

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2000 (expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
		<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Net cash flows from operating activities	(a)	102,011	123,326
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		23,090	9,010
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		656,913	-
Dividends received from listed investments		607	243
Dividends received from unlisted investments		866	846
Purchase of fixed assets		(173,123)	(39,682)
Interest received		21,292	14,401
Payment for purchase of equity investments		(10,568)	(64,481)
Payment for purchase of debt securities		(424,394)	-
<i>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</i>		<i>94,683</i>	<i>(79,663)</i>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends received from associates		1,335	-
Payment for purchase of own shares		(3,675)	-
Proceeds from borrowings		1,505	44,709
Repayment of borrowings		(17,645)	(132,448)
Dividends paid to shareholders		(80,600)	(70,560)
Dividends paid to minority interests		(697)	-
<i>Net cash used in financing activities</i>		<i>(99,777)</i>	<i>(158,299)</i>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		96,917	(114,636)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		481,874	598,562
Effect of exchange differences		(12,037)	(2,052)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	22	566,754	481,874

The notes on pages 23 to 57 form part of these accounts.

NOTE TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**for the year ended 31 December 2000 (expressed in Hong Kong dollars)**

- (a) The reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flows from operating activities is as follows:

	<i>2000</i>	<i>1999</i>
	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Profit from operations	660,037	252,674
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	46,772	39,003
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(4,551)	(3,678)
Gain on disposal of investment properties	(237,856)	-
Deficit on revaluation of investment properties	19,740	-
Provision for diminution in value of equity investments	50,664	7,414
Interest income	(28,853)	(14,651)
Dividend income	(1,473)	(1,089)
Operating profit before working capital changes	504,480	279,673
Increase in amounts due from associates	(1,441)	(1,829)
(Increase)/decrease in hire purchase debtors	(119,614)	28,960
Increase in stocks	(140,536)	(121,454)
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors	(50,438)	10,238
Net movements in balance with related companies	3,008	1,494
Decrease/(increase) in other debtors, deposits and prepayments	61,994	(61,311)
(Decrease)/increase in provision for warranties	(224)	160
(Decrease)/increase in trade creditors	(52,540)	34,751
Increase in other creditors and accruals	8,436	26,594
Cash generated from operations	213,125	197,276
Interest paid	(10,440)	(13,334)
Taxes paid	(93,710)	(79,655)
Effect of exchange differences	(6,964)	19,039
Net cash flows from operating activities	102,011	123,326