

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2004

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Operating activities		
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	925,236	857,153
Adjustments for:		
– Realised and unrealised gain on investments in securities	(2,110)	(9,321)
– Dividend income from listed securities	(1,323)	(1,291)
– Interest income	(13,015)	(21,153)
– Finance costs	15,376	34,803
– Depreciation and amortisation	901,700	903,034
– Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(7,475)	(5,883)
– Share of profit of associates	(34,227)	(7,548)
– Share of profit of jointly controlled entity	(1,065)	(1,304)
Effect of foreign exchange rates	(7,538)	(8,573)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	1,775,559	1,739,917
Decrease in spare parts and stores	5,152	3,080
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	(3,162)	63,987
Decrease/(increase) in deposits and prepayments	21,664	(7,659)
Increase in property under development	(211,205)	(72,914)
Decrease in accounts payable and accruals	(34,590)	(25,289)
Increase in amounts due from associates	(993)	–
(Increase)/decrease in amount due from jointly controlled entity	(4,000)	2,051
Increase in third party claims payable	16,355	10,866
Decrease in contingency provision – insurance	(47,906)	(10,837)
(Decrease)/increase in provision for long service payments	(4,068)	4,137
Increase in employee benefit assets	(74,546)	(61,582)
Cash generated from operations	1,438,260	1,645,757
Interest received	13,161	21,849
Interest paid	(15,833)	(34,788)
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid	(144,027)	(52,342)
PRC tax paid	(1,679)	(2,085)
Net cash from operating activities	1,289,882	1,578,391

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for the year ended 31 December 2004 (continued)

	Note	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Investing activities			
Withdrawal of deposits with banks		–	12,876
Withdrawal of pledged bank deposit		100,000	–
Payment for purchase of fixed assets		(610,071)	(919,468)
Payment for non-current prepayments		(365,802)	(16,903)
Payment for advertising display panels under construction		(40,057)	–
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		9,381	6,487
Payment for purchase of associate		(127,180)	(75,500)
New loans to associates		–	(18,264)
Capital repayment from jointly controlled entity		–	273
Dividends received from associates		70	–
Dividends received from listed securities		1,323	1,291
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,032,336)	(1,009,208)
Financing activities			
Dividends paid		(830,056)	(816,800)
Proceeds from new bank loans		1,629,000	1,787,000
Repayment of bank loans		(1,471,083)	(1,365,740)
Proceeds from other unsecured loan		24,000	24,000
Repayment of other unsecured loan		(24,000)	(40,684)
Repayment to minority shareholders		(4,670)	(10,896)
Net cash used in financing activities		(676,809)	(423,120)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(419,263)	146,063
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		1,580,515	1,425,788
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		7,593	8,664
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	25	1,168,845	1,580,515

The notes on pages 102 to 126 form part of these financial statements.