



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors is committed to principles of corporate governance consistent with prudent enhancement and management of shareholder value. The accounting systems and internal controls of the Group are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and that the accounting records are reliable for preparing financial information used within the business or for publication and maintaining accountability for assets and liabilities. Qualified personnel throughout the Group maintain and monitor these internal accounting controls on an ongoing basis. The Group's Corporate Governance Division, under the supervision of the Chief Compliance Officer, independently reviews these controls, evaluates their adequacy, effectiveness and compliance and reports to the Audit Committee.