

EMPLOYEES

As at 30 June 2002, the Group employed approximately 430 employees including 289 crew (31 December 2001: 370 employees including 237 crew). The Group remunerated its employees in accordance with their performances, experiences and prevailing market practices and provided them with usual fringe benefits.

OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, the global economy is expected to continue a trend of slow recovery in the foreseeable future. The dry bulk market has just started to pick up quite strongly due to strong demand and therefore we are optimistic for the rest of 2002. The Group is confident that there would be sufficient demand to meet its tonnage commitments. While focusing the core shipping businesses, the Group will continue taking efforts to improve efficiency, reduce the operating costs and remain conscious to the changing market conditions in mapping out its business and investment strategies.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES

As at 30 June 2002, the directors had the following interests in the share capital of the Company and its associated corporations which is required to be recorded in the Register of Directors' Interests pursuant to Section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance ("SDI Ordinance") or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies:

Name	Type of interests	No. of shares in the Company	No. of shares in Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited
Mr. Ng Siu Fai	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	Note	Note
Mr. Ng Kam Wah Thomas	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	Note	Note
Mr. Ng Ki Hung Frankie	Interests other than personal, family and corporation	Note	Note
Mr. So Wing Hung Peter	Family interests	2,500,000	15,000

Note: Lorimer Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Ng Hing Po 1991 Trust, is the legal owner of the entire issued share capital of Fairline Consultants Limited which is the legal and beneficial owner of 303,856,282 shares of the Company and 494,049 shares of Jinhui Shipping and Transportation Limited as at 30 June 2002. The Ng Hing Po 1991 Trust is a discretionary trust, the eligible beneficiaries of which include members of the Ng family. Both Messrs. Ng Siu Fai and Ng Kam Wah Thomas are directors of Fairline Consultants Limited.