# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. Its subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entity are principally engaged in investment holding, property investment and development, food businesses, property management, fund management, underwriting, corporate finance, securities broking, securities investment, treasury investment, money lending, banking and other related financial services.

The activities and other particulars of the principal subsidiaries, principal associates and principal jointly controlled entity are set out in the financial statements on pages 109 to 121, pages 122 to 123 and page 124, respectively.

There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

#### **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

An analysis of the Group's turnover and results by principal activity and geographical area for the year ended 31st December, 2004 is set out in Note 4 to the financial statements.

# **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The results and details of cash flows of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2004 and the state of affairs of the Group and the Company as at 31st December, 2004 are set out in the financial statements on pages 37 to 124.

No interim dividend was declared (2003 – Nil) and the Directors have resolved to recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK0.2 cent per share for the year ended 31st December, 2004 (2003 – HK0.2 cent per share). Total dividends for the year ended 31st December, 2004 will be HK0.2 cent per share (2003 – HK0.2 cent per share) amounting to approximately HK\$18,402,000 (2003 – HK\$18,402,000).

#### SUMMARY OF GROUP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the published results and of the assets, liabilities and minority interests of the Group for the last five financial years ended 31st December, 2004 is set out on page 131.

#### **GOODWILL**

Details of movements in goodwill during the year are set out in Note 17 to the financial statements.

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Details of movements in the fixed assets during the year are set out in Note 18 to the financial statements.

#### **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

Details of movements in the investment properties during the year are set out in Note 19 to the financial statements.

#### **BANK LOANS**

Details of bank loans are summarised in Note 35 to the financial statements.

# SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the share capital of the Company are set out in Note 31 to the financial statements.

#### **SHARE OPTION SCHEMES**

Details of the share option schemes of the Company and its subsidiary are set out in Note 32 to the financial statements.

# **RESERVES AND DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

Details of movements in the reserves during the year and details of the distributable reserves are set out in Note 33 to the financial statements and in the consolidated summary statement of changes in equity, respectively.

# **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Details of the significant subsequent events of the Group are set out in Note 44 to the financial statements.

# **SUBSIDIARIES**

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries are set out in the financial statements on pages 109 to 121.

# **DONATIONS**

Charitable and other donations made by the Group during the year amounted to HK\$10,562,000 (2003 – HK\$11,388,000).

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company during the year were:

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Dr. Mochtar Riady (Honorary Chairman)

Mr. Ning Gaoning

Mr. Leon Nim Leung Chan (re-designated as non-executive Director from

independent non-executive Director on 30th September, 2004)

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. James Riady (Chairman)

Mr. Stephen Riady (Deputy Chairman and Managing Director)

Mr. John Luen Wai Lee, J.P.

# **Independent non-executive Directors**

Mr. Edwin Neo

Mr. King Fai Tsui (appointed on 30th September, 2004)
Mr. Victor Ha Kuk Yung (appointed on 30th September, 2004)

In accordance with Article 110 of the Company's Articles of Association, Messrs. King Fai Tsui and Victor Ha Kuk Yung will retire from office and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

In accordance with Article 120 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Edwin Neo will retire from office by rotation and, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The Company has received from each independent non-executive Director an annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Company considers such Directors to be independent.

# BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Dr. Mochtar Riady** (also known as Dr. Lee Man Tjin), aged 75, is the founder and the Chairman of the group of companies controlled by the Riady family. Dr. Riady is the father of Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady. Dr. Riady has over 30 years' banking and financial institution experience in Indonesia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and the United States of America. He was appointed the Honorary Chairman of the Company in 1992. He is also the Chairman of Hongkong Chinese Limited ("HCL") and a director of Lippo Cayman Limited ("Lippo Cayman") and Lippo Capital Limited ("Lippo Capital"). Details of the interests of Dr. Mochtar Riady in the Company are disclosed in the section headed "Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and associated corporations".

#### BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Mr. James Riady, aged 48, is the Deputy Chairman of the group of companies controlled by the Riady family. Mr. Riady is a son of Dr. Mochtar Riady and a brother of Mr. Stephen Riady. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Melbourne, Australia. He was appointed the Chairman of the Company in 1992. He is also the Executive Chairman of Auric Pacific Group Limited ("APG"). Details of the interests of Mr. James Riady in the Company are disclosed in the section headed "Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and associated corporations".

Mr. Stephen Riady, aged 44, has been the Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Company since 1992. Mr. Riady is a son of Dr. Mochtar Riady and a brother of Mr. James Riady. He is also the Chairman of Lippo Limited ("Lippo"), the Group Managing Director of APG and a director of HCL, Lanius Limited, Lippo Cayman, Lippo Capital, First Tower Corporation ("First Tower") and Skyscraper Realty Limited. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California and holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration from Napier University in the United Kingdom. Mr. Riady is a banker by profession, with over 15 years' experience in retail, commercial and merchant banking in North America and in the Southeast Asian region. Details of the interests of Mr. Stephen Riady in the Company are disclosed in the section headed "Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and associated corporations".

**Mr. Ning Gaoning**, aged 46, was appointed a Director of the Company in December 1998. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Shandong University in China and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Pittsburgh in the United States of America. Mr. Ning is currently the Chairman of China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Corporation and COFCO International Limited, and a director of BOC International Holdings Limited as well as a non-executive Director of SABMiller plc. He is also the Chairman of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited ("HKBLA").

