

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended October 31, 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	30	<u>102,183</u>	<u>100,300</u>
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		3,238	4,651
Interest paid		(13,658)	(17,385)
Finance charges paid in respect of finance leases and hire purchases contracts		(841)	(984)
Dividends paid		<u>(12,399)</u>	<u>–</u>
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		<u>(23,660)</u>	<u>(13,718)</u>
TAXATION			
Overseas taxation paid		(5,307)	(5,962)
Overseas taxation refund		–	83
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		<u>(561)</u>	<u>(301)</u>
TAX PAID		<u>(5,868)</u>	<u>(6,180)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(24,222)	(31,822)
Advances to an investee company		(3,157)	(3,393)
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	31	(2,692)	–
Increase in pledged short term bank deposits		(2,019)	(2,348)
Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary, net of cash and cash equivalents disposed of	32	(88)	6,855
Investment in an associate		(3)	–
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		8,204	10,956
Proceeds on disposal of investments in securities		28	–
Addition in project loans receivable		–	(28)
Addition in advances to an associate		<u>–</u>	<u>(5)</u>
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>(23,949)</u>	<u>(19,785)</u>

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NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		<u>48,706</u>	<u>60,617</u>
FINANCING	33		
Capital contributed by minority shareholders		15,709	–
New bank loans obtained		37,460	52,760
Repayment of bank loans		(56,664)	(86,324)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		(5,557)	(7,306)
Repurchase of share capital		<u>–</u>	<u>(276)</u>
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING		<u>(9,052)</u>	<u>(41,146)</u>
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		39,654	19,471
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		76,172	56,698
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		<u>(5,619)</u>	<u>3</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	34	<u><u>110,207</u></u>	<u><u>76,172</u></u>