

Consolidated cash flow statement  
for the year ended 31 December 2000

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	<i>Note</i>	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	26(a)	<b>1,816,516</b>	<b>1,499,575</b>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>			
Interest received		122,519	91,646
Interest paid		(185,048)	(144,117)
Dividends paid		(565,095)	(468,222)
<b>Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>		<b>(627,624)</b>	<b>(520,693)</b>
<b>Taxation</b>			
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(90,614)	(179,689)
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Payment for purchase of fixed assets		(970,827)	(545,337)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		2,913	4,989
Payment for purchase of investment in securities		(6,960)	(125,610)
Proceeds from sale of investment in securities		100,920	28,000
Decrease/(increase) in deposits with banks		103,500	(224,000)
Capital repayment from jointly controlled entity		4,071	5,090
Payment for purchase of subsidiaries	26(c)	(29,952)	(10,399)
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<b>(796,335)</b>	<b>(867,267)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</b>		<b>301,943</b>	<b>(68,074)</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
New bank loans	26(d)	1,055,415	1,204,000
Repayment of bank loans	26(d)	(771,036)	(889,407)
Payment for obligations under hire purchase contracts	26(d)	-	(6,401)
Repayment to minority shareholders	26(d)	(2,399)	(390)
<b>Net cash inflow from financing</b>		<b>281,980</b>	<b>307,802</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>583,923</b>	<b>239,728</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>		<b>1,485,793</b>	<b>1,246,636</b>
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rates</b>		<b>(111)</b>	<b>(571)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	26(e)	<b>2,069,605</b>	<b>1,485,793</b>

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