The directors present herewith their annual report and the audited financial statements of Datronix Holdings Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together with the Company, "the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2003.

# **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. Details of the principal activities of the Group's subsidiaries are set out in note 13 to the financial statements.

# **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

The information in respect of the Group's sales and purchases attributable to the major customers and suppliers respectively during the financial year is as follows:

	Percentage of the Group's total	
	Sales	Purchases
The largest customer	15%	
Five largest customers in aggregate	55%	
The largest supplier		8%
Five largest suppliers in aggregate		31%

At no time during the year have the directors, their associates or any shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had any interest in these major customers and suppliers.

#### SEGMENT INFORMATION

Details of segment information are set out in note 4 to the financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results of the Group for the year are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 18.

The state of affairs of the Group and the Company as at 31 December 2003 are set out in the consolidated balance sheet on page 19 and the balance sheet on page 20, respectively.

The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.012 per share (2002: HK\$0.04), totalling HK\$3,840,000 (2002: HK\$12,800,000) for the year ended 31 December 2003.

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the results of the Group for each of the five years ended 31 December 2003 and of the assets and liabilities as at 31 December 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 is set out on page 52.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Movements in property, plant and equipment during the year are set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

# **SUBSIDIARIES**

Details of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2003 are set out in note 13 to the financial statements.

## SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Movements in share capital of the Company during the year and details of the share option scheme of the Company are set out in note 21 to the financial statements. There was no change in share capital during the year.

#### **RESERVES**

Movements in reserves of the Group and the Company during the year are set out in the statements of changes in equity on pages 21 to 22.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive directors**

Mr. Siu Paul Y. alias Siu Paul Yin Tong, Chairman

Ms. Shui Wai Mei, Vice Chairman

Mr. Sheung Shing Fai

#### Non-executive director

Ms. Siu Nina Margaret

#### Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Chung Pui Lam

Mr. Lam Tak Shing

In accordance with Bye-laws 86(2) and 87(1) of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Chung Pui Lam will retire from office at the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, offer himself for re-election.

Each of the executive directors has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 22 June 2001. Such contract will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other, which notice shall not expire until after the fixed term.

Save as aforesaid, none of the directors has an unexpired service contract with the Company which is not terminable by the company within one year without payment of compensation other than statutory compensation.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Group were entered into or existed during the year.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

Save as disclosed in notes 15, 16 and 23 to the financial statements, no other contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company, any of its subsidiaries or its parent enterprise was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES**

As at 31 December 2003, the directors had the following interests in the shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO:

# (a) The Company

		Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each			
	Personal	Family	Corporate		
	interests	interests	interests	Total	
Mr. Siu Paul Y.			240,000,000	240,000,000	
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#### (b) Associated corporation

		Non-voting deferred shares of HK\$1 each			
	Name of	Personal	Family	Corporate	
	corporation	interests	interests	interests	Total
Mr. Siu Paul Y.	Datatronic Limited	1	_	199,999	200,000
				(Note 2)	

#### Notes:

- 1. These shares are held by Onboard Technology Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and in which Mr. Siu Paul Y. and Ms. Shui Wai Mei beneficially own 90% and 10% of its issued share capital respectively, representing 75% of the issued share capital of the Company.
- 2. These shares are held by Data Express Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Liberia, whose entire issued share capital is beneficially owned by Mr. Siu Paul Y..

Save as disclosed above, no interests and short positions were held or deemed or taken to be held under Part XV of the SFO by any director or chief executives of the Company or their respective associates in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Part XV of the SFO or pursuant to the Model Code of Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies or which are required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein. Nor any of the directors and chief executives (including their spouses and children under the age of 18), had, as at 31 December 2003, any interest in, or had been granted any right to subscribe for the securities and options of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of the SFO, or had exercised any such rights.

