'000	Effective interest rate %	HK\$'000	Effective interest rate %	HK\$'000	Effective interest rate %	HK\$'000
Net fixed rate borrowings:								
Bank loans	6.00-8.22%	34,614	5.86-9.85%	84,564	-	-	-	-
Other loan, unsecured	-	-	9.5%	9,852	-	-	-	-
Obligations under finance leases	-	-	9.85%	320	-	-	-	-
Less: bank deposits	2.07%	(11,260)	2.88%	(16,066)	-	-	-	-
		23,354		78,670		-		-
Variable rate borrowings:								
Bank overdrafts	2.75-7.75%	2,264	7.50-9.75%	5,755	-	-	-	-
Bank loans	2.75-8.51%	59,451	5.30-10.25%	134,226	-	-	-	-
Less: cash at banks and on hand	0.55%-3.75%	(19,441)	0.7% - 1.5%	(26,187)		(72)		(9,548)
		42,274		113,794		(72)		(9,548)
Total net borrowings		65,628		192,464		(72)		(9,548)
Net fixed rate borrowings as a percentage of total net borrowings		35.58%		40.88%		-%		-%

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

At 31 December 2008, it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would increase/decrease the Group's loss after tax and accumulated losses by approximately HK\$422,000 (2007: HK\$1,137,000).

The sensitivity analysis above has been determined assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the balance sheet date and had been applied to the exposure to interest rate risk for non-derivative financial instruments in existence at that date. The 100 basis point increase or decrease represents management's assessment of a reasonably possible change in interest rates over the period until the next annual balance sheet date. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2007.

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(d) Currency risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk as certain cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables primarily through sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily Euros, United States dollars, Renminbi and Australian dollars.

For the year ended 31 December 2007, the Group had forward foreign exchange contracts. Changes in the fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts are recognised in income statement. The net fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts at 31 December 2007 was approximately HK\$2,113,000 recognised as derivative financial instruments.

At 31 December 2008, the Group had no outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts.

The Group ensures that the exposure on recognised assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate is kept to an acceptable level, by buying or selling foreign currencies at spot rates where necessary to address short-term imbalances.

(i) Exposure to currency risk

The following table details the Group's and the Company's exposure at the balance sheet date to currency risk arising from recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity to which they relate.

The Group

	2008				2007			
	United States Dollars '000	Euros '000	Renminbi '000	Australian Dollars '000	United States Dollars '000	Euros '000	Renminbi '000	Australian Dollars '000
Trade and other receivables	4,637	-	1,999	-	7,732	1,900	8,043	318
Cash and cash equivalents	1,415	3	-	-	1,107	3	6,451	10
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-	(738)	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	(2,987)	-	(31,086)	-	(2,603)	-	(47,060)	(594)
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	(800)	-	3,618	399
Overall net exposure	3,065	3	(29,087)	-	4,698	1,903	(28,948)	133

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(d) Currency risk (Continued)

(i) Exposure to currency risk (Continued)

The Company

	2008 United States Dollars '000	2007 United States Dollars '000
Cash and cash equivalents	6	5
Trade and other payables	–	4
Overall net exposure	6	9

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the approximate change in the Group's loss after tax (and accumulated losses) in response to reasonably possible changes in the foreign exchange rates to which the Group has significant exposure at the balance sheet date. There is no change in other components of consolidated equity.

The Group

	2008		2007	
	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates %	Effect on loss after tax and accumulated losses HK\$'000	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates %	Effect on loss after tax and accumulated losses HK\$'000
United States Dollars	1 (1)	(13) 13	1 (1)	(8) 8
Euros	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1,201 (1,201)
Renminbi	1 (1)	(1) 1	1 (1)	(93) 93
Australian Dollars	1 (1)	– –	1 (1)	(36) 36

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36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(d) Currency risk (Continued)

(iii) Sensitivity analysis (Continued)

The sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the change in foreign exchange rates had occurred at the balance sheet date and had been applied to each of the Group entities' exposure to currency risk for both derivative and non-derivative financial instruments in existence at that date, and that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

The stated changes represent management's assessment of reasonably possible changes in foreign exchange rates over the period until the next annual balance sheet date. In this respect, it is assumed that the pegged rate between the Hong Kong dollar and the United States dollar would be materially unaffected by any changes in movement in value of the United States dollar against other currencies. Results of the analysis as presented in the above table represent an aggregation of the effects on each of the Group entities' loss after tax and equity measured in the respective functional currencies, translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date for presentation purposes. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2007.

(e) Fair values

All financial instruments are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2008 and 2007.

37. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments outstanding at 31 December 2008 not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Contracted		
– Construction of buildings	–	15,978

(b) At 31 December 2008, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:

	The Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Within 1 year	2,336	5,879
After 1 year but within 5 years	6,034	16,143
After 5 years	39,595	36,977
	47,965	58,999

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37. COMMITMENTS (Continued)

(b) (Continued)

The Group is the lessee in respect of a number of properties held under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of one to six years. The leases did not include extension options. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

(c) Forward foreign exchange contracts

At 31 December 2007, the Group had outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts to (i) buy RMB3,618,000 at various rates totalling approximately US\$500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$3,900,000) and (ii) buy AUD399,000 at a rate totalling approximately US\$300,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,340,000). At 31 December 2008, the Group had no outstanding forward exchange contracts.

38. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(a) Financial guarantees issued

As at the balance sheet date, the Company has issued a guarantee to the extent of approximately HK\$20,000,000 (2007: HK\$194,203,000) to a bank in respect of banking facilities granted to certain of its subsidiaries.

The Company is also one of guarantee under cross guarantee arrangement issued by the Company and its subsidiaries to the extent of approximately HK\$121,400,000 (2007: HK\$177,100,000) to banks in respect of banking facilities granted to the Group which remains in force so long as the Group has drawn down under the banking facilities. Under the cross guarantee, the Company and all the subsidiaries that are a party to the guarantee are jointly and severally liable for all and any of the borrowings of each of them from the banks which are the beneficiary of the guarantee.

As at the balance sheet date, the directors do not consider it probable that a claim will be made against the Company under any of the above guarantees. The maximum liability of the Company at the balance sheet date under the first guarantee issued is the outstanding amount of the facility drawn down by the subsidiaries of approximately HK\$Nil (2007: HK\$100,920,000). The maximum liability of the Company at the balance sheet date under the cross guarantees is the amount of the facilities drawn down by all the subsidiaries that are covered by the cross guarantee, being HK\$36,164,000 (2007: HK\$52,236,000).

Deferred income in respect of guarantees issued is disclosed in note 26.

(b) Long service payments

As at the balance sheet date, a number of the current employees of the Group have achieved the required number of years of service to the Group in order to be eligible for long service payments under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance. Under the said ordinance, in the event that their employment is terminated under the below-listed circumstances as stipulated in the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance, an employer should pay long service payment when an employee who has been employed under a continuous contract for no less than five years:

- (i) is dismissed by reason other than serious misconduct or redundancy;
- (ii) is certified by a registered medical practitioner as permanently unfit for the present job and the employee resigns;

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38. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

(b) Long service payments (Continued)

(iii) is aged 65 or above and the employee resigns; or

(iv) dies in service.

As at the balance sheet date, the directors consider it is not probable that the employment of the employees eligible for long service payments under the said ordinance will be terminated under the above-mentioned circumstances and it is not probable that the Group will pay any long service payments to such employees. The maximum liability of the Group at the balance sheet date in respect of possible long service payments to the employees under the said ordinance is approximately HK\$573,000 (2007: HK\$363,000).

39. LITIGATION

During the year ended 31 December 2006 and 2007, the Group had contingent liabilities in respect of certain legal claims arising on the ordinary course of business.

On 31 December 2007, a "Settlement Agreement And Mutual Release" was entered whereby the defendants agreed to pay the Group approximately HK\$7,771,000 as compensation and all parties consented the settlement of all litigations. As such, all parties terminated all litigations already initiated.

The Group recognised the compensation of approximately HK\$7,771,000 as other revenue (note 5) in the consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2007, which was also included in trade and other receivables in note 23. The compensation of approximately HK\$7,771,000 was received by the Group in March 2008.

40. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) During the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007, the directors consider that the following are related parties of the Group

Name of party	Relationship with the Group
Tian Wan Pte. Ltd. ("Tian Wan")	A substantial shareholder of the Company. Tian Wan is owned by Mr. Andree Halim, a director of the Company, and Mr. Daniel Halim, who is the son of Mr. Andree Halim.
Heissner AG	An investee company, in which the Group holds 18.1% equity interest since 1 September 2006. (In 2008, the directors disregard this company as a related company because there is no common director since the year of 2008.)

