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Financial Review

財務概況

Capital Resources and Liquidity

As at 31st March 2003, the Group's total shareholders' funds were HK\$743.0 million including reserves of HK\$616.3 million. The Group continued to maintain a strong financial position with cash and bank balances plus held-to-maturity securities in aggregate of HK\$721.5 million (please see table below). The Group's working capital plus held-to-maturity securities were HK\$729.3 million. Based on the Group's steady cash inflow from operations and coupled with its existing cash and bank facilities, the Group has adequate financial resources to fund its future expansion.

資本及流動資金

截至二零零三年三月三十一日止，集團股東權益為七億四千三百萬港元，其中包括六億一千六百三十萬港元之儲備金。集團繼續維持穩健財務狀況，現金及銀行結存加上持至到期日之證券累積達七億二千一百五十萬港元（請參閱下表），集團營運資金加上持至到期日之證券為七億二千九百三十萬港元。基於集團有穩定的經營業務現金注入，加上現時手持之現金及銀行信貸，集團掌握充裕財務資源以應付未來發展。

		2003 二零零三年 HK\$'000 港幣千元	2002 二零零二年 HK\$'000 港幣千元
Held-to-maturity securities	持至到期日之證券	70,544	-
Cash and bank balances	現金及銀行結存	650,913	656,970
Total	總額	721,457	656,970

As at 31st March 2003, the Group's held-to-maturity securities were composed of corporate bonds and bank notes with maturity dates falling within two years. This is in line with the Group's policy to invest in investment grade securities with maturity periods of less than two years. When compared with short-term deposit interest rate, the Group was able to achieve a higher yield based on its investment strategy.

於二零零三年三月三十一日，本集團持至到期日之證券由兩年內到期之公司債券及銀行票據組成，此與本集團投資於兩年內到期之投資級別證券的政策相符。若跟短期存款息率比較，本集團基於其投資策略，成功取得較高回報。

During the year, most of the Group's cash and bank balances were in U.S. dollars and were deposited in leading banks.

於年內，集團大部份現金及銀行結存均為美元，並存放於數間大銀行。



Financial Position

Total funds employed (comprising shareholders' fund only) for the year ended 31st March 2003 were HK\$743.0 million, which represented a 7.5% decrease over the total funds employed (including shareholders' fund, bank loans and overdrafts and obligations under finance leases) of HK\$803.0 million for the year ended 31st March 2002.

The gearing ratio, defined as the ratio of total loans less cash and bank balances to total assets, was nil as at 31st March 2003 and 31st March 2002 respectively.

Treasury Policies

It is the Group's treasury management policy not to engage in any highly leveraged or speculative derivative products. In this respect, the Group continued to adopt a conservative approach to financial risk management with no significant borrowing during the year. The Group does not have significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations as most of its assets, receipts and payments are either in Hong Kong or U.S. dollars. However, the Group will monitor its

財務狀況

截至二零零三年三月三十一日止年度之運用資金總額（等同股東權益）為七億四千三百萬港元，較去年同期之八億零三百萬港元運用資金總額（包括股東權益、銀行借貸及透支及融資租約之承擔），下降百分之七點五。

集團於二零零三年及二零零二年三月三十一日之槓桿比率均為零。槓桿比率為總負債減去現金及存款後與總資產之比例。

庫務政策

集團的理財政策是不參與高風險之投資或投機性的衍生工具。年內，集團於財務風險管理方面繼續維持審慎態度，並無重大借貸。由於集團大部分資產、收款及付款均為港元或美元，所以不會大幅受到外幣匯率波動之影響。惟集團會審視其外幣狀況，



foreign exchange position and, when appropriate, the Group will hedge its non U.S. dollar foreign exchange exposure by way of forward foreign exchange contracts. As at 31st March 2003, the Group had HK\$32.0 million outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts committed for payment in foreign currencies in the coming year.

Charge On Group Assets

At 31st March 2003, the Group had general banking facilities of HK\$3.3 million which were subject to pledges of equivalent amount of bank deposits as security. HK\$2.2 million of the secured banking facilities had been employed by the Group for the purpose of issuing bank guarantees in lieu of cash deposits.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group's contingent liabilities as at 31st March 2003 were HK\$6.2 million which included the utilized banking facilities of HK\$2.2 million as stated in the paragraph headed "Charge on Group assets" above.

並於適當時候，以遠期外匯合約對沖其非美元外幣風險。於二零零三年三月三十一日，本集團未履行之遠期外匯合約為三千二百萬港元，此等合約將用作未來一年之外幣付款。

集團資產之抵押

於二零零三年三月三十一日，集團為數三百三十萬港元之銀行信貸由相同數額之存款作抵押，其中已行使之款項二百二十萬港元為代替訂金之銀行保證。

或然負債

集團於二零零三年三月三十一日之或然負債為六百二十萬港元，其中包括以上「集團資產之抵押」所述二百二十萬港元已行使之銀行信貸額。

