

Comparison of Ten-Year Results

	2002	2001	2000
Highlights (Company)			
Number of Customers as at 31st December	1,470,738	1,407,408	1,329,161
Town gas Sales, million MJ	26,641	26,564	26,057
Installed Capacity, thousand m ³ per day	11,000	11,000	11,000
Maximum Daily Demand, thousand m ³	5,695	5,530	5,650
Turnover & Profit	HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M
Turnover	6,878.0	6,857.4	6,650.9
Profit before Taxation	3,581.0	3,656.9	3,579.1
Taxation	(482.3)	(470.0)	(445.8)
Profit after Taxation	3,098.7	3,186.9	3,133.3
Minority Interests	(11.7)	(4.2)	(2.3)
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	3,087.0	3,182.7	3,131.0
Dividends	1,991.8	1,830.5	1,798.1
Assets & Liabilities			
Fixed Assets	9,324.2	11,862.6	11,635.9
Associated Companies	2,539.8	2,460.2	2,440.1
Jointly Controlled Entities	241.6	208.7	25.0
Investment Securities	1,651.9	1,490.2	627.7
Current Assets	6,420.0	4,398.4 [#]	8,546.2
Current Liabilities	(2,539.3)	(2,194.5) [#]	(2,122.3)
Non-Current Liabilities	(903.4)	(896.3) [#]	(1,025.4) [#]
Minority Interests	(123.6)	(128.7)	(50.0)
Net Assets	16,611.2	17,200.6	20,077.2
Capital & Reserves			
Share Capital	1,422.7	1,300.9	1,284.4
Share Premium	3,907.8	4,037.1	4,165.5
Reserves	9,971.8	10,665.7 [#]	13,445.7 [#]
Proposed Dividend	1,308.9	1,196.9	1,181.6
	16,611.2	17,200.6	20,077.2
Earnings per Share, HK Dollar [*]	0.54	0.53	0.51
Dividends per Share, HK Dollar [*]	0.35	0.32	0.29
Dividend Cover	1.55	1.74	1.74

[#] Adjusted for adopting SSAP 34

^{*} Comparative figures have been adjusted for the bonus issue in 2002

1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
1,265,354	1,206,236	1,149,441	1,095,910	1,044,799	990,660	926,036
24,687	23,943	23,906	22,989	21,972	20,727	19,198
11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,118	11,118	11,118
5,786	5,164	4,687	4,554	4,394	4,100	4,173
HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M	HK\$ M
5,842.3	5,426.6	5,583.8	4,796.9	4,252.7	3,718.4	3,259.6
3,322.0	3,074.6	2,639.1	2,224.8	1,835.1	1,520.5	1,194.6
(423.3)	(422.9)	(362.9)	(284.8)	(200.1)	(152.6)	(59.0)
2,898.7	2,651.7	2,276.2	1,940.0	1,635.0	1,367.9	1,135.6
(0.2)	4.2	7.1	6.1	0.5	—	—
2,898.5	2,655.9	2,283.3	1,946.1	1,635.5	1,367.9	1,135.6
1,642.4	1,511.9	1,384.4	1,046.9	870.3	741.8	571.7
11,439.8	11,265.9	11,160.7	10,923.7	10,483.6	10,056.4	9,583.1
2,625.5	2,337.0	1,989.3	925.6	627.4	—	—
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446.2	414.5	383.5	68.5	68.5	10.7	0.8
6,802.4	7,203.3	5,649.7	6,761.1	4,483.7	2,976.5	1,603.5
(1,050.6)	(1,947.0)	(870.8)	(3,384.2)	(1,639.9)	(1,619.9)	(1,130.2)
(960.7)	(914.2)	(1,072.1)	(2,518.0)	(2,366.0)	(712.3)	(1,049.4)
(47.2)	(43.3)	(54.3)	(57.4)	(28.3)	—	—
19,255.4	18,316.2	17,186.0	12,719.3	11,629.0	10,711.4	9,007.8
1,177.1	1,079.7	984.4	748.0	621.9	517.4	404.6
4,283.2	4,334.7	4,431.2	1,353.2	1,404.2	1,452.5	591.6
12,712.2	11,908.3	10,864.8	9,929.9	9,030.7	8,265.5	7,639.4
1,082.9	993.5	905.6	688.2	572.2	476.0	372.2
19,255.4	18,316.2	17,186.0	12,719.3	11,629.0	10,711.4	9,007.8
0.47	0.42	0.38	0.33	0.28	0.23	0.20
0.26	0.24	0.22	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.11
1.76	1.76	1.65	1.86	1.88	1.84	1.99