Mr. John Luen Wai Lee, J.P., aged 56, was appointed a Director of the Company in 1992. Mr. Lee is also the Managing Director of Lippo and a director of HCL, First Tower and APG. He is an independent non-executive director of New World Development Company Limited and New World China Land Limited. He is a qualified accountant and was a partner of one of the leading international accounting firms in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in corporate finance and capital markets. Mr. Lee holds public and community appointments in a number of boards and committees including the Broadcasting Authority, the Appeal Board on Closure Orders (Immediate Health Hazard), the Council of the City University of Hong Kong, the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal Panel and the Hospital Authority.

#### BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Mr. Leon Nim Leung Chan, aged 49, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company in 1997 and was re-designated as a non-executive Director of the Company in September 2004. He is a practising lawyer and presently the principal partner of Messrs. Y.T. Chan & Co. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1980 and is a member of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. Mr. Chan was also admitted as a solicitor in England in 1984 and in Victoria, Australia in 1985. He is also a non-executive director of Lippo, HCL and HKBLA and an independent non-executive director of APG.

**Mr. Edwin Neo**, aged 55, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company in March 2002. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1976 and of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1993. Mr. Neo is a practising lawyer and a notary public and is presently the sole proprietor of Hoosenally & Neo, Solicitors & Notaries. He is also an independent non-executive director of Lippo.

Mr. King Fai Tsui, aged 55, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company in September 2004. Mr. Tsui is the managing director of a financial services company in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience in finance, management and investment management, particularly in investments in Mainland China. He worked for two leading audit firms in the United States of America and Hong Kong and served in various public listed companies in Hong Kong in a senior capacity. He graduated from the University of Houston, Texas, the United States of America and holds a Master of Science in Accounting degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with first class honours. Mr. Tsui is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the finance committee of the Construction Industry Training Authority in Hong Kong. Mr. Tsui is also an independent non-executive director of Lippo, HCL, HKBLA and AcrossAsia Limited.

Mr. Victor Ha Kuk Yung, aged 51, was appointed an independent non-executive Director of the Company in September 2004. Mr. Yung is a professional accountant with over 30 years of working experience in the financial and accounting fields, and has served in management positions in various multinational companies in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Taiwan and Singapore. He has also sat on the boards of several listed companies in Hong Kong and Singapore as their independent director and member of the audit committees. He is an independent non-executive director of Wanji Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited. He was appointed a member of the listings sub-committee of the Stock Exchange of Singapore from 1998 to 1999. Mr. Yung is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of the United Kingdom. He is also an independent non-executive director of Lippo, HCL and HKBLA.

# **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES' EMOLUMENTS**

Details of the emoluments of the Directors and the five highest paid individuals in the Group are set out in Notes 8 and 9 to the financial statements, respectively.

As at 31st December, 2004, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares and underlying shares of the Company or any of 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 under 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 under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Model Code"), were as follows:

# 1. Interests in shares of the Company and associated corporations

	Personal				Approximate
	interest	Family			percentage of
	(held as	interest			total interests
	beneficial	(interest of			in the issued
Name of Director	owner)	spouse)	Other interests	Total interests	share capital
Number of ordinary shares					
of HK\$0.10 each in the Cor	mpany				
Mochtar Riady	_	-	6,544,696,389	6,544,696,389	71.13
			Notes (i) and (ii)		
James Riady	_	-	6,544,696,389	6,544,696,389	71.13
			Notes (i) and (ii)		
Stephen Riady	_	_	6,544,696,389	6,544,696,389	71.13
			Notes (i) and (ii)		
Number of ordinary shares					
of HK\$0.10 each in Lippo L	imited ("Lippo")				
Mochtar Riady	_	_	248,697,776	248,697,776	57.34
			Note (i)		
James Riady	_	_	248,697,776	248,697,776	57.34
			Note (i)		
Stephen Riady	_	_	248,697,776	248,697,776	57.34
•			Note (i)		
John Luen Wai Lee	825,000	-	-	825,000	0.19

### 1. Interests in shares of the Company and associated corporations (Continued)

Name of Director	Personal interest (held as beneficial owner)	Family interest (interest of spouse)	Other interests	Total interests	Approximate percentage of total interests in the issued share capital
Number of ordinary shares					
of HK\$1.00 each in Hongko	ng Chinese Limited	("HCL")			
Mochtar Riady	-	_	973,240,440	973,240,440	72.26
			Notes (i), (ii) and (iii)		
James Riady	_	_	973,240,440	973,240,440	72.26
			Notes (i), (ii) and (iii)		
Stephen Riady	_	_	973,240,440	973,240,440	72.26
			Notes (i), (ii) and (iii)		
John Luen Wai Lee	200	200	-	400	0.00
King Fai Tsui	-	50,000	-	50,000	0.00

#### Note:

- (i) As at 31st December, 2004, Lippo Cayman Limited ("Lippo Cayman"), an associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) of the Company, and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Lippo Capital Limited, J & S Company Limited and Huge Returns Limited, was directly and indirectly interested in an aggregate of 248,697,776 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in, representing approximately 57.34 per cent. of, the issued share capital of Lippo. Lanius Limited ("Lanius"), an associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) of the Company, was the registered shareholder of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$1.00 each in, representing 100 per cent. of, the issued share capital of Lippo Cayman. Lanius was the trustee of a discretionary trust, of which Dr. Mochtar Riady is the founder and in accordance with whose instructions Lanius was accustomed to act. Dr. Mochtar Riady did not have any interests in the share capital of Lanius. The beneficiaries of the trust included Dr. Mochtar Riady, Mr. James Riady, Mr. Stephen Riady and their respective family members including, inter alia, the minor children of each of Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady. Dr. Mochtar Riady, as the founder and beneficiary of the trust, and Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady (together with their minor children), as beneficiaries of the trust, were taken to be interested in Lippo Cayman under the SFO.
- (ii) As at 31st December, 2004, Lippo was indirectly interested in 6,544,696,389 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in, representing approximately 71.13 per cent. of, the issued share capital of the Company.
- (iii) As at 31st December, 2004, the Company was directly and indirectly interested in an aggregate of 973,240,440 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each in, representing approximately 72.26 per cent. of, the issued share capital of HCL.

