# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Willie International Holdings Limited is a public company incorporated in Hong Kong and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

## 2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The accounting policies adopted in the current year are consistent with those of the previous year except the Group has adopted HKAS 39 and HKFRS 4 (Amendments) "Financial Guarantee Contracts". The adoption of these amendments did not have significant effects on the financial statements of the Group and the Company.

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the Group has not early adopted the new/revised standards and interpretations issued by the HKICPA that are not yet effective for the current year. The Group has already commenced an assessment of impact of these new / revised standards and interpretations but is not yet in a position to state whether they would significantly impact on its results of operations and financial position.

#### 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKAS") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investment properties and investments held for trading, which are measured at fair value as explained in the principal accounting policies set out below.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31 December each year.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All inter-company transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Subsidiaries**

A subsidiary is an entity in which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

In the Company's balance sheet, investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. The carrying amount of the investment is reduced to its recoverable amount on an individual basis. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

#### Associates

An associate is an entity in which the Group has significant influence and which is neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture of the Group.

An investment in an associate is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements under the equity method and is initially recorded at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's net assets, less any impairment in the value of individual investments. When the Group's share of losses of an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or guaranteed obligations in respect of the associate.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill on acquisition is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is recognised as a separate asset. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates or jointly controlled entities is included in interests in associates or jointly controlled entities. Goodwill is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing and determination of gain or loss on disposal. An impairment loss on goodwill is not reversed.

Any excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of the acquisition, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in the consolidated income statement.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are land and/or building which are held by owner or lessee under finance lease to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation and are stated at its fair value at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in the income statement for the period in which they arise.

A property interest held under operating lease is classified and accounted for as investment property when the Group holds it to earn rental income and/or capital appreciation and applies the fair value model as above.

The fair value of investment properties is based on a valuation by an independent valuer who holds a recognised professional qualification and has recent experience in the location and category of property being valued, or based on market value, being the estimated amount for which a property could be exchanged on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties have each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.

## Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the year in which they are incurred.

The gain or loss arising from the retirement or disposal of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the estimated net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the assets and is recognised as income or expense in the income statement.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less accumulated impairment losses of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives from the date on which they are available for use and after taking into account of their estimated residual values, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

| Leasehold land         | Over the unexpired term of lease |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Buildings              | 4%                               |
| Leasehold improvements | 10% - 20%                        |
| Furniture and fixtures | 10% - 20%                        |
| Office equipment       | 331/3%                           |
| Motor vehicles         | 25%                              |

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments, and on a trade date basis.

## Investments held for trading

Investments held for trading are measured at fair value at each reporting dates. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in the income statement for the period.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are not held for trading. They are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except where receivables are interest-free loans and without any fixed repayment term or the effect of discounting would be insignificant. In such case, the receivables are stated at cost less impairment loss. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, over the year to maturity. Gains and losses arising from derecognition, impairment or through the amortisation process are recognised in the income statement.

At each balance sheet date, the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that loans and receivables are impaired. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flow discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

## Convertible notes

On the issue of convertible notes, the proceeds are split into liability and equity components. The fair value of the liability component is determined using a market rate for an equivalent non-convertible notes; and this amount, net of transaction costs, is carried as a non-current liability on the amortised cost basis until extinguished on conversion or redemption.

The reminder of the proceeds is allocated to the conversion option and is recognised and included in shareholders' equity, net of transaction costs. The carrying amount of the conversion option is not remeasured in subsequent years.

## Payables and short-term borrowings

Payables and short-term borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using effective interest method.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer of the contract to make specified payments to reimburse the holder of the contract for a loss the holder incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contract is initially recognised as deferred income within trade and other payable at fair value, where such information is available, otherwise, it is recognised at consideration received and receivable. Subsequently, it is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised, less accumulated amortisation, and the amount of the provision, if any, that is required to settle the commitment at the balance sheet date.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably and on the following bases.

Proceeds from sale of investments held for trading are recognised on the transaction date when the relevant sale and purchase contract is entered into.

Interest income from financial asset is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

Rental income under operating leases is recognised when the properties are let out and on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the Group's rights to receive payment have been established.

