consolidated profit and loss account year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	3	1,208,670	534,996
Cost of sales		(831,652)	(389,549)
Gross profit		377,018	145,447
Other revenue		13,176	4,854
Selling and distribution expenses		(165,721)	(48,344)
General and administrative expenses		(157,865)	(64,352)
Other operating expenses		(5,530)	<u> </u>
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	61,078	37,605
Finance costs	6	(22,023)	(4,430)
Share of loss of an associate			(65)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		39,055	33,110
Tax	7	(3,189)	(3,048)
PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS		35,866	30,062
Minority interests		524	
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	8	36,390	30,062
Dividend	9		(9,458)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		36,390	20,604
EARNINGS PER SHARE	10		
Basic		HK11.7 cents	HK12.1 cents
Diluted		HK11.5 cents	HK12.0 cents