

Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 30th June, 2004, none of the directors of the Company and their associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the "Scheme") was adopted at an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 23rd May, 2002 whereby the directors of the Company may invite eligible participants (including employees and directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries) to take up options to subscribe for shares of the Company. The purpose of the Scheme is to provide participants with the opportunity to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its shares for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

No share option has been granted since the adoption of the Scheme.

Further details of the Scheme were disclosed in the Group's 2003 Annual Report.

Directors' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures

At no time during the six months ended 30th June, 2004 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, and neither the directors, nor any of their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company.