# 1. Interests in shares of the Company and associated corporations (Continued)

As at 31st December, 2004, Dr. Mochtar Riady, as the founder and beneficiary of the aforesaid discretionary trust, and Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady (together with their minor children), as beneficiaries of the aforesaid discretionary trust, through their interests in Lippo Cayman as mentioned in Note (i) above, were also taken to be interested in the share capital of the following associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) of the Company:

Approximate

			Approximate
			percentage of
Name of		Number of	interest in the issued
associated corporation	Class of shares	shares interested	share capital
Abital Trading Pte. Limited	Ordinary shares	2	100
AcrossAsia Multimedia Limited	Ordinary shares	3,669,576,788	72.45
(now known as AcrossAsia Limited)		(Note a)	
Actfield Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Boudry Limited	Ordinary shares	1,000	100
Congrad Holdings Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Cyport Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
East Winds Food Pte Ltd.	Ordinary shares	400,000	88.88
		(Note b)	
First Bond Holdings Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
First Tower Corporation	Ordinary shares	1	100
		(Note c)	
Glory Power Worldwide Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Grandhill Asia Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Grand Peak Investment Limited	Ordinary shares	2	100
Honix Holdings Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Huge Returns Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
J & S Company Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Lippo Assets (International) Limited	Ordinary shares	1,000,000	100
	Non-voting	15,000,000	100
	deferred shares		
Lippo Capital Limited	Ordinary shares	705,690,000	100
Lippo Energy Company N.V.	Ordinary shares	6,000	100
Lippo Finance Limited	Ordinary shares	6,176,470	82.35
Lippo Holding America Inc.	Ordinary shares	1	100

# 1. Interests in shares of the Company and associated corporations (Continued)

			Approximate percentage of interest in
Name of		Number of	the issued
associated corporation	Class of shares	shares interested	share capital
Lippo Holding Company Limited	Ordinary shares	2,500,000	100
	Non-voting	7,500,000	100
	deferred shares		
Lippo Investments Limited	Ordinary shares	2	100
Lippo Leisure Holdings Limited	Ordinary shares	2	100
Lippo Realty Limited	Ordinary shares	2	100
Multi-World Builders &	Ordinary shares	4,080	51
Development Corporation			
Nelton Limited	Ordinary shares	10,000	100
Pointbest Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
SCR Ltd.	Ordinary shares	1	100
Sinotrend Global Holdings Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100
Skyscraper Realty Limited	Ordinary shares	10	100
		(Note d)	
The HCB General Investment	Ordinary shares	70,000	70
(Singapore) Pte Ltd.			
("HCB General")			
The Hong Kong Building and	Ordinary shares	168,313,038	74.80
Loan Agency Limited		(Note e)	
Valencia Development Limited	Ordinary shares	800,000	100
	Non-voting	200,000	100
	deferred shares		
Welux Limited	Ordinary shares	1	100

### 1. Interests in shares of the Company and associated corporations (Continued)

#### Note:

- a. The interests included 219,600,000 ordinary shares held by Mideast Pacific Strategic Holdings Limited in which Lippo Cayman controlled a 30 per cent. interest.
- b. The interests were held by HCB General, a 70 per cent. owned subsidiary of Lippo Cayman.
- c. The interest was held by Lippo, a 57.34 per cent. owned subsidiary of Lippo Cayman.
- d. The interests were held through Lippo, a 57.34 per cent. owned subsidiary of Lippo Cayman.
- e. The interests were held through the Company, a 71.13 per cent. owned subsidiary of Lippo which in turn was a 57.34 per cent. owned subsidiary of Lippo Cayman.

As at 31st December, 2004, each of Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady, as beneficial owners, through their respective nominees, was interested in 5 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each in, representing 25 per cent. of, the issued share capital of Lanius which was the registered shareholder of 10,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$1.00 each in, representing 100 per cent. of, the issued share capital of Lippo Cayman. Lanius was the trustee of a discretionary trust, of which Dr. Mochtar Riady is the founder and beneficiary. The beneficiaries of the trust also included, inter alia, Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady and their minor children. Dr. Mochtar Riady did not have any interests in the share capital of Lanius but the shareholders of Lanius were accustomed to act in accordance with his instructions.

As at 31st December, 2004, Mr. John Luen Wai Lee, as a beneficial owner, was also interested in 230,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in, representing approximately 0.0045 per cent. of, the issued share capital of AcrossAsia Multimedia Limited (now known as AcrossAsia Limited), an associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) of the Company.