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40. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) During the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2007, the directors consider that the following are related parties of the Group (Continued)

(i) Placing of shares

During the year ended 31 December 2007, the Company issued an aggregate of 79,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company to Mr. Lin Chun Kuei ("Mr. Lin"), Mr. Ng Kin Nam ("Mr. Ng") and Tian Wan for gross proceeds of approximately HK\$35,550,000. Each of Mr. Lin, Mr. Ng and Tian Wan subscribed for 18,100,000, 10,000,000, and 50,900,000 respectively new ordinary shares of the Company. The Company received gross proceeds from Mr. Lin, Mr. Ng and Tian Wan of approximately HK\$8,145,000, HK\$4,500,000 and HK\$22,905,000 respectively. Further details are set out in note 34(c)(iii).

(ii) Sales of inventories to investee companies

During the year ended 31 December 2007, the Group sold outdoor decoration and indoor decoration products to Heissner AG amounted to approximately HK\$19,396,000.

The balance due from Heissner AG as at 31 December 2007 was included in amount due from an investee company in note 23 was approximately HK\$22,633,000. There is no impairment provision on the amount due from Heissner AG as at 31 December 2007.

(iii) Purchase of raw materials

During the year ended 31 December 2007, the Group purchased raw materials from Heissner AG amounted to approximately HK\$361,000. As at 31 December 2007, there is no outstanding balance due to Heissner AG.

(iv) Guarantee

During the year ended 31 December 2007, Mr. Lin Chun Kuei and Mr. Li Chien Kuan, directors of the Company, issued personal guarantees to secure other loan extended to a subsidiary to the extent of approximately HK\$10,000,000.

During the year ended 31 December 2007, Mr. Lin Chun Kuei, a director of the Company, issued personal guarantee to secure bank loan extended to a subsidiary to the extent of approximately HK\$11,657,000.

The directors are of the opinion that the above related party transactions, excluding item (iv) above, were conducted on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business.

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40. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Key management personnel remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel of the Group, including amounts paid to the Company's directors as disclosed in note 8 and certain of the highest paid employees as disclosed in note 9, is as follows:

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	7,734	8,317
Post-employment benefits	70	74
	7,804	8,391

Total remuneration is included in "staff costs" (see note 6(b)).

(c) Financing arrangements

	Amounts owed to related parties	
	As at 31 December	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Amount due to directors	25,000	2,000
Amount due to an ex-director	–	2,066
Amount due to a minority equity holder	–	189
Amount due to a substantial shareholder	25,000	3,000
	50,000	7,255

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40. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Financing arrangements (Continued)

Note:

- (i) The outstanding balances with these related parties are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. The amounts due to related parties are included in "trade and other payables" (note 26).
- (ii) Details of the advances from and repayments to these related parties during the year are analysed as follows:

	2008	
	Advance HK\$'000	Repayment HK\$'000
Directors	23,000	–
An ex-director	–	2,066
Minority equity holder	–	189
Substantial shareholder	22,000	–
	45,000	2,255

Details of new advances and repayments during the year are also disclosed in the cash flow statement.

41. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been restated and reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

42. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

(a) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies which are described in note 2, management has made certain key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, as discussed below.

(i) Impairment of property, plant and equipment, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset, which requires significant judgement relating to level of revenue and amount of operating costs. The Group uses all readily available information in determining an amount that is a reasonable approximation of the recoverable amount, including estimates based on reasonable and supportable assumptions and projections of revenue and operating costs. Changes in these estimates could have a significant impact on the carrying value of the assets and could result in additional impairment charge or reversal of impairment in future periods.

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42. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(a) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

(ii) *Impairment of receivables*

The Group maintains impairment allowance for doubtful debts accounts based upon evaluation of the recoverability of the accounts receivable and other receivables, where applicable, at each balance sheet date. The estimates are based on the ageing of the accounts receivable and other receivables balances and the historical write-off experience, net of recoveries. If the financial condition of the debtors were to deteriorate, additional impairment allowance may be required.

(iii) *Income taxes and deferred taxation*

The Group is subject to income taxes in several jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

Deferred tax assets relating to certain temporary differences and certain tax losses are recognised as management considers it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences or tax losses can be utilised. Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such differences will impact the recognition of deferred tax assets and tax in the periods in which such estimate is changed.

(iv) *Estimation of provision of future warranty claims*

Management estimates the provision for future warranty claims based on historical warranty claim information, as well as recent trends that might suggest that past cost information may differ from future claims. Factors that could impact the estimated claim information include the success of the Group's productivity and quality initiatives, as well as parts and labour costs.

