

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st March, 2001

## 1. GENERAL

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with its shares listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

The principal activities of the Group are property investment and development, investment holding, share trading, hotel operations and manufacture of boiler products.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of certain properties and investments in securities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st March each year.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group have been eliminated on consolidation.

### **Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value ascribed to the Group’s share of the separable net assets at the date of acquisition of a subsidiary and is written off to reserves immediately on acquisition. Negative goodwill, which represents the excess of the fair value ascribed to the Group’s share of the separable net assets at the date of acquisition of a subsidiary over the purchase consideration is credited to reserves.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### **Goodwill** (continued)

Premium on acquisition of associates or a jointly controlled entity, representing the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value ascribed to the Group's share of the separable net assets of the associate or jointly controlled entity at the date of acquisition, is retained in the balance sheet as part of the Group's interests in associates or jointly controlled entities and charged to the income statement in subsequent years if, in the opinion of the Directors, its value has diminished.

On disposal of a subsidiary, associate or jointly controlled entity, the attributable amount of goodwill previously eliminated against or credited to reserves or capitalised within the Group's interest in associate or jointly controlled entity is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal of the subsidiary, associate or jointly controlled entity.

### **Investments in subsidiaries**

A subsidiary is an enterprise in which the Company, directly or indirectly, holds more than half of the issued share capital, or controls more than half of the voting power, or where the Company controls the composition of its board of directors or equivalent governing body.

Investments in subsidiaries are included in the Company's balance sheet at cost, as reduced by any impairment losses recognised.

### **Interests in associates**

An associate is an enterprise, over which the Group is in a position to exercise significant influence, including participation in financial and operating policy decisions.

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associates for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interests in associates are stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates plus the premium paid less any discount on acquisition in so far as it has not already been written off.

When the Group transacts with its associates, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the relevant associates, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

### **Joint ventures**

A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby the Group and other parties undertake an economic activity which is subject to joint control and over which none of the participating parties has unilateral control.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Joint ventures (continued)

#### *Jointly controlled entities*

Joint venture arrangements which involve the establishment of a separate entity in which each venturer has an interest are referred to as jointly controlled entities.

The Group's interests in jointly controlled entities are included in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of the net assets of the jointly controlled entities. The Group's share of post-acquisition results of jointly controlled entities is included in the consolidated income statement. Where the investment cost in a jointly controlled entity is not expected to be fully recoverable in accordance with the contract terms upon dissolution of the jointly controlled entity at the expiry of the contractual arrangement, the expected shortfall is amortised over the remaining contractual period so as to reflect the pattern in which the economic benefits of the investment flows to the Group.

When the Group transacts with its jointly controlled entities, unrealised profits and losses are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint venture, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

### Investment properties

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length.

Investment properties are stated at their open market value based on independent professional valuations at the balance sheet date. Any revaluation increase or decrease arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance on this reserve is insufficient to cover a revaluation decrease, in which case the excess of the revaluation decrease over the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a decrease has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation increase subsequently arises, this increase is credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged.

On disposal of an investment property, the relevant portion of the investment property revaluation reserve attributable to that property is transferred to the income statement.

No depreciation is provided on investment properties except where the unexpired term of the relevant lease is 20 years or less.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### **Properties under development held for long term purposes**

Properties under development held for long term purposes are classified as non-current assets and are stated at cost or valuation less any impairment loss recognised. Cost comprises land costs and development costs including attributable interest and professional charges capitalised during the development period.

No depreciation is provided in respect of properties under development held for long term purposes.

### **Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less depreciation. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its present working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditure incurred after the assets have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance and overhaul costs, is normally charged to the income statement in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of the asset, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost of the asset.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Where the recoverable amount of an asset has declined below its carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to reflect the decline in value. In determining the recoverable amount of assets, expected future cash flows are not discounted to their present values.

Advantage has been taken of the transitional relief provided by paragraph 72 of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 17 "Property, plant and equipment" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants from the requirement to make regular revaluations of the Group's land and buildings and development properties which had been carried at revalued amounts prior to 30th September, 1995, and accordingly no further revaluation of land and buildings and development properties is carried out. In previous years, the revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of an asset included in land and buildings and development properties was credited to the assets revaluation reserve. Any future decreases in value of these assets will be dealt with as an expense to the extent that they exceed the balance, if any, on the assets revaluation reserve relating to previous revaluation of the same asset. On the subsequent sale or retirement of revalued asset, the attributable revaluation surplus is transferred to retained profits.

No depreciation is provided in respect of land held on freehold.

No residual values have been assumed by the directors in considering the depreciation charges.

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### **Property, plant and equipment** (continued)

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives from the date on which they become fully operational, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

Land in Hong Kong	Over unexpired lease term
Buildings on land in Hong Kong held under long lease	2%
Buildings on freehold land held outside Hong Kong	2%
Buildings on land outside Hong Kong held under medium-term lease (lease with 10 to 50 years to run)	Shorter of lease terms or 50 years
Plant and machinery	10 – 20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10 – 20%
Motor vessels	20%

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or, where shorter, the terms of the leases.

### **Completed properties for sale**

Completed properties for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is determined by reference to estimated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

### **Properties under development for sale**

Properties under development for sale are stated at cost, plus attributable profits, less any foreseeable losses and sales proceeds received and receivable.

### **Investments in securities**

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade-date basis and are initially measured at cost. At subsequent reporting dates, debt securities that the Group has the expressed intention and ability to hold to maturity (held-to-maturity debt securities) are measured at amortised cost, less any impairment loss recognised to reflect irrecoverable amounts. The annual amortisation of any discount or premium on the acquisition of a held-to-maturity security is aggregated with other investment income receivable over the term of the instrument so that the revenue recognised in each period represents a constant yield on the investment.

All securities other than held-to-maturity debt securities are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value.

Where securities are held for trading purposes, unrealised gains and losses are included in net profit or loss for the period. For other securities, unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in equity, until the security is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is included in net profit or loss for the period.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Other assets

Other assets represent club memberships and are stated at cost, as reduced by any impairment loss that is other than temporary.

### Deferred compensation cost

Deferred compensation cost represents the cost paid to the consultants in respect of management service agreement provided by the consultants to the Group. This cost is recognised over the periods of the service and any unearned portion is shown as an asset in the balance sheet.

### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, which comprises all costs of purchase and, where applicable, costs of conversion and other costs that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition, is calculated using the weighted average cost method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are re-translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. Profits and losses arising on exchange are dealt with in the income statement.

On consolidation, the financial statements of subsidiaries, associates or jointly controlled entities which are denominated in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars and which operate in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and overseas are translated at the rates ruling on the balance sheet date. All exchange differences arising on consolidation are dealt with in reserves.

### Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items which are non-assessable or disallowed. Timing differences arise from the recognition for tax purposes of certain items of income and expense in a different accounting period from that in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The tax effect of timing differences, computed using the liability method, is recognised as deferred taxation in the financial statements to the extent that it is probable that a liability or an asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

### Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases when the terms of the leases transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets concerned to the Group. Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at their fair values at the date of acquisition. The corresponding liability to the lessor, net of interest charges, is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are charged to the income statement over the period of the relevant lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Leases (continued)

All other leases are classified as operating leases and the rentals are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the relevant lease term.

### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs capitalised.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

### Revenue recognition

#### (a) *Sales of properties under development*

When property under development is sold in advance of completion, profit is recognised and calculated on a percentage of completion basis and when construction has progressed beyond the preliminary stages of development. The percentage used is based on the proportion of construction costs incurred at the balance sheet date to estimated total construction costs. Profit recognised on this basis is limited to the amount of sales deposits received.

#### (b) *Sales of goods*

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed.