#### Leasing

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews internal and external sources of information to determine whether the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment and investments in subsidiaries and associates have suffered an impairment loss or impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may be reduced. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated, based on the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the smallest group of assets that generates cash flows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

If the recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately.

A reversal of impairment losses is limited to the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversal of impairment losses is recognised as income immediately.

## **Employee benefits**

#### Defined contribution plans

The obligations for contributions to defined contribution retirement scheme are recognised as an expense in the income statement as incurred. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund.

#### Long service payment

The Group's net obligation in respect of long service payment under the Employment Ordinance is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method and discounted to its present value and after deducting the fair value of any related assets, including those retirement scheme benefit.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Taxation

The charge for current income tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items that are non-assessable or disallowed. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax liabilities or assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is recovered or the liability is settled, based on the tax rates and the tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, tax losses and credits can be utilised.

No deferred tax is provided for temporary differences arising from goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction other than a business combination and that affecting neither accounting nor taxable profits, and investment in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future.

#### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions involving foreign currencies are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. Translation differences are included in the income statement.

## Share-based payment

The Company issues equity-settled share-based payments to eligible employees including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, any other persons including consultants, advisors, agents, customers, suppliers etc. to subscribe for shares in the Company. Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of shares that will eventually vest and adjusted for the effort of non market-based vesting conditions.

# 3. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Related parties**

A party is related to the Group if

- directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, the party controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Group; or has an interest in the Group that gives it significant influence over the Group; or has joint control over the Group;
- (b) the party is an associate of the Group;
- (c) the party is a joint venture in which the Group is a venturer;
- (d) the party is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or its parent;
- (e) the party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in (a) or (d);
- (f) the party is an entity that is controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any individual referred to in (d) or (e); or
- (g) the party is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of the Group, or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

## **Cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, cash equivalents represent short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value, net of bank overdrafts. For balance sheet classification, cash equivalents represent assets similar in nature to cash, which are not restricted as to use.

#### Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has chosen business segment information as the primary reporting format and geographical segment as the secondary reporting format for the purpose of these financial statements.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process, except to the extent that such intra-group balances and transactions are between group entities within a single segment.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire segment assets (both tangible and intangible) that are expected to be used for more than one period.

Unallocated items mainly comprise financial and corporate assets, interest-bearing loans, borrowings, tax balances, corporate and financing expenses.

# 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

#### Fair value estimation

The Group uses the discounted cash flows valuation method together with impairment assessment, if required, to determine the carrying amount of loans receivable at the balance sheet date. This valuation requires the Group to make estimates about expected cash flows and discount rates, and hence they are subject to uncertainty.

#### Impairment of investments and receivables

The Group assesses annually if interests in subsidiaries, associates and loans receivable have suffered any impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 and follow the guidance of HKAS 39 in determining whether amounts due from those entities are impaired. Details of the approach are stated in the respective accounting policies. The assessment requires an estimation of future cash flows, including expected dividends, from the assets and the selection of appropriate discount rates. Future changes in financial performance and position of these entities would affect the estimation of impairment loss and cause the adjustments of their carrying amounts.

## 5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The Group's major financial instruments include debt and equity investments, other receivables and other payables and borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in the respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies applied by the Group to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented in a timely and effective manner.

#### **Financial risk factors**

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's interest rates on its bank and other borrowings (included in current and non-current liabilities) are mainly the bank's prime rate plus certain percentage. The interest rates and terms of repayment have been disclosed in note 22.

#### Liquidity risk

The Group's liquidity risk is minimal in current year and is managed by matching the raising of loans or equity funding to cover expected cash demands. The Group's policy is to regularly monitor current and expected liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

# 5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES (Continued)

#### Financial risk factors (Continued)

#### Price risk

The Group's investment held for trading are measured at fair value at each balance sheet date. Therefore, the Group is exposed to equity security price risk. The management manages this exposure by maintaining a portfolio of investments with different risk profiles.

