

Five year summary

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Year ended 31 December				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Results:					
Turnover	843,292	909,059	846,138	1,254,629	1,042,004
Profit from operations	341,569	327,957	299,482	215,886	44,749
Finance cost	(3,884)	(5,114)	(1,221)	(1,382)	(2,901)
Share of profit/(losses) of associates	464	–	(12,956)	1,871	5,735
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	338,149	322,843	285,305	216,375	47,583
Taxation	(37,115)	(14,601)	(26,003)	(9,887)	(13,749)
Minority interests	(419)	(7,394)	(3,086)	(6,145)	10,803
Profit attributable to shareholders	300,615	300,848	256,216	200,343	44,637
Assets and liabilities:					
Fixed assets	329,492	342,231	334,498	385,288	393,658
Goodwill	–	–	–	–	33,386
Interest in associate	–	20,678	20,465	21,241	19,276
Non-trading securities	372,207	302,669	288,798	250,486	227,861
Net current assets	542,811	693,680	832,435	696,350	695,815
Total assets less current liabilities	1,244,510	1,359,258	1,476,196	1,353,365	1,369,996
Convertible notes	(6,824)	(5,522)	–	(31,200)	(31,200)
Minority interests	(19,119)	(26,543)	(29,556)	(27,349)	(22,265)
Other non-current liabilities	(2,403)	–	–	–	(21,324)
Net assets	1,216,164	1,327,193	1,446,640	1,294,816	1,295,207

Notes:

- (1) Despite a change in accounting policy for goodwill in 2001, figures for the years from 1997 to 2000 have not been adjusted for comparison purposes as the Group has taken advantage of the transitional provisions set out in paragraph 88 of SSAP 30 with the effect that the new accounting policy has been adopted prospectively.
- (2) As a result of a change in the accounting policy for dividends in 2001, figures for the years from 1997 to 2000 have been adjusted to conform to the new accounting policy.