#### (c) *Hotel operations*

Revenue arising from hotel operations is recognised when the relevant services are provided.

#### (d) *Rental income*

Rental income arising from properties is recognised on a straight-line basis over the periods of the respective tenancies.

#### (e) *Interest income*

Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

#### (f) Management fee is recognised when the relevant services are provided.

### Retirement benefits scheme

The pension costs charged in the income statement represent the contributions payable in respect of the current year to the retirement benefits scheme.

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### Cash equivalents

Cash equivalents represent short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which were within three months of maturity when acquired, less advances from banks repayable within three months from the date of the advance.

## 3. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Turnover represents the aggregate of gross rental and management fee income, proceeds from sales of properties and investments, loan interest income and commitment fees received, income from hotel operations, and sales of boiler and cement products, less returns and discounts.

The Group's turnover and contribution to profit from operations, analysed by principal activity are as follows:

	Turnover 2001 HK\$'000	Contribution from ordinary activities 2001 HK\$'000	Turnover 2000 HK\$'000	Contribution from ordinary activities 2000 HK\$'000
By principal activity:				
Continuing operations:				
Property investment and development	392,806	146,316	480,845	146,918
Loan interest income and commitment fees	15,463	12,135	3,370	870
Manufacture of boiler products	52,072	6,680	53,540	7,921
Hotel operation	42,148	16,091	55,505	3,086
Sale of shares	7,864	5,440	–	–
	<u>510,353</u>	<u>186,662</u>	593,260	158,795
Discontinued operations:				
Cement manufacturing	–	–	28,415	5,884
	<u>510,353</u>	<u>186,662</u>	<u>621,675</u>	164,679
Other revenue		26,195		50,361
Selling and distribution costs		(7,506)		(15,679)
Administrative expenses		(117,810)		(107,569)
Other operating expenses		(34,807)		(26,312)
Profit on disposal of other investments		–		32,546
Unrealised (losses) gains on other investments		(13,482)		16,716
Profit from operations		<u>39,252</u>		<u>114,742</u>

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## 3. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

A geographical analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to profit from operations, by location of market, is as follows:

	Contribution from ordinary		Contribution from ordinary	
	Turnover 2001 HK\$'000	activities 2001 HK\$'000	Turnover 2000 HK\$'000	activities 2000 HK\$'000
By geographical market:				
Hong Kong	80,029	66,929	132,118	67,560
Other regions in the PRC	241,704	38,850	221,101	40,434
Malaysia	119,945	44,673	81,153	15,793
United States of America	13,054	1,515	34,597	(748)
Australia	49,778	32,457	117,229	33,761
Singapore	5,843	2,238	6,322	2,893
Others	–	–	740	(898)
	<u>510,353</u>	<u>186,662</u>	593,260	158,795
Discontinued operations:				
Other regions in the PRC	–	–	28,415	5,884
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## 4. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

<b>THE GROUP</b>	
<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
HK\$'000	HK\$'000

Included in other operating expenses is:

Provision for advances to associates	<u>12,109</u>	<u>6,982</u>
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## 5. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

<b>THE GROUP</b>	
<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
HK\$'000	HK\$'000

Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

Auditors' remuneration	2,135	2,156
Depreciation of		
– owned assets	13,422	14,166
– assets held under finance leases	<u>398</u>	<u>507</u>
	13,820	14,673
Staff costs	32,598	41,216
Operating lease charges		
– on land and buildings	1,119	1,980
– on furniture and fixtures	–	102
– motor vehicles	217	199
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	12,169	6,809
Retirement benefits scheme contributions, net of forfeited contributions/pension costs	198	1,503
Net foreign exchange losses (gains)	1,810	(2,802)
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	70	25
Profit on disposal of investment properties	–	1,034
Amortisation of deferred compensation cost	2,151	2,201
Amortisation of interest in a jointly controlled entity	2,905	–
Net rental income	(88,497)	(64,928)
Bank interest income	<u>(8,475)</u>	<u>(40,661)</u>

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## 6. LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In 2000, the Group sold its subsidiaries, China White Cement Limited and Guangxi Hengxian County Special Cement and Construction Materials Company Limited, which carried on the business of manufacture of cement products of the Group and operated in the PRC. The loss on disposal of HK\$9,053,000 was calculated after deducting purchased goodwill of HK\$42,966,000 which was previously eliminated against reserves. The cash effects of the disposal are set out in note 42.

## 7. FINANCE COSTS

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Interest on:		
Bank loans and overdrafts		
– wholly repayable within five years	52,632	57,554
– not wholly repayable within five years	193	–
Other loans		
– wholly repayable within five years	11,828	14,284
Finance leases	106	121
Other finance costs	2,347	2,338
	<u>67,106</u>	<u>74,297</u>
Total borrowing costs	67,106	74,297
Less: amounts capitalised	(14,435)	(13,691)
amounts included in cost of sales	(1,864)	(2,255)
	<u>50,807</u>	<u>58,351</u>

## 8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Directors' fees	277	250
Other emoluments		
Salaries and other benefits	7,715	6,113
Retirement benefit contributions	12	–
	<u>8,004</u>	<u>6,363</u>
Total emoluments	8,004	6,363

The amounts disclosed above include directors' fees of HK\$50,000 (2000: HK\$50,000) and other emoluments of HK\$280,440 (2000: HK\$565,000) payable to independent non-executive directors.

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## 8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (continued)

The emoluments of the directors were within the following bands:

	<u>2001</u> No. of directors	<u>2000</u> No. of directors
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	9	7
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	3	1
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

## 9. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, all (2000: two) were directors of the Company whose emoluments are included in the disclosures in note 8 above. The emoluments of the remaining three individuals in last year were as follows:

	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	<u>2000</u> HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	–	2,031
Retirement benefit contributions	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

Their emoluments were within the following bands:

	<u>2001</u> No. of employees	<u>2000</u> No. of employees
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	–	2
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	<u>–</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>3</u>

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## 10. TAXATION

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charges comprise:		
Profits for the year:		
Hong Kong	2,759	1,920
Other regions in the PRC	5,834	5,786
Other jurisdictions	2,221	10,983
	<u>10,814</u>	<u>18,689</u>
Prior years		
Hong Kong	5	1,336
Other regions in the PRC	–	–
Other jurisdictions	278	2,382
	<u>283</u>	<u>3,718</u>
Deferred taxation		
Other regions in the PRC	(251)	701
Taxation attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries		
	10,846	23,108
Share of taxation attributable to associates		
	1,557	1,650
	<u>12,403</u>	<u>24,758</u>

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16% of the estimated assessable profit of each individual company, after making adjustments for taxation purposes and after deducting any available tax relief for losses brought forward. Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

Details of the unprovided deferred taxation are set out in note 38.

## 11. NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

Of the Group's net profit for the year of HK\$47,912,000 (2000: HK\$33,744,000), a profit of HK\$23,106,000 (2000: HK\$18,284,000) has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company.

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## 12. DIVIDENDS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Final, proposed – 2 cents per share (2000: 2 cents)	<u>19,049</u>	<u>18,783</u>

## 13. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the year of HK\$47,912,000 (2000: HK\$33,744,000) and on the weighted average number of 944,724,000 (2000: 931,417,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

No diluted earnings per share have been presented because the exercise prices of the Company's share options and warrants were higher than the average market price of shares for both 2001 and 2000.

## 14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	<u>THE GROUP</u>
	HK\$'000
VALUATION	
At 1st April, 2000	1,149,118
Exchange adjustments	(36,151)
Acquisition of subsidiary	66,077
Additions	12,569
Revaluation decrease	<u>(21,143)</u>
At 31st March, 2001	<u>1,170,470</u>

All of the Group's investment properties are rented out under operating leases.