#### Credit risk

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its money lending business as the Group has not established a separate department or any strict criteria to evaluate the credit worthiness of its borrowers. However, the directors evaluate each loan on a case to case basis and take into account of the extent of acquaintance with borrowers of the Group, the social status or reputation of borrowers and the recommendations from business partners of the Group. The exposures to the credit risks in relation to loans are monitored on an ongoing basis.

# 6. TURNOVER

Turnover recognised from the principal activities of the Group during the year including investment holding, trading of listed investments, property investment and provision of financial services are as follows:

|  | 2006     | 2005     |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | НК\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Proceeds from sale of investments held for trading | 283,735  | 112,293  |
| Interest income                                    | 10,950   | 12,028   |
| Dividend income                                    | 801      | _        |
| Rental income                                      | 22       | 156      |
|  |          |          |
|  | 295,508  | 124,477  |

# 7. OTHER INCOME

|   | 2006<br>HK\$'000 | 2005<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Write back of other payables                                | 1,900            | 3,155            |
| Write back of provision for bad and doubtful debts          | -                | 5,050            |
| Net unrealised holding gain on investments held for trading | 10,017           | _                |
| Increase in fair value of investment properties             | 570              | 400              |
| Others  | 207              | _                |
|   | <u> </u>         |                  |
|   | 12,694           | 8,605            |

# 8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has determined that business segment is its primary reporting format and no geographical segment has been presented as the Group's operations and assets are located in Hong Kong for the years ended 31 December 2006 and 2005.

## **Business segments**

Business segments of the Group comprise the following:

| Trading of investments          | : | Purchase and sale of securities  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Provision of financial services | : | Provision of securities brokerage services, financial advisory services and loan financing |
| Property investment             | : | Lease of properties for rentals  |
| Investment holding              | : | Holding investments for dividend income and capital appreciation                           |

# 8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The following tables show segment information for the years ended 31 December 2006 and 2005.

#### Year ended 31 December 2006

|                                 | F           | Provision of |            |            |             |           |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                 | Trading of  | financial    | Property   | Investment |             |           |
|                                 | investments | services     | investment | holding l  | Jnallocated | Total     |
| Segment revenue                 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |
| Turnover                        | 284,665     | 10,821       | 22         | _          | _           | 295,508   |
| Other revenue                   | 10,017      |              | 570        |            | 2,107       | 12,694    |
| Total revenue                   | 294,682     | 10,821       | 592        |            | 2,107       | 308,202   |
| Segment results                 | 1,359       | 10,655       | (840)      | ) (23,653) | 1,822       | (10,657)  |
| Loss on disposal of interest in | I           |              |            |            |             |           |
| a subsidiary                    | _           | _            | -          | _          | _           | (143)     |
| Loss on disposal of convertib   | le          |              |            |            |             |           |
| note issued by an associate     |             | _            | -          | _          | _           | (31,000)  |
| Profit on deemed disposal of    |             |              |            |            |             |           |
| interest in an associate        | -           | -            | -          | -          | -           | 8,429     |
| Share of loss of associates     | 656         | (34,253)     | ) —        | (45,271)   | (142)       | (79,010)  |
| Finance costs                   | -           | _            | _          | _          | _           | (2,380)   |
| Taxation                        | -           | -            | -          | -          | _           |           |
| Loss for the year               |             |              |            |            |             | (114,761) |

