

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended October 31, 2001

	Notes	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	31	160,536	102,183
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Dividends paid		(24,566)	(12,399)
Interest paid		(8,642)	(13,658)
Finance charges in respect of finance leases and hire purchases contracts paid		(578)	(841)
Interest received		3,501	3,238
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(30,285)	(23,660)
TAXATION			
Overseas taxation paid		(10,371)	(5,307)
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(550)	(561)
Overseas taxation refunded		1,080	—
Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded		891	—
TAX PAID		(8,950)	(5,868)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	32	29,689	(2,692)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		3,843	8,204
Decrease (increase) in pledged short term bank deposits		2,588	(2,019)
Repayment of project loan receivable		40	—
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(21,374)	(24,222)
Advances to an investee company		(2,880)	(3,157)
Purchase of investments in securities		(2,106)	—
Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary, net of cash and cash equivalents disposed of	33	(1,165)	(88)
Investment in an associate		(261)	(3)
Proceeds on disposal of investments in securities		—	28
NET CASH INFLOW (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		8,374	(23,949)

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NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		129,675	48,706
FINANCING	34		
Repayment of bank loans		(84,880)	(56,664)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		(2,773)	(5,557)
New bank loans obtained		31,297	37,460
Capital contributed by minority shareholders		151	15,709
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING		(56,205)	(9,052)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		73,470	39,654
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		110,207	76,172
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		(104)	(5,619)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	35	183,573	110,207