# 2. Interests in underlying shares of the Company

		Number of underlying shares		
	Capacity and	of HK\$0.10 each in respect of which options	Approximate percentage of the issued	
Name of Director	nature of interest	have been granted *	share capital	
John Luen Wai Lee	Personal (held as beneficial owner)	9,000,000	0.09	

The options were granted on 23rd June, 1997 at a consideration of HK\$1.00 per grantee under the Share Option Scheme for Employees adopted by the Company (the "Share Option Scheme"). Such options vested after two months from the date when the options were deemed to be granted and accepted and are exercisable from 23rd August, 1997 to 23rd June, 2007 in accordance with the rules of the Share Option Scheme to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company at an initial exercise price of HK\$5.30 per share (subject to adjustment). Pursuant to the bonus issue of new shares in the ratio of one for one in October 1997, the rights issue of new shares in July 1999 on the basis of one rights share for every one share held and the rights issue of new shares in November 2000 on the basis of one rights share for every two shares held, the holder of each option is entitled to subscribe for six ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company at an exercise price of HK\$0.883 per share (subject to adjustment). None of the options were exercised by the above Director during the year and the quantity of options held by the above Director as at 1st January, 2004 and 31st December, 2004 remained unchanged.

The above interest in the underlying shares of the Company was held pursuant to unlisted physically settled equity derivatives. As at 31st December, 2004, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests in the underlying shares in respect of cash settled or other equity derivatives of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

Certain Directors have non-beneficial personal equity interests in certain subsidiaries of the Company held for the benefit of the Group solely for the purpose of holding the requisite qualifying shares.

All the interests stated above represent long positions. Save as disclosed herein, as at 31st December, 2004, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be recorded in the register kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

Save as disclosed herein, as at 31st December, 2004, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company nor their spouses or minor children (natural or adopted), were granted or had exercised any rights to subscribe for any equity or debt securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

# ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed herein, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries, holding companies or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable a Director of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

# INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ORDINANCE

As at 31st December, 2004, so far as is known to the Directors of the Company, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") as follows:

# Interests of substantial shareholders in shares of the Company

		Approximate
	Number of	percentage
	ordinary shares	of the issued
Name	of HK\$0.10 each	share capital
Lippo Limited ("Lippo")	6,544,696,389	71.13
Lippo Cayman Limited ("Lippo Cayman")	6,544,696,389	71.13
Lanius Limited ("Lanius")	6,544,696,389	71.13
Madam Lidya Suryawaty	6,544,696,389	71.13

# INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ORDINANCE (Continued)

### Interests of substantial shareholders in shares of the Company (Continued)

#### Note:

- 1. 6,544,696,389 ordinary shares of the Company were held by Skyscraper Realty Limited directly as beneficial owner which in turn was a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Tower Corporation ("First Tower"). First Tower was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lippo. Lippo Cayman, and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Lippo Capital Limited (which owned approximately 50.47 per cent. interest of the issued share capital of Lippo), J & S Company Limited and Huge Returns Limited, was directly and indirectly interested in approximately 57.34 per cent. of the issued share capital of Lippo.
- 2. Lanius was the registered shareholder of the entire issued share capital of Lippo Cayman and was the trustee of a discretionary trust, of which Dr. Mochtar Riady is the founder and in accordance with whose instructions Lanius was accustomed to act. The beneficiaries of the trust included Dr. Mochtar Riady and his family members. Madam Lidya Suryawaty is the spouse of Dr. Mochtar Riady. Dr. Mochtar Riady was not the registered holder of any shares in the issued share capital of Lanius.
- 3. Lippo's interests in the shares of the Company were recorded as the interests of Lippo Cayman, Lanius and Madam Lidya Suryawaty. The above ordinary shares in the Company related to the same block of shares that Dr. Mochtar Riady, Messrs. James Riady and Stephen Riady were interested, details of which are disclosed in the above section headed "Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and associated corporations".

All the interests stated above represent long positions. Save as disclosed herein, as at 31st December, 2004, none of the substantial shareholders or other persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

During the year and up to the date of this report, the following Director was considered to have interests in the businesses which competed or were likely to compete with the businesses of the Group pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") as set out below.

Mr. Ning Gaoning ("Mr. Ning") was also the Vice Chairman and President of China Resources (Holdings) Company Limited ("CRH") which, through its subsidiaries, is partly engaged in the businesses of property investment and development, food businesses and power generators in the People's Republic of China ("China"). Mr. Ning was also the Deputy Chairman of China Vanke Co., Ltd. ("CVC") which is mainly engaged in the business of property development in China. On 28th December, 2004, Mr. Ning resigned as Vice Chairman and President of CRH. Also, on 31st January, 2005, Mr. Ning resigned as Deputy Chairman of CVC.

As the Board of Directors of the Company was independent from the board of the aforesaid companies and the above Director does not control the Board of the Company, the Group was capable of carrying the businesses independently and of arm's length from the businesses of such companies.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the Directors of the Company are considered to have interests in any business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group pursuant to the Listing Rules.

# DIRECTORS' AND CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST IN CONTRACTS

Connected transactions and/or continuing connected transactions disclosed in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") are as follows:

- (A) On 16th December, 2002, the following tenancy agreements (the "Tenancy Agreements") were entered into between the group companies in respect of the letting of office premises:
  - (1) a tenancy agreement was entered into between Superform Investment Limited ("Superform"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Lippo Limited ("Lippo"), an intermediate holding company of the Company, pursuant to which Superform agreed to let to Lippo a portion of 24th Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 11,028 square feet, for a term of two years from 1st January, 2003 to 31st December, 2004, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$176,448, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals;