# 8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Year ended 31 December 2005

|                                 |             | Provision of |            |            |             |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
|                                 | Trading of  | financial    | Property   | Investment |             |  |
|                                 | investments | services     | investment | holding    | Unallocated | Total                                  |
| Segment revenue                 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000                               |
| _                               |             |              | . – .      |            |             |  |
| Turnover                        | 112,293     | 12,028       | 156        | _          | —           | 124,477                                |
| Other revenue                   |             | 5,050        | 400        | 2,540      | 615         | 8,605                                  |
| Total revenue                   | 112,293     | 17,078       | 556        | 2,540      | 615         | 133,082                                |
|                                 |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| Segment results                 | (37,954)    | 9,070        | 89         | (2,026)    | (7,944)     | (38,765)                               |
| Reversal of impairment loss     |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| on interest in an associate     | _           | _            | _          | _          | _           | 75,036                                 |
| Impairment loss on amount       |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| due from an associate           | _           | _            | _          | _          | _           | (75,000)                               |
| Profit on deemed disposal of    |             |              |            |            |             | (, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |
| interest in an associate        | _           | _            | _          | _          | _           | 1,406                                  |
| Profit on disposal of interests |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| in subsidiaries                 | _           | —            | _          | _          | _           | 5,925                                  |
| Profit on disposal of an        |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| unlisted investment             | 20,528      | —            | _          | _          | _           | 20,528                                 |
| Loss on deemed acquisition o    | f           |              |            |            |             |  |
| interest in an associate        | _           | —            | _          | _          | _           | (13,331)                               |
| Share of loss of an associate   | 147         | (4,743)      | _          | (94,605)   | (150)       | (99,351)                               |
| Finance costs                   | _           | _            | _          | _          | _           | (8,163)                                |
| Taxation                        | _           | _            | _          | _          | _           | _                                      |
|                                 |             |              |            |            |             |  |
| Loss for the year               |             |              |            |            |             | (131,715)                              |

# 8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

#### Assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2006

|                         | Trading of<br>investments<br>HK\$′000 | Provision of<br>financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Property<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Investment<br>holding<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assets                  |                                       |   |                                    |                                   |                   |
| Segment assets          | 118,940                               | 103,724   | 7,517                              | 10,792                            | 240,973           |
| Interests in associates | —                                     | —   | —                                  | 98,118                            | 98,118            |
| Unallocated assets      | _                                     | _   | -                                  | -                                 | 22,060            |
| Total assets            |                                       |   |                                    |                                   | 361,151           |
| Liabilities             |                                       |   |                                    |                                   |                   |
| Segment liabilities     | 6,071                                 | —   | 270                                | 11,062                            | 17,403            |
| Unallocated liabilities | _                                     | _   | _                                  | _                                 | 14,134            |
| Total liabilities       |                                       |   |                                    |                                   | 31,537            |

Assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2005

|                         |             | Provision of |            |            |          |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                         | Trading of  | financial    | Property   | Investment |          |
|                         | investments | services     | investment | holding    | Total    |
|                         | HK\$′000    | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000 |
| Assets                  |             |              |            |            |          |
| Segment assets          | 13,626      | 40,280       | 9,964      | 20,587     | 84,457   |
| Interests in associates | 1,173       | (23,896)     | 24,403     | 236,869    | 238,549  |
| Unallocated assets      | —           | —            | —          | —          | 21,191   |
| Total assets            |             |              |            |            | 344,197  |
| Liabilities             |             |              |            |            |          |
| Segment liabilities     | 3,384       | _            | 24         | 16,279     | 19,687   |
| Unallocated liabilities | —           | _            | —          | —          | 12,943   |
| Total liabilities       |             |              |            |            | 32,630   |

# 8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

#### Other segment information for the year ended 31 December 2006

|                             | P           | rovision of |            |            |             |          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|
|                             | Trading of  | financial   | Property   | Investment |             |          |
|                             | investments | services    | investment | holding L  | Jnallocated | Total    |
|                             | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 |
| Capital expenditure         | _           | _           | 124        | 512        | 1,389       | 2,025    |
| Depreciation expense        | _           | _           | 26         | 356        | 773         | 1,155    |
| Impairment loss on goodwill |             |             |            |            |             |          |
| arising from acquisition of |             |             |            |            |             |          |
| interest in an associate    |             |             |            |            |             |          |
| (included in share of loss  |             |             |            |            |             |          |
| of associates)              | _           | _           | _          | 34,742     | _           | 34,742   |
| Increase in fair value of   |             |             |            |            |             |          |
| investment properties       |             |             | (570)      |            |             | (570)    |

