

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 30th September 2000

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	23(a)	<u>(143,513)</u>	<u>296,854</u>
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		51,847	29,646
Interest on bank loan		(134)	(153)
Interest element of hire purchase contracts		(14)	(45)
Dividends paid		<u>(155,232)</u>	<u>(90,213)</u>
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		<u>(103,533)</u>	<u>(60,765)</u>
Taxation			
Tax paid		<u>(9,727)</u>	<u>(3,149)</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(4,888)	(5,305)
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets		436	100
Purchase of subsidiaries	23(c)	(2,330)	–
Investment in a jointly controlled entity		(2,797)	–
Purchase of investment securities		(79,183)	(35,915)
Purchase of club debentures		(5,385)	(6,916)
Purchase of trading investments		(97,415)	–
Proceeds from disposals of trading investments		<u>77,139</u>	<u>–</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(114,423)</u>	<u>(48,036)</u>
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing		<u>(371,196)</u>	<u>184,904</u>
Financing	23(b)		
Net proceeds from issue of new shares		95,422	168,947
Injection from minority shareholders		756	–
Shares repurchased for cancellation		(13,013)	–
Bank loan repaid		(325)	(325)
Payment of capital element of hire purchase contracts		<u>(180)</u>	<u>(206)</u>
Net cash inflow from financing		<u>82,660</u>	<u>168,416</u>
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(288,536)</u>	<u>353,320</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st October		<u>396,118</u>	<u>42,798</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 30th September		<u><u>107,582</u></u>	<u><u>396,118</u></u>

The cash and cash equivalents of the Group solely represented cash and bank balances.