New Era PRC Fund

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

In our opinion, the Manager, First State Investments (Hong Kong) Limited, has, in all material respects, managed the New Era PRC Fund for the year ended 30 June 2003 in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 28 June 2001, as amended.

For and on behalf of Bermuda Trust (Far East) Limited 23 October 2003