

## **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The directors of the Company have declared an interim dividend of HK0.0625 cent per share (2000: HK0.0625 cent per share, after adjustment to take into account of a bonus issue in the proportion of one bonus share for each share on 19 December 2001) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 23 April 2002 to be satisfied by allotment of new shares, credited as fully paid, by way of scrip dividend, with an alternative to the shareholders to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment (the "scrip dividend scheme").

The scrip dividend scheme will be subject to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") granting a listing of and permission to deal in the shares to be issued pursuant thereto. A circular setting out the details of the scrip dividend scheme and the basis of allotment together with a form of election will be sent to the shareholders of the Company as soon as practicable.

It is expected the certificates for the new shares and dividend warrants will be despatched to those entitled thereto on or before 14 June 2002.