# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ARNHOLD HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the accounts on pages 30 to 85 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

# RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of accounts which give a true and fair view. In preparing accounts which give a true and fair view, it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### 致安利控股有限公司

(於百慕達註冊成立之有限公司)

#### 全體股東

本核數師已完成審核第30至85頁之賬目,該等 賬目乃按照香港普遍採納之會計原則編製。

## 董事及核數師各自之責任

編製真實兼公平之賬目乃 貴公司董事之責任。在編製該等真實兼公平之賬目時,董事必須採用適當之會計政策,並且貫徹應用該等會計政策。

本核數師之責任是根據審核之結果,對該等賬目出具獨立意見,並按照百慕達一九八一年公司法第90條僅向整體股東報告,除此之外本報告別無其他目的。本核數師不會就本報告的內容向任何其他人士負上或承擔任何責任。

## 意見之基礎

本核數師已按照香港會計師公會所頒佈之核數 準則進行審核工作。審核範圍包括以抽查方式 查核與賬目所載數額及披露事項有關之憑證, 亦包括評審董事於編製賬目時所作之重大估計 和判斷,所採用之會計政策是否適合 貴公司與 貴集團之具體情況,及有否貫徹應用並足夠披 露該等會計政策。

本核數師在策劃和進行審核工作時,均以取得 所有本核數師認為必需之資料及解釋為目標, 以便獲得充分憑證,就該等賬目是否存有重大 錯誤陳述,作出合理之確定。在作出意見時,本 核數師亦已評估該等賬目所載之資料在整體上 是否足夠。本核數師相信我們之審核工作已為 下列意見提供合理之基礎。

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS 核數師報告

### **OPINION**

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 December 2004 and of the Group's profits and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### **PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 10 March 2005

## 意見

本核數師認為,上述之賬目足以真實兼公平地顯示 貴公司與貴集團於二零零四年十二月三十一日結算時之財務狀況,及 貴集團截至該日止年度之溢利及現金流量,並按照香港公司條例之披露規定妥為編製。

### 羅兵咸永道會計師事務所

執業會計師

香港,二零零五年三月十日