

I am pleased to report that the modest economic recovery in 2004 has brought us relief from deflation and our focused strategy has enabled us to make good progress, though this has not yet been reflected in our results.

We have worked hard to reposition our company for sustainable growth. Resources were allocated to higher value added operations and the Group achieved good growth in the construction chemical and marble manufacturing and exporting businesses. We have simplified our management structure and further streamlined our back office. These initiatives enable us to operate with greater flexibility, higher efficiency and a lower overhead. Though turnover has declined to some HK\$321.2 million, increasing activity in the property market and further development in our manufacturing and exporting has positioned us for growth. The Group strengthened its financial position and achieved a small profit of HK\$2.5 million.

We are investing in proprietary businesses that we can control. As part of this development, the Group purchased 30,000 sq.m. of land in Dongguan to build a new marble factory, with expanded production capacity and sufficient land to develop further manufacturing activities as required.

In recent years, we have been very careful in cashflow management. This conservative treasury policy has enabled us to increase our cash reserve to a balance of HK\$84.4 million as at year end 2004. This gives us sufficient financial resources to participate in expected expansion opportunities.

We anticipate that the local economy will continue to recover and are focused on participating in this recovery as well as developing our newer manufacturing and exporting businesses. We have a loyal and motivated team to which we are adding skills to support this expected growth.

本人欣然宣佈，二零零四年溫和的經濟復甦使通縮壓力緩和，縱使業績尚未反映當中增長，惟本集團的專注策略確實有助取得佳績。

為取得持續增長，我們致力將本公司重新定位，投放資源於高增值業務，並於建築化學用料及雲石製造及出口業務中錄得理想增長。我們已簡化管理架構，並且進一步精簡後勤人員，致使本集團之經營成本減少，效率提升，更趨靈活。雖然營業額減少至約港幣321,200,000元，但物業市場交投增加，加上本集團的製造與出口業務進一步發展，已為本集團日後增長打好基礎。本集團繼續穩固其財務狀況，並錄得約港幣2,500,000元之輕微溢利。

我們正投資於較能控制的專營業務。作為發展之一部分，本集團已於東莞購買一幅30,000平方米之土地，用於興建新雲石廠房，以提升生產量，並提供足夠土地作持續發展。

我們近年謹慎管理現金流量，而穩健的財務政策使本集團的現金儲備結餘於二零零四年底增至約港幣84,400,000元，這些充裕的財務資源將足以支持本集團日後之發展。

我們預期本地經濟將繼續好轉，並將集中參與推動市場復甦，發展本集團的製造及出口業務。本集團擁有忠誠積極的隊伍，我們將不斷提升其技能，以配合未來的增長。