## **Consolidated Profit and Loss Account**

for the six months ended 30 June 2001 - unaudited

	Note	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Revenue	2	2,848,053	2,274,426
Cost of sales		(2,335,208)	(1,906,906)
Gross profit		512,845	367,520
Other operating income		31,420	14,246
Distribution costs		(128,465)	(93,669)
Administrative expenses		(113,428)	(88,704)
Other operating expenses		(35,018)	(10,771)
Profit from operations		267,354	188,622
Financing costs		(3,626)	(4,907)
Share of results of associates		10,745	7,643
Profit before taxation and minority			
interests	3	274,473	191,358
Income tax expense	4	(82,542)	(56,943)
<b>Profit before minority interests</b>		191,931	134,415
Minority interests		156	46
Profit attributable to shareholders		192,087	134,461
Dividends	5	(60,399)	(50,400)
Retained profit for the period		131,688	84,061
Earnings per share (cents)	6	9.5	6.7