The carrying amount of investment properties comprises:

	<u>THE GROUP</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Land in Hong Kong:		
Long lease	613,377	556,994
Medium-term lease	277,037	287,439
Long outside Hong Kong:		
Freehold	168,558	188,037
Long lease	<u>111,498</u>	<u>116,648</u>
	<u>1,170,470</u>	<u>1,149,118</u>

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## 14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (continued)

Investment properties were revalued respectively by independent professional valuers in the relevant countries, namely DTZ Debenham Tie Leung in Hong Kong, CB Richard Ellis and Herron Todd White in Australia and Capital Land Property Service Ltd. in Singapore, on an open market basis at 31st March, 2001. The valuation give rise to revaluation decrease of HK\$21,143,000 which has been debited to the investment properties revaluation reserve.

The gross rental income from investment properties for the year ended 31st March, 2001 amounted to HK\$86,914,000 (2000: HK\$83,349,000).

## 15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Other assets</b>	<b>Total</b>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>THE GROUP</b>			
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1st April, 2000	384,538	64,303	448,841
Exchange adjustments	1,422	(403)	1,019
Additions	68	3,113	3,181
Acquisition of subsidiary	100,877	–	100,877
Transfer from properties under development	8,634	–	8,634
Disposals	–	(1,972)	(1,972)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31st March, 2001	495,539	65,041	560,580
Comprising:			
At cost	475,874	65,041	540,915
At 1994 professional valuation	19,665	–	19,665
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	495,539	65,041	560,580
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st April, 2000	39,123	32,010	71,133
Exchange adjustments	775	(284)	491
Provided for the year	7,398	6,422	13,820
Eliminated on disposals	–	(954)	(954)
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At 31st March, 2001	47,296	37,194	84,490
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<b>NET BOOK VALUES</b>			
At 31st March, 2001	<u>448,243</u>	<u>27,847</u>	<u>476,090</u>
At 31st March, 2000	<u>345,415</u>	<u>32,293</u>	<u>377,708</u>

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## 15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

The net book value of properties shown above comprises:

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Land in Hong Kong:		
Long lease	13,707	13,746
Medium-term lease	100,000	—
Land outside Hong Kong:		
Freehold	292,298	298,783
Medium-term lease	42,238	32,886
	<b>448,243</b>	<b>345,415</b>

Other assets with an aggregate net book value of HK\$1,301,000 (2000: HK\$1,188,000) were held under finance leases.

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## 16. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	<b>THE GROUP</b>
	<u>HK\$'000</u>
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1st April, 2000	385,999
Exchange adjustments	(5,426)
Additions	83,288
Transfer to property, plant and equipment	(8,634)
Transfer from properties under development for sales	70,932
Transfer to properties under development for sales	(48,144)
Disposals	(16,577)
	<u>          </u>
At 31st March, 2001	<u><u>461,438</u></u>
Comprising:	
At cost	456,738
At 2000 professional valuation	4,700
	<u>          </u>
	<u><u>461,438</u></u>
NET BOOK VALUES	
At 31st March, 2001	<u><u>461,438</u></u>
At 31st March, 2000	<u><u>385,999</u></u>

The net book value of properties shown above comprises:

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<u>HK\$'000</u>	<u>HK\$'000</u>
Land in Hong Kong:		
Long lease	<b>182,605</b>	160,513
Medium-term lease	<b>113,682</b>	84,975
Land outside Hong Kong:		
Freehold	<b>60,152</b>	120,344
Medium-term lease	<b>104,999</b>	20,167
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u><b>461,438</b></u>	<u><u>385,999</u></u>

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## 16. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Part of the properties under development in Hong Kong with carrying value of HK\$4,700,000 (2000: HK\$4,700,000) is stated at valuations made by independent professional valuers, DTZ Debanham Tie Leung in March 2000 on an open market value basis.

Included in development properties is interest capitalised of approximately HK\$42,259,000 (2000: HK\$31,015,000).

## 17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	<b>THE COMPANY</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Unlisted shares, at cost	<b>1,210,284</b>	1,210,284
Advances thereto	<b>729,281</b>	742,080
	<b><u>1,939,565</u></b>	<b><u>1,952,364</u></b>

The advances are unsecured, interest free and the directors confirmed that the amount are not repayable within one year and accordingly the amount is shown as non-current assets.

Details of the principal subsidiaries are set out in note 52.

## 18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Share of net assets other than goodwill	<b>575,913</b>	460,001
Discount arising on acquisition of associates	<b>(13,094)</b>	(13,094)
	<b><u>562,819</u></b>	<b><u>446,907</u></b>

Details of the principal associates are set out in note 53.

Market value

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Hong Kong listed investments	<b><u>24,320</u></b>	<b><u>122,538</u></b>

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## 18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (continued)

The following details have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the Group's significant associates.

As Far East Technology International Limited ("Far East Technology") is listed on the Stock Exchange, only published financial information for the year ended 31st December, 2000 is disclosed in the below table.

	Far East Technology International Limited		Bermuda Investment Limited	
	31.12.2000	31.12.1999	31.3.2001	31.3.2000
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Results for the year</b>				
Turnover	<u>181,935</u>	<u>94,691</u>	<u>22,374</u>	<u>22,570</u>
(Loss) profit from ordinary activities before taxation	<u>(97,236)</u>	<u>(95,957)</u>	<u>20,151</u>	<u>21,369</u>
(Loss) profit from ordinary activities before taxation attributable to the group	<u>(27,421)</u>	<u>(30,063)</u>	<u>5,038</u>	<u>4,504</u>
<b>Financial position</b>				
Non-current assets	592,332	746,942	320,001	300,001
Current assets	280,404	134,754	2,597	3,052
Current liabilities	(388,040)	(293,920)	(5,745)	(5,902)
Non-current liabilities	(37,649)	(85,003)	–	–
Minority interests	(58,841)	(61,427)	–	–
Net assets	<u>388,206</u>	<u>441,346</u>	<u>316,853</u>	<u>297,151</u>
Net assets attributable to the Group	<u>109,474</u>	<u>138,274</u>	<u>79,213</u>	<u>74,288</u>

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## 19. INTEREST IN A JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITY

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Share of net assets	<b>63,060</b>	<b>60,990</b>

As at 31st March, 2001, the Group had interests in the following jointly controlled entity:

Name of entity	Form of business structure	Country of incorporation/ registration	Principal place of operation	Capital contribution	Nature of business
Shangqiu Yongyuan Development Company Limited 商丘永遠公路有限公司	Incorporated	PRC	PRC	68%	Construction operation of highway

The financial statements of Shangqiu Yongyuan Development Company Limited are not audited by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Under a joint venture agreement, the Group has an interest of 68% in Shangqiu Yongyuan Development Company Limited which based on capital contribution from the Group, an equity joint venture company in the PRC with a term of 21 years commencing from 31st July, 1997. Upon the completion of the construction work, the Group is entitled to 85% of the profits earned until it has recovered dividends to an amount equivalent to all its contribution. Thereafter, the Group is entitled to 25% of the profits whereas the PRC joint venture partner is entitled to the remaining 75% until it has effectively recovered dividends equivalent to all its contribution for the agreed valuation of the relevant highway contributed. Thereafter, the Group's entitlement to share of profits is then in proportion to its contribution. At the end of the 21 years, the joint venture will be dissolved and the Group's interest in the joint venture will be surrendered to the PRC party for no consideration. Therefore, a HK\$2,905,000 investment cost of interest in a jointly controlled entity was amortised and the Group shared result of the joint venture project approximately HK\$4,975,000 (2000: HK\$ Nil) during the year.