- a tenancy agreement was entered into between Prime Power Investment Limited ("Prime Power"), a wholly-owned subsidiary the Company, and Lippo Securities Holdings Limited ("Lippo Securities Holdings"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hongkong Chinese Limited ("HCL") which in turn is a subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to which Prime Power agreed to let to Lippo Securities Holdings Rooms 2302-2306, 23rd Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 12,038 square feet, for a term of two years from 18th January, 2003 to 17th January, 2005, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$192,608, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals;
- (3) a tenancy agreement was entered into between Porbandar Limited ("Porbandar"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and HCL, pursuant to which Porbandar agreed to let to HCL a portion of Room 4301, 43rd Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 3,676 square feet, for a term of two years from 16th September, 2002 to 15th September, 2004, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$60,654, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals;
- (4) a tenancy agreement was entered into between Porbandar and ImPac Asset Management (HK) Limited ("ImPac"), now a wholly-owned subsidiary of HCL, pursuant to which Porbandar agreed to let to ImPac a portion of Room 4301, 43rd Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 1,203 square feet, for a term of two years from 12th August, 2002 to 11th August, 2004, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$19,368, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals; and
- (5) a tenancy agreement was entered into between Prime Power and The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited ("HKBLA"), a subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to which Prime Power agreed to let to HKBLA a portion of Room 2301, 23rd Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 3,316 square feet, for a term of two years from 1st February, 2003 to 31st January, 2005, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$55,709, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals.

Pursuant to the waiver granted by the Stock Exchange in February 2003, the independent non-executive Directors have confirmed that (i) the above tenancies were entered into in accordance with the terms of the relevant Tenancy Agreements by the relevant parties in the ordinary and usual course of their business; (ii) the above tenancies were undertaken on normal commercial terms and on terms that were fair and reasonable so far as the shareholders of the Company were concerned; and (iii) each of the rentals paid in respect of each of the Tenancy Agreements for the year did not exceed the cap amounts as stated in the above waiver. The auditors of the Company have also confirmed that (i) the Tenancy Agreements have received the approval of the relevant boards of directors; (ii) the Tenancy Agreements are in accordance with the pricing policies stated in the financial statements of the Company; (iii) the above tenancies were entered into in accordance with the terms of the Tenancy Agreements; and (iv) the rentals paid did not exceed the rentals as agreed in the Tenancy Agreements.

(B) As a result of the completion (the "Completion") on 1st December, 2003 (the "Completion Date") of the acquisition (the "Acquisitions") of (i) 70 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of each of Auric Chun Yip Sdn. Bhd. ("ACY", formerly known as Elegant Logistics Sdn. Bhd.) and Auric Pacific Food Processing Sdn. Bhd. ("APFP", formerly known as Starry Delight Sdn. Bhd.) pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 4th November, 2003 entered into between Chun Yip Trading Sdn. Bhd. ("CYT") and Sunbeam Food Sdn. Bhd. ("SFSB", together with CYT, collectively referred to as the "Malaysian Vendors") as the vendors and Auric Pacific (M) Sdn. Bhd. ("APM"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Auric Pacific Group Limited ("APG") which in turn is a subsidiary of the Company, as the purchaser; and (ii) 75 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of Chunex Pte. Ltd. ("Chunex") pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 4th November, 2003 entered into between Les Fromage Pte. Ltd. (formerly known Chunex Trading Company Pte. Ltd.) as the vendor and APG Foods Pte. Limited ("APF"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of APG, as the purchaser, the following agreements and/or transactions constituted connected transactions and/or continuing connected transactions of the Company (as the case may be):

(1) Trading arrangements were entered into between Chunex and Auric Pacific Marketing Pte. Ltd. ("APM(S)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of APG (the "Chunex Arrangements"), details of which are as follows:

Partie	S		
Buyer	Seller	Description of Transactions	Products
Chunex	APM(S)	Chunex buys from APM(S) from time to time to resell, hence helping to enlarge the distribution of APM(S) products and strengthen Chunex's offerings to customers with a wider range of products	General foodstuff including jam
APM(S)	Chunex	Chunex may sell to APM(S) as and when need arises	General foodstuff

After Completion, the Chunex Arrangements constituted connected transactions under rule 14.23(1)(a) of the Listing Rules prior to the changes to such rules announced by the Stock Exchange on 30th January, 2004 becoming effective on 31st March, 2004 ("Previous Rules") by virtue of:

- (i) Chunex being an indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and Mr. Wong Ah Kwong (also known as Wong Choon Kong) ("Mr. Wong Senior") continues to hold, after Completion and through SW Investments Holdings Pte. Ltd. ("SWIPL") (a company of which Mr. Wong Tziak Yoong (also known as Wang Tziak Yoong) ("Mr. Sean Wong"), his son, is the trustee and a wholly-owned subsidiary of SFSB), the remaining 25 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of Chunex;
- (ii) Mr. Wong Senior is the controlling shareholder of the Malaysian Vendors, which after Completion until 7th December, 2004 (the "Changed Shareholding Date"), being the date on which SFSB's shareholding interests in each of ACY and APFP was reduced from 30 per cent. to 25 per cent. (the "Changed Shareholding"), held the remaining 30 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of ACY and APFP; and
- (iii) Mr. Wong Senior is the father of Mr. Sean Wong who in turn holds the directorships in ACY, APFP and Chunex.

The Chunex Arrangements however ceased to constitute connected transactions on 31st March, 2004, being the date on which the Previous Rules ceased to be effective and rule 14A.11(5) of the Listing Rules came into effect resulting in Chunex no longer constituting a connected person of the Company as a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as only 25 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of Chunex is held by Mr. Wong Senior through his associate, SWIPL and each of Mr. Wong Senior and Mr. Sean Wong is only a connected person of the Company at the level of its subsidiaries.

