

Consolidated profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Turnover	2	6,323,392	5,871,202
Other revenue	3	171,851	140,599
Other net income	3	2,832	3,945
Staff costs		(3,128,689)	(3,049,001)
Depreciation		(600,370)	(531,855)
Spare parts, stores and fuel oil consumed		(830,579)	(625,510)
Other operating expenses		(822,008)	(769,499)
Profit from operations		1,116,429	1,039,881
Finance cost	4	(180,236)	(147,640)
Share of profit of associates		-	-
Share of profit of jointly controlled entity		286	293
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	4	936,479	892,534
Taxation	5(a)	(81,379)	(153,656)
Profit from ordinary activities after taxation		855,100	738,878
Minority interests		(446)	(272)
Profit attributable to shareholders	8 & 25	854,654	738,606
Dividends	9 & 25	(637,750)	(544,913)
Retained profit for the year		216,904	193,693
Earnings per share	10	\$2.12	\$1.83
Profit for the year is retained as follows:			
By the Company and its subsidiaries		216,618	193,488
By associates		-	-
By jointly controlled entity		286	205
		216,904	193,693

The notes on pages 80 to 100 form part of these accounts.