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## 20. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

### THE GROUP

	Trading securities		Other securities		Total	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Equity securities						
Listed	16,542	27,055	21,136	38,612	37,678	65,667
Unlisted	68,528	68,328	2,813	2,797	71,341	71,125
	<u>85,070</u>	<u>95,383</u>	<u>23,949</u>	<u>41,409</u>	<u>109,019</u>	<u>136,792</u>
Listed						
Hong Kong	16,542	27,055	20,853	38,301	37,395	65,356
Overseas	–	–	283	311	283	311
Unlisted	68,528	68,328	2,813	2,797	71,341	71,125
	<u>85,070</u>	<u>95,383</u>	<u>23,949</u>	<u>41,409</u>	<u>109,019</u>	<u>136,792</u>
Market value of listed securities	<u>16,542</u>	<u>27,055</u>	<u>21,136</u>	<u>38,612</u>	<u>37,678</u>	<u>65,667</u>
Carrying amount analysed for report purposes as:						
Current	–	–	211	56	211	56
Non-current	85,070	95,383	23,738	41,353	108,808	136,736
	<u>85,070</u>	<u>95,383</u>	<u>23,949</u>	<u>41,409</u>	<u>109,019</u>	<u>136,792</u>

## 21. AMOUNT DUE FROM AN INVESTEE COMPANY

The amount is unsecured and non-interest bearing. In the opinion of the directors, no repayment will be demanded within the next twelve months. Accordingly, the amount is classified as non-current asset.

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## 22. LOANS RECEIVABLE

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Long-term loans receivable		
– secured	243,664	24,249
– unsecured	9,509	27,011
	<u>253,173</u>	<u>51,260</u>
Less: Amount due within one year shown as current assets	(367)	(46,275)
	<u><u>252,806</u></u>	<u><u>4,985</u></u>

## 23. AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Interest free advances to associates (net of provision)	55,966	89,107
Interest bearing advances to associates (net of provision)	60,784	118,246
	<u>116,750</u>	<u>207,353</u>
Less: Amount due within one year shown as current assets	(55,705)	(62,358)
	<u><u>61,045</u></u>	<u><u>144,995</u></u>

The advances are unsecured. The interest bearing advances bear interest at prevailing market rates.

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## 24. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR SALE

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
At cost	498,533	392,985
Transfer from properties under development	48,144	–
Transfer to properties under development	(70,932)	–
Add: Attributable profits recognised	27,296	22,642
	<u>503,041</u>	<u>415,627</u>
Less: Sales proceeds received and receivable	(134,552)	(72,733)
	<u><u>368,489</u></u>	<u><u>342,894</u></u>

## 25. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

The debtors, deposits and prepayments include debtors of HK\$75,725,000 (2000: HK\$138,155,000). The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days to its trade customers.

The following is an aged analysis of trade debtors at the balance sheet date.

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
0 – 60 days	43,236	42,915
61 – 90 days	3,977	22,387
> 90 days	28,512	72,853
	<u>75,725</u>	<u>138,155</u>

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## 26. INVENTORIES

	THE GROUP	
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Raw materials	7,115	11,226
Work in progress	5,899	7,969
Finished goods	3,657	11,218
	<u>16,671</u>	<u>30,413</u>

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense during the year was HK\$51,915,000 (2000: HK\$90,150,000).

Included above are finished goods of HK\$2,556,000 (2000: HK\$10,144,000) which are carried at net realisable value.

## 27. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

The creditors and accruals include creditors of HK\$83,223,000 (2000: HK\$144,606,000).

The following is an aged analysis of trade creditors at the balance sheet date:

	THE GROUP	
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 – 60 days	71,864	30,702
61 – 90 days	1,329	28,969
> 90 days	10,030	84,935
	<u>83,223</u>	<u>144,606</u>

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## 28. OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
The maturity of obligations under finance leases is as follows:		
Within one year	<b>230</b>	496
More than one year, but not exceeding two years	<b>201</b>	90
More than two years, but not exceeding five years	<b>308</b>	72
	<b>739</b>	658
Less: amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	<b>(230)</b>	(496)
	<b>509</b>	162

## 29. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Bank overdrafts	<b>54,406</b>	23,538
Bank loans	<b>215,993</b>	63,889
Mortgage loans	<b>740,404</b>	600,714
	<b>1,010,803</b>	688,141
Secured	<b>997,654</b>	639,337
Unsecured	<b>13,149</b>	48,804
	<b>1,010,803</b>	688,141
The maturity of the above loans and overdrafts is as follows:		
On demand or within one year	<b>353,885</b>	229,163
More than one year, but not exceeding two years	<b>72,196</b>	109,611
More than two years, but not exceeding five years	<b>348,288</b>	301,757
More than five years	<b>236,434</b>	47,610
	<b>1,010,803</b>	688,141
Less: Amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	<b>(353,885)</b>	(229,163)
	<b>656,918</b>	458,978

Details of the assets of the Group pledged to secure bank and other borrowings are set out in note 44.

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## 30. AMOUNT DUE TO A DIRECTOR

The amount due to a director is unsecured, interest bearing at prevailing market rate and have no fixed repayment terms.

## 31. AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED COMPANIES

The amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed repayment terms. Certain directors of the Company have the beneficial interest in these companies.

## 32. AMOUNTS DUE TO ASSOCIATES

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Amounts due to associates, interest bearing	<b>179,898</b>	269,740
Amounts due to associates, interest free	<b>93,867</b>	44,567
	<b>273,765</b>	314,307
Less: Amount due within one year shown as current liability	<b>(28,317)</b>	(138,551)
	<b>245,448</b>	175,756

The advances are unsecured. The interest bearing accounts with associates bear interest at prevailing market rates.

## 33. SHARE CAPITAL

	<b>Number of shares</b>		<b>Share capital</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	<b>1,500,000,000</b>	1,500,000,000	<b>150,000</b>	150,000
Issued and fully paid:				
At beginning of year	<b>939,147,635</b>	924,699,356	<b>93,915</b>	92,470
Issued pursuant to share dividend scheme for final dividend	<b>13,304,246</b>	13,008,253	<b>1,330</b>	1,301
Exercise of warrant subscription rights	–	1,440,026	–	144
At end of year	<b>952,451,881</b>	939,147,635	<b>95,245</b>	93,915

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## 33. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

On 27th October, 2000, the Company issued and allotted a total of 13,304,246 shares of HK\$0.5 each in the Company at par to the shareholder who elected to receive shares in the Company for the 2000 final dividends pursuant to the scrip dividend scheme announced by the Company on 23rd August, 2000. These shares rank pari passu in all respects with other shares in issue.

During the year, neither of the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## 34. WARRANTS

The Company had the following warrants in issue at the balance sheet date:

	<b>Warrants with expiry date on 31st December, 2000 ("Warrants 2000") nominal value HK\$'000</b>
At 1st April, 1999	75,600
Exercised during the year	<u>(1,296)</u>
At 31st March, 2000	74,304
Lapsed during the year	<u>(74,304)</u>
At 31st March, 2001	<u><u>–</u></u>
Exercise price per share	<u><u>N/A</u></u>

## 35. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Group operates two share option schemes, details of which are as follows:

### (a) The Company's option scheme

Under the terms of the Share Option Scheme ("the Previous Option Scheme") which became effective on 24th May, 1990, the board of directors of the Company may offer to any employees including the Executive Directors of the Company, and any of its subsidiaries, options to subscribe for shares of the Company in accordance with the terms of the Previous Option Scheme. The Previous Option Scheme expired on 11th June, 2000.

A new share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") was adopted by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting held on 28th September, 2000.

## 35. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

### (a) The Company's option scheme (continued)

Under the Share Option Scheme, the directors are entitled to grant to employees or executives of any member of the Group, including executive directors (but not non-executive directors) options to subscribe for shares representing up to 10 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time.

