

## Interim Dividend

The Board has declared an interim dividend of RMB0.038 per share for the six month ended 30 June 2005. Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2004 authorised the directors of the Company to decide on matters relating to the declaration, payment and recommendation of the interim dividends for the year 2005.

It is expected that the interim dividend will be paid on or before Tuesday, 1 November 2005 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on Monday, 24 October 2005. The register of members of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 24 September 2005 to Monday, 24 October 2005 (both days inclusive), during which no transfers will be registered. To qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Rooms 1712-1716, 17/F., Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 23 September 2005, for registration.

Pursuant to the articles of association of the Company, dividends payable to the holders of Domestic Shares will be paid in Renminbi, while dividends payable to the holders of H Shares will be paid in Hong Kong dollars. The exchange rate for the dividends to be paid in Hong Kong dollars is the mean of the average exchange rate of Renminbi to Hong Kong dollars published by the People's Bank of China during the calendar week (19 August 2005 to 25 August 2005) prior to the date of declaration of the dividend. During the period, the average exchange rate of Renminbi to Hong Kong dollar was HK\$1.00=RMB1.04212. Accordingly, the amount of interim dividend for each H Share of the Company is HK\$0.03646.