

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has recommended an interim dividend of 0.05 per share for the six months ended 30th June, 2002. According to the Articles of Association of the Company, the dividend of the domestic shares of the Company will be paid in RMB and the dividend of the H shares of the Company will be paid in Hong Kong dollars. The exchange rate of RMB to Hong Kong dollars was determined at an exchange rate of HK\$1 to RMB1.0608, being the average closing price of RMB to Hong Kong dollars as quoted by the People's Bank of China for the immediately five business days proceeding 15th August 2002. Dividend payment will be made to shareholders whose names appear on the register of the Company on 11th September 2002, and is expected to be made on 30th September 2002.