(v) *Contingencies*

Periodically, the Group assesses potential liabilities related to any lawsuits or claims brought against the Group or any asserted claims. Although it is typically very difficult to determine the timing and ultimate outcome of such actions, the Group uses its best judgement to determine if it is probable that it will incur an expense related to the settlement or final adjudication of such matters and whether a reasonable estimation of such probable loss, if any, can be made. In accordance with HKAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, the Group accrues a liability when it believes a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Due to the inherent uncertainties related to the eventual outcome of litigations, although the Group believes that the estimates and judgements are reasonable, it is possible that certain matters may have to be resolved for amounts materially different from any estimated provisions or previous disclosures.

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42. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(b) Critical accounting judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies

In determining the carrying amounts of some assets and liabilities, the Group makes assumptions for the effects of uncertain future events on those assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. These estimates involve assumptions about such items as cash flows and discount rates used. The Group's estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and expectations of future events and are reviewed periodically. In addition to assumptions and estimations of future events, judgements are also made during the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

Going Concern

As disclosed in note 2(b), the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis as they are of the opinion that the Group will be able to generate adequate cash flows from its operations and secure the necessary facilities from the banks in the next twelve months to enable the Group to operate as a going concern. This conclusion is arrived at after reviewing the cash flow forecast prepared by the Group's management, with an assumption of receiving partial consideration of HK\$167,486,000 in 2009 in respect of the disposal of certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements, and taking into account the expected outcome of discussions with its banks. Any significant deviations from the assumptions adopted by management in preparing the cash flows forecast of the Group and discontinuation of bank facilities would affect the conclusion that the Group is able to continue as going concern.

43. NON-ADJUSTING POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- (a) Subsequent to the balance sheet date on 9 January 2009, the Group entered into the memorandum of understanding with an independent third party ("Vendor") to acquire the entire registered capital in a target company ("Target Company"). The Target Company is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and is principally engaged in investment holding and is expected to hold approximately 60% of a gold mine in Liaoning Province of the PRC. Based on the information provided by the Vendor as at 8 January 2009, the said gold mine has an approximate ore reserve of 3.72 million tones. The formal agreement will be entered into before 9 April 2009 or such later date as the Group may agree. The Vendor will guarantee to the Group that the aggregate of the audited net profits of the Target Company in the 4 years after completion of the formal agreement will be at least equal to the consideration of the proposed acquisition. At the date of this report, the transaction is not yet concluded and the consideration is still subject to negotiation.
- (b) On 1 May 2008, the Group and an independent third party entered into an agreement that the Group agreed to dispose of its 100% equity interest in Peaktop Technologies Limited ("PTL"), a subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong, whose sole asset is its 75% equity interest in Shenzhen Yuansheng Light Industrial Products Co., Ltd ("PRC Subsidiary").

On 25 February 2009, the Group and the same independent third party entered into a supplemental agreement that the Group agreed to dispose of its remaining 25% equity interest in the PRC Subsidiary.

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43. NON-ADJUSTING POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS (Continued)

(b) **(Continued)**

The aggregate consideration for the disposal of the 100% equity interest of the PRC Subsidiary is RMB240,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$270,240,000).

Stage payments of the consideration and completion of the disposal are conditional upon the outstanding property and land ownership certificates in respect of the leasehold land and buildings owned by the PRC Subsidiary to be obtained by no later than 30 June 2009.

In accordance with the clause 4.1.5 stated in the agreement dated 1 May 2008 relating to the sale and purchase of entire issued capital of PTL, the business of the PRC Subsidiary other than its investment in certain buildings, prepaid lease payments and leasehold improvements ("Property") should be transferred out or otherwise disposed of, with all the labour related issues properly and duly settled (including due and proper termination of all relevant labour contracts with payment of economic compensation in compliance with the applicable law) and all the liabilities of the Property having been settled, such that the PRC subsidiary is free of any encumbrances and is engaged in no business of any kind other than its investment in and ownership of the Property.

As at the date of the authorisation of the financial statements, the applications for the property and land ownership certificates are still in progress. Directors are of the opinion that the carrying amount of the Property should not be classified as held for sale as at 31 December 2008 because it does not meet the criteria of reclassification as set out in HKFRS 5 "Non-current Assets Held for Sale".

During the period from the date of disposal to the completion, the Group will take steps to transfer all the business and assets other than the Property to other members of the Group. The Group has other subsidiaries in the PRC with factories and facilities to accommodate the labour and machineries for the PRC Subsidiary which will be relocated from the factories of the PRC Subsidiary.

GROUP PROPERTIES

31 December 2008

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Location	Use	Tenure	Attributable interest of the Group
Unit 1606, 16 Floor Tower III Enterprise Square No 9 Sheung Yuet Road Kowloon Bay Kowloon Hong Kong	Office building	Medium-term lease	100%