Options were granted under the Previous Option Scheme to Mr. Michael Chi Ning O'Young, a Director of the Company, to subscribe for ordinary shares of the Company at an exercise price of HK\$1.80 per share up to a maximum of 3,000,000 shares, calculated on the following basis:

- (a) entitled to subscribe for 1,000,000 shares after completion of services as Managing Director for the first year commencing from 8th October, 1997 till 7th October, 1998 on a full-year basis;
- (b) entitled to subscribe for an additional 1,000,000 shares at the end of each service year up to a maximum of 3,000,000 shares from the second year onwards calculated on a full-year basis;
- (c) in case of termination of services by either party during a year, there will not be any entitlement of the share option in that termination year;
- (d) The options are exercisable at any time between 8th October, 1998 and 7th October, 2001.

Mr. Michael Chi Ning O'Young resigned as a director of the Company on 16th July, 2001, and the options lapsed accordingly.

Except as disclosed on the above, no other option granted, exercised or lapsed during the year.

### (b) The option scheme of the Company's subsidiary

NCH has adopted a 1999 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Purchase Plan (the "Option Plan"). It is intended that options to purchase an aggregate of 600,000 common shares in NCH ("NCH Shares") will be granted under Option Plan. The Option Plan is administered by the compensation committee of the Board of NCH. The compensation committee has complete discretion to determine which eligible individuals are to receive option grants, the number of shares subject to each such grant, the status of any granted option as either an incentive stock option or a non-statutory option, the vesting schedule to be in effect for the option grant and the maximum term of which any granted option is to remain outstanding. Each option granted under the Option Plan will have a maximum term of ten years, subject to earlier termination following the optionee's cessation of service with NCH. No options have been granted under the Option Plan since their adoption.

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## 36. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES

	Capital		Other	Assets		Distributable	Exchange	Investment		Warrant	Retained	Total
	redemption	Share		revaluation	properties			revaluation	Investment			
	reserve	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	profits	HK\$'000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>THE GROUP</b>												
At 1st April, 1999	253	639,186	169,352	668	159,567	826,391	(154,917)	(31,925)	25,200	634,662		2,268,437
Premium on exercise of warrants	-	1,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,152
Credit arising on scrip dividend	-	7,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,128
Revaluation increase (decrease) in the year	-	-	-	-	3,969	-	-	(12,986)	-	-	-	(9,017)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,744	33,744
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,783)	(18,783)
Realised on disposal of assets	-	-	-	(499)	458	-	-	6,634	-	-	499	7,092
Share of associate's reserves movement during the year	-	-	-	-	18,894	-	(3,618)	-	-	-	-	15,276
Realised upon disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	42,966	904	-	-	-	-	43,870
Exchange difference on translation of overseas operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,277)	-	-	-	-	(6,277)
Release upon exercise of warrants	-	432	-	-	-	-	-	-	(432)	-	-	-
Share issue expenses	-	(92)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(92)
At 31st March, 2000	253	647,806	169,352	169	182,888	869,357	(163,908)	(38,277)	24,768	650,122		2,342,530
Credit arising on scrip dividend	-	5,322	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,322
Revaluation decrease in the year	-	-	-	-	(21,143)	-	-	(17,796)	-	-	-	(38,939)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,912	47,912
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,049)	(19,049)
Share of associate's reserves movement during the year	-	-	-	-	10,064	-	(26,634)	-	-	-	-	(16,570)
Exchange difference on translation of overseas operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,125	-	-	-	-	2,125
Released on expiry of warrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,768)	-	-	(24,768)
At 31st March, 2001	253	653,128	169,352	169	171,809	869,357	(188,417)	(56,073)	-	678,985		2,298,563

The distributable reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital issued by the Company and the aggregate of the share capital and the share premium of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the Group reorganisation in 1991.

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## 36. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES (continued)

The warrant reserve represents the amount received (net of expenses) in relation to the placement of warrants in 1999. During the year, the warrants expired and the reserve was credited to the income statement.

Included in the above is the Group's share of post-acquisition reserves of its associates, as follows:

	<b>Investment properties revaluation reserve HK\$'000</b>	<b>Exchange reserve HK\$'000</b>	<b>Retained profits HK\$'000</b>	<b>Total HK\$'000</b>
At 1st April, 1999	97,094	(22,318)	93,278	168,054
Loss for the year retained	–	–	(22,295)	(22,295)
Share of associate's reserves movement during the year	<u>18,894</u>	<u>(3,618)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>15,276</u>
At 31st March, 2000	115,988	(25,936)	70,983	161,035
Profit for the year retained	–	–	18,735	18,735
Share of associate's reserves movement during the year	<u>10,064</u>	<u>(26,634)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(16,570)</u>
At 31st March, 2001	<u><u>126,052</u></u>	<u><u>(52,570)</u></u>	<u><u>89,718</u></u>	<u><u>163,200</u></u>

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## 36. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES (continued)

	Redemption reserve HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Distributable reserve HK\$'000	Warrant reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>THE COMPANY</b>						
At 1st April, 1999	253	639,186	1,165,620	25,200	1,281	1,831,540
Premium on exercise of warrants	–	1,152	–	–	–	1,152
Release upon exercise of warrants	–	432	–	(432)	–	–
Credit arising on scrip dividend	–	7,128	–	–	–	7,128
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	18,284	18,284
Dividends	–	–	–	–	(18,783)	(18,783)
Share issue expenses	–	(92)	–	–	–	(92)
	<u>253</u>	<u>647,806</u>	<u>1,165,620</u>	<u>24,768</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>1,839,229</u>
At 31st March, 2000	253	647,806	1,165,620	24,768	782	1,839,229
Credit arising on scrip dividend	–	5,323	–	–	–	5,323
Release on expiry of warrant	–	–	–	(24,768)	–	(24,768)
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	23,106	23,106
Dividends	–	–	–	–	(19,049)	(19,049)
	<u>253</u>	<u>653,129</u>	<u>1,165,620</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,839</u>	<u>1,823,841</u>
At 31st March, 2001	<u>253</u>	<u>653,129</u>	<u>1,165,620</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,839</u>	<u>1,823,841</u>

The distributable reserve of the Company represents the difference between the underlying net tangible assets of the subsidiaries acquired by the Company and the nominal value of the share capital issued by the Company pursuant to the Group reorganisation in 1991. Under the Companies Law (Revised) of the Cayman Islands, the distributable reserve is available for distribution to shareholders.

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## 36. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES (continued)

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company's reserves available for distribution were as follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Distributable reserve	1,165,620	1,165,620
Retained profits	<u>4,839</u>	<u>782</u>
	<u><u>1,170,459</u></u>	<u><u>1,166,402</u></u>

## 37. AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

The amounts due from (to) minority shareholders are unsecured, non-interest bearing and will not be demanded for repayment within the next twelve months. Accordingly, the amount is classified as non-current.

## 38. DEFERRED TAXATION

	<u>THE GROUP</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance at beginning of year	4,613	4,120
Exchange difference	701	(208)
(Credit) charge for the year	<u>(251)</u>	<u>701</u>
Balance at end of year	<u><u>5,063</u></u>	<u><u>4,613</u></u>

At the balance sheet date, the major components of deferred taxation liabilities (assets), provided and unprovided, are as follows:

	<u>Provided</u>		<u>Unprovided</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>THE GROUP</b>				
Tax effect of timing differences because of:				
Profit recognised under percentage of completion method	5,063	4,613	–	–
Excess of tax allowances over depreciation	–	–	729	356
Tax effect of taxation losses	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(46,111)</u>	<u>(46,171)</u>
	<u><u>5,063</u></u>	<u><u>4,613</u></u>	<u><u>(45,382)</u></u>	<u><u>(45,815)</u></u>

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## 38. DEFERRED TAXATION (continued)

A deferred tax asset in respect of tax losses available to set off future profits has not been recognised in the financial statements as it is not certain that the tax losses will be utilised in the foreseeable future.

