CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2000

		2000	1999
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed assets	12	117,008	8,211
Investment property	13	_	91,000
Intangible assets	14	1,484	_
Other assets	15	6,440	9,945
Long term investments	17	34,091	55,946
_	18	5,459	
		164,482	165,102
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term investments	17	166,211	85,724
Loans and advances	18	278,151	280,995
Trade debtors	19	23,051	206,916
Tax recoverable		20	588
Other debtors, prepayments and deposits		12,655	26,433
Amount due from an intermediate holding company	20	49,303	29,611
Amount due from a fellow subsidiary	21	9,885	
Pledged time deposit	28	1,500	1,500
Cash held on behalf of customers		143,918	146,041
Cash and bank balances		22,573	23,156
		707,267	800,964
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade creditors	22	166,969	360,341
Tax payable		599	125
Other creditors and accruals		9,119	17,059
Proposed final dividends	10	29,174	21,880
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	23	253,712	260,296
		459,573	659,701
NET CURRENT ASSETS		247,694	141,263
20		2,071	. 11,200
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		412,176	306,365

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31 December 2000

		2000	1999
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	23		25,800
Deferred tax	24	12	490
		412,164	280,075
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Issued capital	25	121,554	121,554
Retained profits		119,566	150,588
Reserves	26	171,044	7,933
		412,164	280,075

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