Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2000

	2000 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Net cash inflows from operating activities – see Note (a) Returns on investments and servicing of finance		302,353	112,441
Interest received Dividend received from associated companies Bank interest paid Finance lease interest paid Dividends paid by subsidiary to minority	30,010 1,170 (36,451) (15,158)		17,913 7,410 (28,042) (12,843)
shareholders	(409)		(447)
Net cash outflows from returns on investments and servicing of finance Taxation		(20,838)	(16,009)
Tax paid	(1,986)		(1,261)
Investing activities		(1,986)	(1,261)
Acquisition of associated companies Acquisition of subsidiary companies (net of cash	(95,407)		(77,071)
acquired) – <i>Note (c)</i> Capital distribution from associated companies	(92,951) 4,290		(12,742) 2,184
Payments for drydocking and survey expenses Payments for acquisition of fixed assets Net proceeds from disposal of fixed assets Repayment of hire purchase debtors	(16,187) (16,337) 45,598 5,814		(17,129) (26,892) 142,870 5,814
Repayment of advances due to associated companies Repayment of advances due from associated companies	(48,417) 96,756		14,137
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from investing activities		(116,841)	31,171
Net cash inflows before financing activities Financing activities – see <i>Note (b)</i>		162,688	126,342
Drawdown of bank loans/finance lease Repayment of vessel working funds Repayment of bank loans/finance lease Minority interests	(2,865) (343,579) (21)		215,004 (4,908) (127,172) (1,271)
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from financing activities		(346,465)	81,653
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Bank balances and deposits at beginning		(183,777)	207,995
of year		443,404	235,409
Bank balances and deposits at end of year		259,627	443,404