

## REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL AUDITORS



To the members

Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd.

*(Established in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*

We have audited the financial statements on pages 45 to 79 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Company's directors, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at December 31, 2002 and of the profit and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

**Ernst & Young**

*Certified Public Accountants*

Hong Kong

March 4, 2003