# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present herewith their report and the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 14 to the financial statements. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Group's profit for the year ended 31 December 2004 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 14 to 46.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2004.

## **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A summary of the published results and assets, liabilities and minority interests of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the audited financial statements and reclassified as appropriate, is set out on page 47. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

## **FIXED ASSETS**

Details of movements in the fixed assets of the Group during the year are set out in note 13 to the financial statements.

#### SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS

Details of movements in the Company's issued share capital and share options during the year, together with the reasons therefore, are set out in notes 22 and 23 to the financial statements.

## **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

## 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 Company's listed securities during the year.

## **RESERVES**

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and of the Group during the year are set out in note 24 to the financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity, respectively.

#### **DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

At the balance sheet date, the Company's share premium account, in the amount of HK\$418,511,000, may be distributed in the form of fully paid bonus shares. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus of the Company, in the amount of HK\$88,380,000 as at 31 December 2004, is distributable to shareholders in certain circumstances, as prescribed by Section 54 thereof, which the Company is currently unable to satisfy.

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

In the year under review, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for 99% of the total sales for the year and sales to the largest customer included therein amounted to 51%. Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 91% of total purchases for the year and purchases from the largest supplier included therein amounted to 26%.

None of the directors of the Company or any of their associates or any shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any beneficial interest in the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive directors**

Mr. Lau Chi Yung, Kenneth (Chairman)
Mr. Lau Michael Kei Chi (Vice-Chairman)

Mr. Tsang Pak Chung, Eddy (resigned on 1 August 2004)
Mr. Cho Po Hong, Jimmy (resigned on 28 September 2004)

## Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Choy Tak Ho

Mr. Lo Yick Wing (appointed on 28 September 2004)
Mr. Wong Yim Sum (appointed on 28 September 2004)
Mr. Albert Thomas da Rosa, Junior (resigned on 28 September 2004)

The Company has received annual confirmation from each of the independent non-executive directors as regards their independence to the Company and considers that each of the independent non-executive directors is independent to the Company.

In accordance with the Company's bye-laws, Mr. Lau Michael Kei Chi, Mr. Choy Tak Ho, Mr. Lo Yick Wing and Mr. Wong Yim Sum will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

## **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES**

Biographical details of the directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out on pages 6 to 7 of the annual report.

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#### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

No director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

Apart from those transactions disclosed in note 25 to the financial statements, no director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any material contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company, or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries was a party during the year.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES**

As at 31 December 2004, the interests of the directors in the share capital and underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of 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 Issuers of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"), were as follows:

## Long position in ordinary shares of the Company:

Name of director	Nature of interest	Number of shares held	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Lau Chi Yung,	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62
Kenneth		(Note)	

## Long position in shares of associated corporations:

Name of director	Name of associated corporation	Relationship with the Company	<u>Shares</u>	Number of shares held	Capacity and nature of interest	Percentage of the associated corporation's issued share capital
Lau Chi Yung,	Multifield	Company's	Ordinary	2,481,424,000	Through a	59.36
Kenneth	International	intermediate	shares	(Note)	controlled	
	Holdings	holding			corporation	
	Limited	company				

Note: The above shares are ultimately controlled by Power Resources Holdings Limited, which acts as the trustee under the Power Resources Discretionary Trust, a family discretionary trust, the discretionary objects of which include Mr. Lau Chi Yung, Kenneth and his family.

The interests of the directors in the share options of the Company are separately disclosed in note 23 to the financial statements.

Other than certain nominee shares in subsidiaries held by a director in trust for the companies in the Group, no director held an interest in the share capital of the Company's subsidiaries during the year.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2004, none of the directors had registered an interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

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

Save as disclosed in the share option schemes disclosures in note 23 to the financial statements, at no time during the year were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company, or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any body corporate.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2004, the following interests of 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company were recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

## Long positions

			Percentage of
	Capacity	Number of	the Company's
	and nature	ordinary	issued share
Name	of interest	shares held	capital
Limitless Investment Limited	Directly owned	1,019,154,999	56.62
Multifield International Holdings (BVI) Limited	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62
Multifield International Holdings Limited	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62
Lucky Speculator Limited	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62
Desert Prince Limited	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62
Power Resources Holdings Limited*	Through a controlled corporation	1,019,154,999	56.62

<sup>\*</sup> Power Resources Holdings Limited was deemed to have beneficial interest in 1,019,154,999 shares of the Company by virtue of its indirect interests in Desert Prince Limited, Lucky Speculator Limited, Multifield International Holdings Limited, Multifield International Holdings (BVI) Limited and Limitless Investment Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2004, no person, other than the directors of the Company, whose interests are set out in the section "Directors' interests in shares and underlying shares" above, had registered an interest in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

Further details of the connected transactions are set out in note 25 to the financial statements.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors, at least 25% of the Company's total issued share capital was held by the public as at the date of this report.

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#### **CODE OF BEST PRACTICE**

In the opinion of the directors, the Company complied with the Code of Best Practice (the "Code"), as set out in Appendix 14 of 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 a specific term as required by paragraph 7 of the Code, but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Company's bye-laws.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the Company's code of conduct for dealings in securities of the Company by the directors. Based on specific enquiry of the Company's directors, the directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the accounting period covered by the annual report.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has an audit committee which was established in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The audit committee comprises the three independent non-executive directors of the Company.

#### **AUDITORS**

Messrs. HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng were appointed as auditors of the Company to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Messrs. Ernst & Young with effect from 27 January 2005. Save as aforesaid, there had been no other changes of the Company's auditors in the past three financial years.

A resolution for the appointment of HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng as the auditors of the Company for the ensuing year is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Lau Chi Yung, Kenneth

Chairman

Hong Kong 15 April 2005