The amount of unprovided deferred tax liabilities (assets) for the year is as follows:

	<b>THE GROUP</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Tax effect of timing differences because of:		
Excess of tax allowances over depreciation	<b>373</b>	141
Tax losses	<b>60</b>	(6,414)
	<b>433</b>	(6,273)

The Company did not have any material unprovided deferred taxation at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax has not been provided on the revaluation surplus arising on the revaluation of investment properties as profits arising on the disposal of these assets would not be subject to taxation. Accordingly, the revaluation does not constitute a timing difference for tax purposes.

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## 39. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before taxation	57,117	58,627
Share of results of associates	(20,292)	20,645
Share of results of a jointly controlled entity	(4,975)	–
Depreciation	13,820	14,673
Interest income	(8,475)	(37,291)
Interest expenses	52,671	60,606
Provision for advances to associates	12,109	6,982
Profit arising from spin-off of a subsidiary, NCH	–	(31,934)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operation	–	9,053
Profit on disposal of investments in securities	–	(32,562)
Unrealised losses (profit) on investments in securities	13,482	(16,716)
Amortisation of interest in a jointly controlled entity	2,905	–
Amortisation of deferred compensation cost	2,151	–
Warrant reserve released on warrant expired during the year	(24,768)	–
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries	(18,637)	–
(Profit) loss on disposal of properties and other fixed assets	(70)	1,009
Decrease in amounts due to related companies	(1,411)	(19,327)
(Increase) decrease in completed properties for sale	(57,499)	30,919
(Increase) decrease in properties under development for sale	(48,383)	45,864
Decrease (increase) in amounts due from associates	6,653	(4,448)
(Decrease) increase in amounts due to associates	(110,234)	12,736
Decrease (increase) in debtors, deposits and prepayments	65,145	(12,805)
Increase in loans receivable	–	(18,285)
Decrease in investments in securities	–	5,011
Decrease in inventories	13,802	4,696
Decrease in customers' deposits received	(14,120)	(3,893)
(Decrease) increase in creditors and accruals	(28,348)	89,319
	<u>(97,357)</u>	<u>182,879</u>
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(97,357)</u>	<u>182,879</u>



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## 41. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

	Warrant reserve	Share capital and share premium	Bank loans	Obligations under finance leases	Minority interests	Amount due to a minority shareholder	Amount due to investee companies	Amount due to associates	Amount due to a director
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Balance at									
1st April, 1999	25,200	731,656	663,183	1,204	39,127	19,760	2,684	228,538	-
Net cash inflow (outflow)									
from financing	-	9,633	53,939	(792)	74,864	-	(2,684)	(45,850)	-
Share of profit for the year	-	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	-
Effect of spin-off of NCH	-	-	-	-	(31,934)	-	-	-	-
Effect of disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	(48,888)	-	(10,376)	-	-	-	-
Released upon exercise of warrants	(432)	432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inception of finance leases contracts	-	-	-	246	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	-	-	(3,631)	-	(361)	-	-	(6,932)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at									
31st March, 2000	24,768	741,721	664,603	658	71,445	19,760	-	175,756	-
Net cash inflow (outflow)									
from financing	-	6,652	205,819	(553)	-	-	-	69,692	31,100
Share of loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(3,198)	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid to minority shareholders	-	-	-	-	(170)	-	-	-	-
Acquisition of subsidiary	-	-	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Released upon expiry of warrants	(24,768)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inception of finance leases contracts	-	-	-	634	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	-	-	(24,025)	-	(2,256)	-	-	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balance at									
31st March, 2001	<u>          </u>	<u>748,373</u>	<u>956,397</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>65,821</u>	<u>19,760</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>245,448</u>	<u>31,100</u>

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## 42. SALE OF SUBSIDIARIES

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
NET ASSETS DISPOSED OF		
Property, plant and equipment	–	93,757
Inventories	–	15,774
Debtors, deposits and prepayments	<b>91,256</b>	64,851
Bank balances and cash	–	1,531
Creditors and accruals	<b>(801)</b>	(56,888)
Bank and other borrowings	–	(48,888)
Taxation payable	–	(3,674)
	<u><b>90,455</b></u>	<u>66,463</u>
Minority interests	–	(10,376)
Attributable goodwill	–	42,966
	<u><b>90,455</b></u>	<u>99,053</u>
Profit (loss) on disposal	<u><b>18,637</b></u>	<u>(9,053)</u>
Total consideration	<u><b>109,092</b></u>	<u>90,000</u>
Satisfied by:		
Cash	–	68,000
Properties under development	–	22,000
Receipt of investment in associate	<u><b>109,092</b></u>	<u>–</u>
	<u><b>109,092</b></u>	<u>90,000</u>
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:		
Cash consideration	–	68,000
Bank balances and cash disposed of	<u>–</u>	<u>(1,531)</u>
	<u>–</u>	<u>66,469</u>

The subsidiary disposed of during the year did not have any material impact on the Group's cash flow or results for the year.

During the year, the Group entered into three agreements (“the Agreements”) with Malaysian parties to dispose of four subsidiaries (the “Subsidiaries”) which held the deposits for acquisition of properties in Thailand.

Pursuant to the Agreements, the Group agreed to sell its entire equity interests in the Subsidiaries for a consideration of HK\$109,092,000. The consideration was satisfied by way of exchange for 50% equity interest in a company which held land in Malaysia.

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## 43. NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Group entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of assets with a total capital value at the inception of the leases of HK\$634,000 (2000: HK\$246,000).

## 44. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

- (a) The Group's properties and bank deposits with an aggregate net book value of approximately HK\$1,922 million (2000: HK\$1,337 million) together with properties of associates and third parties were mortgaged or pledged to the Group's bankers and loan creditors to secure banking and loan facilities granted to the Group and its associates to the extent of approximately HK\$1,328 million and HK\$101 million (2000: HK\$861 million and HK\$205 million) respectively.
- (b) The Group has entered into agreements with certain banks in respect of mortgage loans provided to house buyers of property project in the PRC. In accordance with those agreements, the Company deposits either 10% of the consideration of the properties sold and financed under the mortgage loans or between 10% and 20% of the amount of financing provided as a guarantee for settlement of the mortgage installments. Should mortgagors fail to pay mortgage installments, the bank can draw down the deposits up to the amount of mortgage installments not paid during the period from the mortgage drawdown to the date of releasing such guarantees. The guarantees will be released when property title deeds are passed to the banks as security for the respective mortgage loans. At the balance sheet date, deposit of approximately HK\$4,499,000 (2000: HK\$5,025,000) was placed with banks to guarantee the above agreements.

## 45. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

- (i) At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted but not provided for in the financial statements on property development expenditure of approximately HK\$191 million (2000: HK\$234 million); and
- (ii) At the balance sheet date, the Group had authorised but not yet contracted for additional expenditure of a property development project in Shanghai of approximately HK\$211 million (2000: HK\$204 million).

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## 46. LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date, the Group had outstanding commitments payable in the following year under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of:

	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	<u>2000</u> HK\$'000
Land and buildings which expire:		
– within one year	63	132
– in the second to fifth year inclusive	<u>16</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>79</u>	<u>132</u>
Furniture and fixtures which expire:		
– within one year	<u>–</u>	<u>49</u>
Motor vehicles which expire:		
– in the second to fifth year inclusive	<u>217</u>	<u>217</u>

## 47. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(a) At the balance sheet date, contingent liabilities of the Group and of the Company were as follows:

	<u>THE GROUP</u>		<u>THE COMPANY</u>	
	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Guarantees issued to secure banking and other facilities made available to				
– subsidiaries	–	–	1,074,142	530,783
– third parties	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
– an investee company	<u>44,275</u>	<u>44,672</u>	<u>44,275</u>	<u>44,672</u>

(b) The Group has pre-sold part of the real estate development project in Shanghai, the PRC and has accrued for accounting purposes the full amount of provisional foreign enterprises income tax on the deemed profits arising from the pre-sale pursuant to the relevant tax regulations. The Group, however, has not made instalment payments in respect of the provisional tax liability because it has informally agreed with the relevant tax authority to allow the instalments to be delayed until the project is completed. Were the Group to be assessed at the daily rate of 0.2% on the balance due, as of 31st March, 2001 the potential delinquent charge would be approximate by HK\$23,256,000 (2000: HK\$12,689,000).

