

## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		125,491	44,208
Adjustments for:			
– Interest income		(6,244)	(2,810)
– Dividend income from non-trading listed investments		(24)	(17)
– Depreciation		94,411	77,843
– Finance costs		8,139	8,467
– Share of profits less losses of associates		(16,533)	(11,741)
– Loss on disposal of fixed assets		4,754	5
– Effect of foreign exchange rates		(17,846)	4,246
<b>Operating profit before changes in working capital</b>		<b>192,148</b>	<b>120,201</b>
Increase in properties under development		(18,648)	(72,784)
Decrease in properties held for sale		66,493	134,641
Increase in inventories		(641)	(1,109)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		28,628	(22,885)
Increase in trade and other payables		11,189	26,636
Decrease in amounts due to an affiliated company		(27,487)	(8,862)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<b>251,682</b>	<b>175,838</b>
Overseas tax paid		(3,589)	(1,453)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>248,093</b>	<b>174,385</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets		(28,279)	(79,765)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		104	–
Repayment from associates		11,144	31,332
Interest received		6,244	2,810
Dividends received from non-trading listed investments		24	17
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(10,763)</b>	<b>(45,606)</b>

## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 <b>HK\$'000</b>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Draw down of new bank loans		<b>49,507</b>	50,872
Repayment of bank loans		<b>(44,369)</b>	(40,657)
(Repayment to)/advance from minority shareholders		<b>(66,229)</b>	14,642
Interest paid		<b>(8,139)</b>	(8,467)
Dividends paid		<b>(8,505)</b>	(3,402)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders		<b>(17,781)</b>	(16,458)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(95,516)</b>	(3,470)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>141,814</b>	125,309
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>		<b>287,580</b>	162,271
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rates changes</b>		<b>15,361</b>	–
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	19	<b>444,755</b>	287,580

The notes on pages 25 to 69 form part of these financial statements.