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Ι	NOTES	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25	70,142	25,085
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Dividends paid		(18,715)	(13,620)
Interest paid on bank borrowings		(2,733)	(4,021)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		(1,834)	(969)
Interest paid on obligations under hire purchase contracts		(207)	(301)
Interest received		1,036	701
Dividends received from trading securities		162	74
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON		(22.221)	(10.12.0)
INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(22,291)	(18,136)
TAXATION			
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(7,320)	(4,713)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of trading securities		(110,027)	(106,991)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(14,771)	(11,092)
Purchase of other securities		(7,208)	_
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary		(320)	(200)
Proceeds on disposal of trading securities		108,546	102,044
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		352	34
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(23,428)	(16,205)
NET CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING		17,103	(13,969)
FINANCING	26		
Proceeds from issue of shares	20	6,048	18,945
Repayments of bank loans		(2,657)	(938)
Repayments of obligations under hire purchase contracts		(21)	(856)
Payment for repurchase of shares		_	(1,323)
NET CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING		3,370	15,828

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INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	20,473	1,859
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1ST JANUARY	8,312	6,460
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	_	(7)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31ST DECEMBER	28,785	8,312
ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Bank balances and cash	29,016	8,464
Bank overdrafts	(231)	(152)
	28,785	8,312