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## 47. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

- (c) The Group has given guarantee in respect of mortgage loans provided to the home buyers of a property project in PRC. At March 31, 2000 and 2001, the total amount of mortgages outstanding which are subject to these guarantees was HK\$80,742,000 and HK\$73,008,000 respectively.
- (d) The Group had entered into an agreement with the underwriters for the purpose of listing of its subsidiary, NCH in NASDAQ Stock Market in the United States of America. Pursuant to the said agreement, the Group have agreed that 25% of NCH shares held by the Group will be cancelled if the net income of NCH is less than US\$20 million in the next following one-year period commencing on the first day of the month following the closing date of the public offer of the NCH shares in the USA.

## 48. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 6th December, 2000, E-Cash Ventures Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "Agreement") to purchase from Yoshiya International Corporations Ltd. ("Yoshiya") approximately 15.33% equity interest of Mutual Luck Investment Limited ("MLIL"), for a total cash consideration of HK\$120,000,000. On 8th February, 2001, as the shareholders of Yoshiya adjourned the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") to 31st March 2001, the conditions precedent to Completion could not be fulfilled on or before 11th February, 2001. The shareholders of Far East have therefore resolved to adjourn the EGM. On 26th April, 2001, the EGM was duly held by the shareholders of Yoshiya and the Agreement was approved. MLIL is the legal and beneficial owner of a piece of land in Fung Lok Wai, Yuen Long, Hong Kong with a site area of approximately 8.6 million sq.ft..

## 49. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Group entered into the following significant transactions with related parties:

### (a) Directors and their associates

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<u>HK\$'000</u>	<u>HK\$'000</u>
Proceeds from sale of a property (note (i) below)	–	33,000
Interest expenses (note (ii) below)	<u>1,296</u>	<u>1,186</u>

- (i) In 2000, the Group has disposed of its property to the wife of Dato' David Chiu, a director of the Company for an amount of HK\$33,000,000. The transaction price is determined by the Directors on the basis of estimated market value.
- (ii) This transaction has been entered into on terms agreed by the parties concerned with reference to prevailing market rates.

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## 49. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

### (b) Associates

	<u>2001</u> HK\$'000	<u>2000</u> HK\$'000
Dividend income	(4,320)	(4,620)
Interest income	(17,641)	(19,629)
Interest expenses	5,327	13,376
Building management fee expenses	<u>1,214</u>	<u>4,179</u>

These transactions have been entered into on terms agreed by parties concerned with reference to prevailing market rates for interest expenses and income and floor areas for building management.

Details of the balances with related parties as at the balance sheet date are set out in notes 23, 30, 31 and 32.

## 50. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

In December, 2000, the Group joined the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "Scheme") for all qualifying employees in Hong Kong under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Authority. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the participating employees' relevant income from the Group and are charged to the income statement as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the Scheme. When an employee leaves the Scheme, the mandatory contributions are fully vested with the employee.

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Name of direct subsidiary	Issued share capital				Principal activities	Place of incorporation/operation
	Number of shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/registered capital held by the Group		
Far East Consortium (B.V.I.) Limited	50,000	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding	British Virgin Islands

Name of indirect subsidiary	Issued share capital				Principal activities
	Number of Shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/registered capital held by the Group	
404577 Alberta Ltd. *	2	Nil	Class A	100	Property investment
413643 Alberta Ltd. *	100	Nil	Class A	100	Property investment
Action Fulfilled Assets Limited	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Aik Land Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Share investment
Amphion Investment Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Aniwell Investments Limited	10,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Hotel investment and operation
Annick Investments Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Arvel Company Limited *	10,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Bournemouth Estates Limited *	2	HK\$10	Ordinary	100	Property development
Capital Fortune Investment Limited	10,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Cathay General Inc. *	1	Nil	Common	100	Investment holding
Charter Joy Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Charter National International Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Cheong Sing Property Development Limited	500	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Property development
China Web Incorporated	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Ching Chu Property Management (Shanghai) Company Limited	Nil	US\$500,000	Nil	100	Property management
Chun Wah Holdings Limited	200	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Coventry Investments Inc. *	10	Nil	Common	100	Investment holding
Detheridge Estates Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Dorsett Hotel Management Services Limited (formerly known as Far East Consortium Project Management Services Limited)	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Hotel management

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of indirect subsidiary	Issued share capital			Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Group	Principal activities
	Number of Shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held		
Dorsett Regency Hotel (M) Sdn. Bhd. *	5,000,000	MS\$1	Ordinary	100	Hotel investment and operation
Dunball Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Dunjoy Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Dynahome Development Sdn. Bhd. *	1,255,000	MS\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
E-Cash Venture Limited	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Elliott Investment Corporation *	2	Nil	Ordinary	100	Investment holding and share investment
Esmart Management Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Hotel management
Ever Liberty (M) Sdn. Bhd. *	2	MS\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Everkent Development Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Far East Consortium China Infrastructure Company Limited (formerly known as China Housing Development Limited)	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium China Investments Limited	6,000	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium China Land Corporation Limited	1,000	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Property development
Far East Consortium Limited	830,650,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding and property investment
Far East Consortium Holdings (Australia) Pty Limited *	12 235	AS\$1 AS\$0.01	Ordinary Redeemable preference	100 100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium Machinery Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium (Malaysia) Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium (Netherlands Antilles) N.V.	6,000	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Far East Consortium Properties Pty Limited *	12 225	AS\$1 AS\$0.01	Ordinary Redeemable preference	100 100	Investment holding and property investment
Far East Consortium Property & Marketing Service Pty Limited *	1	AS\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of indirect subsidiary	Issued share capital			Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Group	Principal activities
	Number of Shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held		
Far East Real Estate and Agency (H.K.) Limited	60,000	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Investment holding and loan financing
Far East Rockman Hotels (Australia) Pty Limited *	12 375	A\$1 A\$0.01	Ordinary Redeemable preference	100 100	Investment holding
Far East Rockman Investments Pty Limited *	12 125	A\$1 A\$0.01	Ordinary Redeemable preference	100 100	Investment holding
FEC Development (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. *	2	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
FEC Properties Limited	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
FEC Property Services Pty Ltd.	1	A\$1	Ordinary	100	Loan financing
FEC Strategic Investments (Netherlands) B.V. *	120,000	DFL1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Fortune Plus (M) Sdn. Bhd. *	935,000	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Garden Resort Development Limited	100	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Goldleaf Limited *	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Grandco Investment Limited	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Guangzhou Pegasus Boiler Manufacture Company Limited *	Nil	HK\$50,000,000	Nil	51	Operation of boiler factory
Hamsher International Ltd. *	29,805,065	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Hotel investment and operation
Hayworth Holdings Limited	100	£1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Henrik Investment Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Hero Housing Limited	880	HK\$1,000	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Karunmas Ehsan Sdn. Bhd.	250,000	M\$1	Ordinary	51	Property development
Kuala Lumpur Land Holdings Limited	100	£1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Madison Lighters and Watches Company Limited	4	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Mayland Universal Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as Universal Star (M) Sdn. Bhd.) *	500,000	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Mayland Victory Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as Suzin Mizlin Sdn. Bhd.) *	2,340,000	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Land development
New China Homes, Ltd.	12,700,000	US\$1	Common	75.2	Investment holding
New Time Plaza Development Limited	1,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
New Union Investments (China) Limited	300	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of indirect subsidiary	Issued share capital			Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Group	Principal activities
	Number of Shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held		
N.T. Horizon Realty (Jordan) Limited	2	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Oi Tak Enterprises Limited *	1,000,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	75	Investment holding
Pacific Boulevard Hotel (M) Sdn. Bhd. *	2,000,000	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Pansy Development Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Peacock Management Services Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Administration services
Polyland Development Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Ready Town Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property and share investment
Redleaf Properties Limited *	20,000	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Rich Diamond Holdings Limited	10	US\$1	Ordinary	70	Investment holding
Ridon Investment Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding and share investment
Roseville Enterprises Limited	6,000	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Royal Domain Plaza Pty. Ltd.	2	A\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Royal Domain Towers Pty. Ltd.	2	A\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Ruby Way Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Scarborough Development Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Shanghai Chingchu Property Development Company Limited	Nil	US\$9,000,000	Nil	98.2	Developing, selling and leasing properties
Sheen Profit Industries Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Shelborn Enterprises, Inc.	10	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Singford Holdings Limited *	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Share investment
Sovereign Land Company Limited *	2	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Star Bridge Development Limited *	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property development
Stoneline Sdn. Bhd. *	100	M\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Teampearl Company Limited *	5,001 4,999	HK\$1	Class A Class B	100 100	Property development

