## Financial and Operational Highlights for the year ended 31 December

|  | Unit             | 2002    | 2001<br>restated |
|--|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Financial Highlights   |                  |         |                  |
| Turnover   | HK\$ million     | 6,843.4 | 6,861.8          |
| Profit from ordinary activities before tax   | HK\$ million     | 1,142.2 | 1,809.7          |
| Profit attributable to shareholders  | HK\$ million     | 939.6   | 1,539.4          |
| Earnings per share   | HK\$             | 2.33    | 3.81             |
| Dividends per share  | HK\$             | 2.03    | 1.86             |
| Shareholders' funds  | HK\$ million     | 4,560.9 | 4,179.7          |
| Total assets   | HK\$ million     | 9,163.1 | 8,752.0          |
| Net borrowings   | HK\$ million     | 689.5   | 225.8            |
| Net finance charges  | HK\$ million     | 13.1    | 23.8             |
| Cash generated from operations   | HK\$ million     | 1,873.2 | 2,194.7          |
| Financial Ratios   |                  |         |                  |
| Profit margin (excluding deemed profit on partial disposal of a subsidiary)                      |                  | 13.7%   | 17.3%            |
| Return on shareholders' funds  |                  | 20.6%   | 36.8%            |
| Net gearing<br>(ratio of net borrowings to shareholders' funds)                                  |                  | 0.15    | 0.05             |
| Interest cover (ratio of profit from ordinary activities before tax to net finance charges)      |                  | 87.2    | 75.9             |
| Dividend cover (ratio of profit attributable to shareholders to total dividends paid and propose | ed for the year) | 1.15    | 2.05             |
| Franchised Public Bus Operational Highlights   |                  |         |                  |
| Average number of passenger trips per day  | million trips    | 3.16    | 3.10             |
| Number of licensed buses at year-end   |                  | 4,586   | 4,544            |
| Number of staff at year-end  |                  | 13,649  | 13,689           |
| Average number of staff per licensed bus   |                  | 2.98    | 3.01             |
| Non-Franchised Transport Operational Highlights  |                  |         |                  |
| Number of licensed buses at year-end   |                  | 223     | 210              |
| Number of catamarans at year-end   |                  | 6       | _                |
| Number of staff at year-end  |                  | 503     | 385              |