The transactions entered into under the Chunex Arrangements for the period from 1st January, 2004 to 30th March, 2004 amounted to \$\$3,600 (equivalent to approximately HK\$17,000).

(2) (a) Trading arrangements were entered into between ACY, APFP and Chunex (the "Trading Arrangements"), details of which are as follows:

Parties		es		
	Buyer	Seller	Description of Transactions	Products
	ACY	APFP	APFP sells to ACY for resale	Margarine and butter products
	APFP	ACY	ACY sells to APFP for resale	ACY imports raw ingredients and sells to APFP including anhydrous milk fat, milk powder, etc.
	Chunex	ACY	Chunex may buy from ACY from time to time, usually when Chunex is facing stock-out and needs to replenish stock from ACY or when Chunex does not carry certain products customers require	General foodstuff
	ACY	Chunex	ACY buys from Chunex from time to time usually when ACY is out of stock and needs to replenish stock from Chunex	General foodstuff

The transactions entered into under the Trading Arrangements for the period from 1st January, 2004 to the Changed Shareholding Date amounted to approximately HK\$3,922,000.

(b) A distribution agreement dated 17th January, 2005 was entered into between APM as the principal, and ACY as the distributor (the "Distribution Agreement") relating to the appointment of ACY as a distributor of APM for the resale of certain of its food products in Malaysia, for a term of three years with effect from the Completion Date unless terminated by APM.

Each purchase order from ACY will be made with the price determined by APM's price list in respect of the relevant products from time to time on normal commercial terms. There is no other fee payable to ACY as regard its appointment as APM's distributor. The terms of the Distribution Agreement have been arrived at between parties after arm's length negotiations and the transactions contemplated therein (including terms as regards the payment method and credit periods for the relevant products) have been, and will be, conducted on normal commercial terms.

ACY's purchases under the Distribution Agreement for the period from 1st January, 2004 to the Changed Shareholding Date amounted to approximately RM13,820,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$27,640,000).

(c) A manufacturing agreement dated 17th January, 2005 was entered into between APM and APM(S) as the purchaser and APFP as the manufacturer (the "Manufacturing Agreement") relating to the appointment of APFP to manufacture, pack and deliver certain dairy spread products for APM and APM(S), for a term of three years with effect from 1st December, 2003 unless terminated by APM and APM(S).

The price for the products manufactured and supplied to APM and APM(S) will be calculated based on a formula referring to the cost of materials and contract manufacturing fee, such formulae may be varied on a quarterly basis to be agreed between parties. The terms of the Manufacturing Agreement have been arrived at between parties after arms length negotiations and the transactions contemplated therein (including terms as regards the payment method and credit periods for the relevant products) have been, and will be, conducted on normal commercial terms.

The transactions entered into pursuant to the Manufacturing Agreement for the period from 1st January, 2004 to the Changed Shareholding Date amounted to approximately HK\$14,863,000.

The Trading Arrangements, the Distribution Agreement and the Manufacturing Agreement constituted connected transactions after Completion up to the Changed Shareholding Date by virtue of the counterparties to the Trading Arrangements (namely, ACY and APFP), the Distribution Agreement and the Manufacturing Agreement being associates of Mr. Wong Senior and Mr. Sean Wong (as applicable) under the Listing Rules as:

- (i) ACY, APFP and Chunex became indirect non wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company after Completion;
- (ii) Mr. Wong Senior is the controlling shareholder of the Malaysian Vendors which after Completion until the Changed Shareholding Date, held the remaining 30 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of ACY and APFP. After the Changed Shareholding Date, the Malaysian Vendors' shareholding interests in each of ACY and APFP has been reduced to 25 per cent. of their respective total issued share capital which resulted in ACY and APFP ceasing to be an associate of a connected person of the Company (as such terms are defined in the Listing Rules) and therefore ceased to constitute a connected person;
- (iii) Mr. Wong Senior continues to hold, after Completion and through SWIPL, the remaining 25 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of Chunex; and
- (iv) Mr. Sean Wong was appointed a director of ACY, APFP and Chunex after Completion, and he in turn is the trustee of SWIPL which is interested in the remaining 25 per cent. of the total issued and paid up capital of Chunex and Mr. Wong Senior is the father of Mr. Sean Wong and therefore, would also be considered as an associate of a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

The transactions contemplated under the Trading Arrangements, the Distribution Agreement and the Manufacturing Agreement constituted non-exempt connected transactions. However, after the Changed Shareholding Date and upon completion of the Changed Shareholding whereby SFSB's shareholding interest in each of ACY and APFP decreased from 30 per cent. to 25 per cent., neither of ACY nor APFP constituted associates of a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules as a result of the Changed Shareholding. Accordingly, such transactions entered into pursuant to the Trading Arrangements, the Distribution Agreement and the Manufacturing Agreement ceased to constitute connected transactions under the Listing Rules after the Changed Shareholding Date.