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of indirect subsidiary	Issued share capital			Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/ registered capital held by the Group	Principal activities
	Number of Shares	Par value per share	Class of shares held		
Tomarta Sdn. Bhd. *	1,000,000	MS\$1	Ordinary	100	Property trading
Top Trend Developments Limited	2	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Turbulent Limited	2	HK\$10	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Upperace Development Limited *	1,000,000	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Victoria Land Pty. Ltd. *	12	A\$1	Ordinary	100	Management services
Vico Overseas Inc. *	4	US\$1	Ordinary	75	Property investment
Vicco Development Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Virgobee Limited	2	HK\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Waldorf Development Pte Limited *	2	S\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Waldorf Holdings Pte Limited *	1,000,000	S\$1	Ordinary	100	Property investment
Wonder China Investments Limited	1	US\$1	Ordinary	100	Investment holding

\* Companies not audited by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Group which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affected the results or assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

All the above indirect subsidiaries are incorporated and are operating in Hong Kong except the followings:

Name of indirect subsidiary	Place of incorporation	Place of operation
404577 Alberta Ltd.	Canada	Canada
413643 Alberta Ltd.	Canada	Canada
Action Fulfilled Assets Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong
Cathay General Inc.	Republic of Liberia	Hong Kong
China Web Incorporated	Cayman Islands	Hong Kong
Ching Chu Property Management (Shanghai) Company Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Coventry Investments Inc.	Republic of Liberia	Republic of Liberia
Dorsett Regency Hotel (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Dynahome Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
E-Cash Ventures Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong
Elliott Investment Corporation	Panama	Hong Kong
Ever Liberty (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Far East Consortium Holdings (Australia) Pty. Limited	Australia	Australia
Far East Consortium (Netherlands Antilles) N.V.	Netherlands Antilles	Netherlands Antilles
Far East Consortium Properties Pty Limited	Australia	Australia
Far East Consortium Property & Marketing Service Pty. Limited	Australia	Australia
Far East Rockman Hotels (Australia) Pty Limited	Australia	Australia
Far East Rockman Investments Pty. Limited	Australia	Australia
FEC Development (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
FEC Properties Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong
FEC Property Services Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Australia
FEC Strategic Investments (Netherlands) B.V.	The Netherlands	The Netherlands
Fortune Plus (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Goldleaf Limited	British Virgin Islands	Malaysia
Grandco Investment Limited	British Virgin Islands	The U.S.A.
Guangzhou Pegasus Boiler Manufacture Company Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Hamsher International Ltd.	British Virgin Islands	The U.S.A.
Hayworth Holdings Limited	Channel Islands	Malaysia
Karunmas Ehsan Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur Land Holdings Limited	Channel Islands	Malaysia
Mayland Universal Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Mayland Victory Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
New China Homes, Ltd.	Cayman Islands	The PRC
Pacific Boulevard Hotel (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Redleaf Properties Limited	British Virgin Islands	Malaysia
Rich Diamond Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	The Philippines

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## 51. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of indirect subsidiary	Place of incorporation	Place of operation
Royal Domain Plaza Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Australia
Royal Domain Towers Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Australia
Shanghai Chingchu Property Development Company Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Shelborn Enterprises, Inc.	British Virgin Islands	The U.S.A.
Singford Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong
Stoneline Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Top Trend Developments Limited	British Virgin Islands	China
Tomarta Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Victoria Land Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Australia
Vico Overseas Inc.	British Virgin Islands	Malaysia
Waldorf Development Pte Limited	Singapore	Singapore
Waldorf Holdings Pte Limited	Singapore	Singapore
Wonder China Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	The PRC

## 52. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATES

Name of indirect associate	Class of shares held	Issued share capital		Principal activities
		Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/registered capital held by the Group		
Alicegate Pty. Ltd. (formerly known as Rockman's Regency Towers Pty. Ltd.) *	Ordinary	49		Investment holding
Bermuda Investments Limited *	Ordinary	25		Property investment
Bradney Proprietary Limited *	Ordinary	50		Investment holding
Far East Technology International Limited	Ordinary	31.33		Investment holding, share and property investments
Flinders Wharf Management Pty. Ltd. *	Ordinary	50		Property management
Gold Coin (Hong Kong) Limited *	Ordinary	26		Investment holding
Gold Coin Feedmill (China) Limited *	Ordinary	26		Operation of feedmill factory
Guangdong Xin Shi Dai Real Estate Limited *	Nil	45		Property development
Kanic Property Management Limited *	Ordinary	50		Building management
Libran Star (M) Sdn. Bhd. *	Ordinary	50		Property development
Liuzhou Universe Compressor Company Limited *	Nil	25.24		Operation of compressor factory

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## 52. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATES (continued)

Name of indirect associate	Class of shares held	Issued share capital		Principal activities
		Proportion of nominal value of issued capital/registered capital held by the Group		
Mayland Development Sdn. Bhd. (formerly as Mega Master (M) Sdn. Bhd.) *	Ordinary	45		Property investment
Naples Investments Limited *	Ordinary	35		Investment holding
Northleisure Proprietary Ltd.*	Ordinary	50		Investment holding
Northrock Investments Proprietary Limited *	Ordinary	49.09		Loan financing
	Cumulative redeemable preference	49.98		
Peacock Estates Limited *	Ordinary	25		Property investment
Philippine Dream Company, Inc. *	Ordinary	25.2		Hotel investment and operation
Regency Hotels Proprietary Limited *	Ordinary	49		Investment holding
Young Heung International (BVI) Ltd	Ordinary	20		Manufacturing of steel products

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Bradney Proprietary Limited	Australia	Australia
Flinders Wharf Management Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Australia
Gold Coin Feedmill (China) Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Guangdong Xin Shi Dai Real Estate Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Libran Star (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Liuzhou Universe Compressor Company Limited	The PRC	The PRC
Mayland Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Malaysia
Naples Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	The Philippine
Northleisure Proprietary Ltd.	Australia	Australia
Northrock Investments Proprietary Limited	Australia	Australia
Philippine Dream Company, Inc.	The Philippines	The Philippines
Regency Hotels Proprietary Limited	Australia	Australia
Young Heung International (BVI) Ltd	British Virgin Islands	The PRC