

AUDITORS' REPORT

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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PALADIN LIMITED

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 14 to 38 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

FUNDAMENTAL UNCERTAINTY RELATING TO THE GOING CONCERN BASIS

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 2 to the financial statements which explains that the Group is dependent upon the financial support of its bankers and other lenders. The Group has reached agreement with its bankers for the extension of repayment of certain of its secured bank loans (including accrued interest) amounting to approximately HK\$668 million as at 30 June 2001 to April 2002 when it is estimated that the properties held under development will be complete and available for sale or pre-sale. The unused facilities available to the Group as at 30 June 2001 of approximately HK\$162 million will be used to finance the completion of the development. Taking into account the estimated proceeds from the disposal of the properties held under development, the directors consider that, with the continuing support of the Group's bankers and other lenders, the Group will be able to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon future funding being available. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from failure to obtain such funding. We consider that the fundamental uncertainty has been adequately disclosed in the financial statements and our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 30 June 2001 and of the loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 26 October 2001