- (3) (a) A tenancy agreement dated 4th November, 2003 was entered into between ACY as the tenant and Mr. Wong Senior as the landlord (the "First ACY Tenancy Agreement") relating to the lease of a property located at 21 Jalan Mutiara Emas 7/2, Taman Mount Austin, 81100 Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia for use as a warehouse, with a gross floor area of approximately 2,400 square feet, for a period of three years commencing from 1st December, 2003 at a monthly rental of RM2,800 (equivalent to approximately HK\$5,600) with an option for ACY to renew the lease for a further three years after expiry of the initial three year term subject to rent payable at the prevailing market value of similar properties which shall not exceed 10 per cent. over and above the existing rent.
  - (b) A tenancy agreement dated 4th November, 2003 was entered into between ACY as the tenant and Chun Yip Realty Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of CYT, as the landlord (the "Second ACY Tenancy Agreement") relating to the lease of a property located at lot 35, Jalan Delima 1/3, Subang Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Batu Tiga, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia for use as a factory with office premises, with a gross floor area of approximately 33,867 square feet, for a period of three years commencing from 1st December, 2003 at a monthly rental of RM37,253.70 (equivalent to approximately HK\$74,507) with an option for ACY to renew the lease for a further three years after expiry of the initial three year term subject to rent payable at the prevailing market value of similar properties which shall not exceed 10 per cent. over and above the existing rent.
  - (c) A tenancy agreement dated 4th November, 2003 was entered into between APFP as the tenant and Hamildon Sdn. Bhd. ("HSB"), a subsidiary of CYT, as the landlord (the "APFP Tenancy Agreement") relating to the lease of a property located at 6 Lorong SS 13/3F, Off Jalan SS 13/3, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia for use as a factory, with a gross floor area of 8,221 square feet, and which is required for the business operations of APFP after Completion, for a period of two years commencing from 1st December, 2003 at a monthly rental of RM6,165.75 (equivalent to approximately HK\$12,332) with an option for APFP to renew the lease for a further two years after expiry of the initial two year term subject to rent payable at the prevailing market value of similar properties which shall not exceed 10 per cent. over and above the existing rent.

The monthly rentals payable under the First ACY Tenancy Agreement, the Second ACY Tenancy Agreement and the APFP Tenancy Agreement were arrived at after arm's length negotiations between the relevant parties on normal commercial terms and was determined by reference to such negotiations and prevailing market rents in respect of similar properties in similar locations and uses as provided by independent property valuers.

(4) Ongoing trading arrangements were entered into between (i) HSB, Kungsing Pte. Ltd. ("KPL"), 27 per cent. and approximately 15.65 per cent. beneficially owned by CTC and Mr. Wong Senior respectively, Chun Yip Bakery Mart Sdn. Bhd. ("CYBM"), a subsidiary of CYT; and (ii) ACY, Chunex and APM(S) (as the case may be) (the "Ongoing Arrangements"), details of which are as follows:

Ongoing Arrangements where subsidiaries of APG are buyers:

Parties			
Buyer	Seller	Description of Transactions	Products
ACY	HSB	ACY buys from HSB and resells to customers	Cake cases-packaging for cake and pastry items
ACY	KPL	KPL sells to ACY for resale	General foodstuff, mainly baking ingredients

Ongoing Arrangements where subsidiaries of APG are sellers:

Parties			
Buyer	Seller	Description of Transactions	Products
СҮВМ	ACY	ACY sells a range of baking ingredients to CYBM, a retailer in baking ingredients to housewives and petty traders	Comprehensive range of baking ingredients including cake mixes, sultanas, flavour and colours, dairy products, yeast and baking powder
KPL	ACY	ACY sells to KPL for resale	General foodstuff, mainly baking ingredients
KPL	Chunex	Chunex sells to KPL as it uses the latter as a wholesaler for its ingredient business	General foodstuff including baking powder, dried fruits, cherries and dairy products
KPL	APM(S)	APM(S) sells to KPL as it uses the latter as a wholesaler for its ingredient business	General foodstuff including baking powder, dried fruits, cherries and dairy products

A standard supply agreement has been entered into on 17th January, 2005 between each of the buying and selling parties set out above in relation to the Ongoing Arrangements for a fixed period of three years commencing on 1st December, 2003, unless terminated by the relevant parties by giving written notice to the other of the relevant agreement with varying written notice periods as regards each relevant supply agreement. The relevant buyer may provide the relevant seller with forecasts for a fixed period as to its requirements for each of the products specified under the relevant supply agreement on its date of commencement and on each anniversary of such date for information purposes only, where required to do so by the relevant seller. The relevant parties may by agreement in writing vary the products and its specifications under the standard supply agreement. Orders for the products will be placed on as "as needed" basis on standard terms and conditions of sale.

The price of the products are specified in each standard supply agreement and determined by reference to the quantity, price and specifications of the relevant products from time to time but may be changed upon mutual agreement between the relevant parties.

The aggregate values of transactions entered into in respect of the Ongoing Arrangements for the year ended 31st December, 2004 were as follows:

Ongoing Arrangements where subsidiaries of APG are buyers

equivalent to approximately HK\$413,000

Ongoing Arrangements where subsidiaries of APG are sellers

equivalent to approximately HK\$4,412,000

(5) A consultancy agreement dated 4th November, 2003 was entered into between ACY and SFSB in respect of the non-exclusive provision of consultancy services by Mr. Wong Senior as the designated consultant of SFSB to ACY for a period from 1st December, 2003 to 31st December, 2005 at a monthly fee of RM26,300 (equivalent to approximately HK\$52,600) together with any incidental expenses incurred. The monthly consultancy fees payable by ACY were arrived at after arm's length negotiations between ACY and SFSB on commercial terms by reference to the services to be provided by SFSB to ACY to facilitate the smooth transition of the businesses transferred to the APG group from the CYT group after the Completion and to tap the experience with which SFSB has had in the business of ACY, APFP and Chunex. As a result of the entering into of the above consultancy agreement, a trust and confidence agreement dated 4th November, 2003 was entered into between ACY and Mr. Wong Senior whereby any inventions created by Mr. Wong Senior and all intellectual rights in such invention shall belong to ACY. Mr. Wong Senior will be subject to non-competition provisions during the term of the above consultancy agreement. Non-solicitation and non-competition provisions will also be applicable at any time after termination of such agreement in any place within Malaysia, Singapore or any other country in which the APG group has operations from time to time. However, such noncompetition provisions may not apply if ACY's prior written consent have been obtained to waive such provisions and the relevant country is not Malaysia or Singapore. Furthermore, the term of the above trust and confidence agreement shall remain effective for the duration of the consultancy agreement and until the expiry of two years after the date on which SFSB shall cease to be engaged as a consultant to ACY under such consultancy agreement (the "Consultancy Arrangements").