# **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

At no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

#### **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

As far as is known to any director or chief executives of the Company, as at 31 December 2003, shareholders (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) interested in 5% or more in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

## Long positions in the shares of the company

			% of issued
		No. of	share capital
Shareholders	Capacity	share held	of the Company
Fortune Treasure Worldwide Limited	Beneficial owner	21,784,000	6.80
Lee Pei Jin	Beneficial owner	18,974,000	5.92

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2003, the Company has not been notified by any persons (other than the directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

## **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws and the laws in Bermuda.

# PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the listed securities of the Company during the year.

## **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

The related party transactions disclosed in note 23 to the financial statements constituted connected transactions under Chapter 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Listing Rules").

Datatronic Limited ("DL"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and Datatronics Romoland, Inc. ("DRI") entered into a Master Supply Agreement on 6 June 2001 ("the Master Supply Agreement") in respect of supply of magnetics to DRI by DL.

The Master Supply Agreement is for an initial term of three years from 1 January 2001 and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party giving to the other party not less than three months' written notice. Pursuant to the Master Supply Agreement, the selling prices of the magnetics are to be agreed between DL and DRI. DL will determine the price of the magnetics required by DRI according to its pricing policy of obtaining a reasonable profit margin for its sales in accordance with the prevailing market conditions, on normal commercial terms and on an arm's length basis. DL has been granted a first refusal right by DRI to the effect that, unless DL declines the order, DRI undertakes not to source magnetics from any third-party supplier provided that the terms of purchase offered to the third-party supplier are not more favourable than those to DL. The total purchases made by DRI during the year ended 31 December 2003 was approximately HK\$21,679,000 (2002: HK\$14,447,000).

The directors (including the independent non-executive directors) are of the view that the Master Supply Agreement has been entered into on normal commercial terms, in the ordinary course of business of the Group and is fair and reasonable to the shareholders of the Company taken as a whole.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Up to 31 December 2003, the net proceeds from placing and public offer (the "IPO") of approximately HK\$65 million had been applied in accordance with its original purpose as below:

- approximately HK\$2.2 million and HK\$3.4 million were used up to year 2002 and in 2003 respectively for strengthening the Group's research and development capability and development of new products. Total amount of HK\$5.6 million were used as at 31 December 2003 with HK\$3 million from proceeds of IPO.
- approximately HK\$1.9 million and HK\$1.9 million were used up to year 2002 and in 2003 respectively for the acquisition of machinery and equipment for the facilities in the PRC and Hong Kong. Total amount of HK\$3.8 million were used as at 31 December 2003 with HK\$3 million from proceeds of IPO.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS (Continued)**

 approximately HK\$2.6 million and HK\$1.1 million for expanding the Group's sales and marketing operations up to year 2002 and in year 2003 respectively. Total amount of HK\$3.7 million were used as at 31 December 2003 with HK\$1 million from proceeds of IPO.

As at 31 December 2003, the proceeds from IPO for acquisition of machinery and equipment, research and development, sales and marketing were insufficient and they were paid by the general working capital.

The Group has increased production outputs drastically through active investment in vertical integration and production automation. Utilization of current capacity for factory space in Shunde, the PRC has further improved and production output for workers has also increased. The directors believe that there is no need for the Group to invest in construction of new factory premises and dormitory building in Shunde in the near future and propose to change the use of the unused portion of proceeds of HK\$29 million originally earmarked for the planned construction of factory in Shunde. Details of the proposed change of application of proceeds from IPO have been published by the Company's announcement dated 22 April 2004.

The remaining unutilised balance has been deposited in licensed banks in Hong Kong.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), the Group established an audit committee presently comprising two independent non-executive directors of the Company. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group.

## **CODE OF BEST PRACTICE**

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the Code of Best Practice as set out in the Listing Rules throughout the accounting period covered by the annual report, except that the independent non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for specific terms but are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

#### **AUDITORS**

Arthur Andersen & Co were appointed as auditors of the Company on 6 June 2001. Arthur Andersen & Co resigned as auditors of the Company and its subsidiaries on their own accord with effect from 14 August 2002. Charles Chan, Ip & Fung CPA Limited has been appointed to fill the casual vacancy in the office of auditors with effect from 24 January 2003.

Charles Chan, Ip & Fung CPA Limited retire and a resolution for their reappointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the board

Siu Paul Y.
Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 April 2004