

Financial Performance

For the period ended 30 June 2001, the Group's sales volume increased by approximately 5.5%, while turnover reached approximately HK\$949,717,000 compared with HK\$1,046,813,000 last year, representing a decrease of approximately 9.27%. Profit before taxation recorded approximately HK\$48,720,000 (2000: HK\$65,354,000), approximately decreased by 25% in comparison with last year. Unaudited profit attributable to shareholders was approximately HK\$38,064,000 (2000: HK\$61,054,000). As at 30 June 2001, cash on hand was approximately HK\$82,928,000 and return on equity for half year was 5.3%.