(Chunex Arrangements, Trading Arrangements, Distribution Agreement, Manufacturing Agreement, First ACY Tenancy Agreement, Second ACY Tenancy Agreement, APFP Tenancy Agreement, Ongoing Arrangements and Consultancy Arrangements, collectively referred to as the "Aggregate Connected Transactions").

The independent non-executive Directors have confirmed that the Aggregate Connected Transactions have been entered into (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (ii) on normal commercial terms or on terms no less favourable to the Group than terms available to or from independent third parties; and (iii) in accordance with the above relevant agreements on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole. The auditors of the Company have also confirmed that (i) the Aggregate Connected Transactions have received the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company; (ii) the transactions pertaining to the Aggregate Connected Transactions were entered into in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements and (iii) where applicable, the pricing policies of the Group; and (iv) the Aggregate Connected Transactions did not exceed the caps as disclosed in the announcement dated 25th January, 2005.

- (C) Prior to the changes to the Listing Rules which became effective on 31st March, 2004, the following loans were provided:
  - (1) On 5th January, 2004, a loan agreement was made between APF and Chunex in respect of a shareholder's loan in the principal sum of S\$1,500,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,844,000) advanced to Chunex by APF in proportion to APF's interest in Chunex for its working capital. The shareholder's loan is unsecured, carries interest at a rate of 4 per cent. per annum and has no fixed term of repayment. SWIPL, holding the remaining interest in Chunex, also provided proportionate shareholder's loan to Chunex with the same terms as APF.
  - (2) (i) On 7th January, 2004, APM advanced a shareholder's loan in the principal sum of RM8,400,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$17,160,000) to ACY, in proportion to APM's interest in ACY for its working capital. The shareholder's loan is unsecured and has no fixed term of repayment. The shareholder's loan is currently interest-free until and unless mutually agreed between APM and ACY.
    - (ii) On 7th January, 2004, APM advanced a shareholder's loan in the principal sum of RM2,520,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$5,148,000) to APFP, in proportion to APM's interest in APFP for its working capital. The shareholder's loan is unsecured and has no fixed term of repayment. The shareholder's loan is currently interest-free until and unless mutually agreed between APM and APFP.

SFSB, holding the remaining interest in ACY and APFP, also provided proportionate shareholder's loan to each of ACY and APFP with the same terms as provided by APM.

Save as disclosed herein and in Note 43 to the financial statements, there were no other contracts of significance in relation to the Company's business, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries, holding companies or fellow subsidiaries was a party, subsisting at the end of the year or at any time during the year, and in which a Director or the controlling shareholders or any of their respective subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, had a material interest.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, a tenancy agreement dated 10th January, 2005 was entered into between Superform and Lippo pursuant to which Superform agreed to let to Lippo a portion of 24th Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, 89 Queensway, Hong Kong, with a gross floor area of 11,028 square feet, for a term of two years commencing from 1st January, 2005 to 31st December, 2006, both dates inclusive, at a monthly rental of HK\$248,100 per month, exclusive of rates, service charges and all other outgoings, for office use. The rental was determined by reference to the then prevailing open market rentals.

During the year, no contract of significance for the provision of services to the Group by a controlling shareholder or any of its subsidiaries has been made.

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

No Director of the Company proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

#### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

No contracts concerning the management and/or administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during the year.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the year, there was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### MAJOR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS

During the year, the percentage of purchases attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers combined and that of sales attributable to the Group's five largest customers combined were less than 30 per cent. of the Group's aggregate purchases and sales, respectively.

# **RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEMES**

Details of the retirement benefits schemes of the Group and the employer's retirement benefits costs charged to the consolidated profit and loss account for the year are set out in Note 10 to the financial statements.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company has established an audit committee (the "Committee") in compliance with rule 3.21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. On 30th September, 2004, Messrs. King Fai Tsui and Victor Ha Kuk Yung, who were appointed independent non-executive Directors of the Company, were appointed as members of the Committee. The members of the Committee comprises four non-executive Directors, namely Messrs. Victor Ha Kuk Yung, King Fai Tsui, Leon Nim Leung Chan and Edwin Neo. The Committee meets regularly. The Committee has reviewed with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and financial reporting matters including the review of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2004.

#### **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 Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited throughout the year ended 31st December, 2004, except that the non-executive Directors (other than the two independent non-executive Directors appointed during the year with a term of two years) were not appointed for a specific term as required by paragraph 7 of the Code. Save for Dr. Mochtar Riady who is the Honorary Chairman of the Company, all the non-executive Directors are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the Company's annual general meetings in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited as the code for securities transactions by Directors during the year. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, the Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code.

# SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, as at the date of this report, the Company has maintained sufficient public float as required under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

# **AUDITORS**

The financial statements for the year were audited by Ernst & Young who will retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

John Luen Wai Lee

Director

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 2005