

The Company is committed to a high standard of corporate governance. During the six months period ended 31 December 2002, the principles of corporate governance adopted by the Company were in line with the corporate governance statement set out in our 2001/02 Annual Report which included, inter alia, the Board and the Executive Committee, systems of internal control and financial reporting, and code of conduct for employees of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee comprises two independent non-executive directors and one non-executive director. It has reviewed this interim report, including the unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2002 which were not required to be audited, and has recommended their adoption by the Board.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the directors is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the accounting period, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.