

**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 31st March, 2001

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2001</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	2000 HK\$'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<i>29a</i>	<u><b>108,321</b></u>	<u>151,883</u>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>			
Interest received		17,171	20,400
Interest paid		(17,537)	(21,777)
Dividends received from associated companies		18,796	10,050
Dividends received from jointly controlled entities		594	3,473
Dividends received from investment securities and other investments		9,712	7,626
Dividends paid		<u>(46,744)</u>	<u>(28,565)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>		<u><b>(18,008)</b></u>	<u>(8,793)</u>
<b>Taxation</b>			
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(10,020)	(4,010)
Overseas tax paid		<u>(874)</u>	<u>(218)</u>
<b>Tax paid</b>		<u><b>(10,894)</b></u>	<u>(4,228)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets		(52,011)	(96,279)
Purchase of subsidiaries	<i>29b</i>	(551)	(70)
Purchase of and amounts advanced to associated companies		(16,948)	(8,160)
Purchase of and amounts advanced to jointly controlled entities		(470)	—
Purchase of and loans advanced to investment securities		(7,862)	(31,794)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		85,429	845
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries	<i>29c</i>	680	14,666
Advance from and amounts repaid by associated companies		5,655	1,902
Advance from and amounts repaid by jointly controlled entities		84	1,874
Proceeds from disposal of and loans repaid by investment securities		<u>12,518</u>	<u>4,200</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>		<u><b>26,524</b></u>	<u>(112,816)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow before financing</b>		<u><b>105,943</b></u>	<u>26,046</u>
<b>Financing</b>			
Increase in minority interests		635	—
New short term bank loans		61,000	36,000
Repayment of long term bank loans		—	(2,214)
Repayment of short term bank loans		<u>(71,101)</u>	<u>(91,038)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>	<i>29d</i>	<u><b>(9,466)</b></u>	<u>(57,252)</u>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>96,477</b>	(31,206)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st April of the previous year		96,288	123,717
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		<u>(6,077)</u>	<u>3,777</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31st March</b>		<u><b>186,688</b></u>	<u>96,288</u>
<b>Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash and bank balances		316,475	301,736
Bank overdrafts and loans repayable within 3 months from date of advance	<i>29e</i>	<u>(129,787)</u>	<u>(205,448)</u>
		<u><b>186,688</b></u>	<u>96,288</u>