Other segment information for the year ended 31 December 2005

|                                |            | Provision of |            |            |             |          |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|
|                                | Trading of | financial    | Property   | Investment |             |          |
| i                              | nvestments | services     | investment | holding    | Unallocated | Total    |
|                                | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 |
| Capital expenditure            | _          | _            | 442        | 1,335      | 35          | 1,812    |
| Depreciation expense           | _          | _            | 194        | 396        | 717         | 1,307    |
| Reversal of impairment loss on |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| interest in an associate       | _          | _            | _          | (75,036)   | _           | (75,036) |
| Impairment loss on goodwill    |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| arising from acquisition of    |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| additional interest in an      |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| associate (included in share   |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| of loss of an associate)       | —          | —            | —          | 5,156      | —           | 5,156    |
| Impairment loss on the amount  |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| due from an an associate       | —          | —            | —          | 75,000     | —           | 75,000   |
| Net unrealised holding loss on |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| investments held for trading   | 16,694     | —            | —          | —          | —           | 16,694   |
| Increase in fair value of      |            |              |            |            |             |          |
| investment properties          |            |              | (400)      |            |             | (400)    |
|                                |            |              |            |            |             |          |

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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# 9. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

|   | 2006     | 2005     |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|   |          |          |
| This is stated after charging (crediting):                        |          |          |
| Contributions to MPF Scheme                                       | 214      | 214      |
| Impairment loss on goodwill arising from acquisition of           |          |          |
| interests in associates (included in share of loss of associates) | 34,742   | 5,156    |
| Auditors' remuneration  | 1,135    | 1,148    |
| Operating lease charges:  |          |          |
| Equipment   | 72       | 59       |
| Office premises   | 1,042    | 929      |
| Loss on disposal of investment properties                         | 490      | 237      |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment                 | (291)    | (119)    |
| Equity-settled share-based payment                                | 5,899    | _        |
|   |          |          |

# **10. FINANCE COSTS**

|  | 2006<br>HK\$'000 | 2005<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Interest on:   |                  |                  |
| Bank and other borrowings wholly repayable within five years | 975              | 2,369            |
| Bank and other borrowings wholly repayable over five years   | 1,405            | 1,226            |
| Convertible notes  |                  | 4,568            |
|  | 2,380            | 8,163            |

# **11. DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS**

## **Directors' emoluments**

The aggregate amount of emoluments received or receivable by the Company's directors are as follows:

|                                     |            | Salaries,        |               |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|----------|
|                                     |            | allowances       | Retirement    |          |
| 2006                                | Directors' | and              | scheme        |          |
|                                     | fees       | benefits in kind | contributions | Total    |
|                                     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000 |
| Executive directors                 |            |                  |               |          |
| Chuang Yueheng, Henry               | -          | 2,400            | 12            | 2,412    |
| Lo Kan Sun                          | _          | 810              | 12            | 822      |
| King Phillip                        | _          | 900              | 12            | 912      |
| Wong Ying Seung, Asiong             | _          | 336              | 12            | 348      |
| Wang Lin                            | —          | 160              | 8             | 168      |
| Non-executive directors             |            |                  |               |          |
| Lau Da Yip                          | 2          | -                | -             | 2        |
| Independent non-executive directors |            |                  |               |          |
| Lam Ping Cheung                     | 60         | —                | —             | 60       |
| Lin Wai Yi                          | 120        | —                | —             | 120      |
| Liu Jian                            | 110        | _                | —             | 110      |
| Miu Frank H.                        | 120        | _                | —             | 120      |
| Nakajima, Toshiharu                 | 24         | _                | _             | 24       |
| Pang Shuen Wai, Nichols             | _          | _                | _             | _        |
| Shum Ming Choy                      | 50         | _                | _             | 50       |
| Yau Yan Ming, Raymond               | 25         |                  |               | 25       |
|                                     | 511        | 4,606            | 56            | 5,173    |

# 11. DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

# Directors' emoluments (Continued)

|                                     |            | Salaries,        |               |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|----------|
|                                     |            | allowances       | Retirement    |          |
| 2005                                | Directors' | and              | scheme        |          |
|                                     | fees       | benefits in kind | contributions | Total    |
|                                     | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000 |
| Executive directors                 |            |                  |               |          |
| Chuang Yueheng, Henry               | _          | 2,400            | 12            | 2,412    |
| Chung Wilson (redesignated to       |            |                  |               |          |
| non-executive director on           |            | 253              | 0             | 244      |
| 15 September 2005)                  | —          | 357              | 9             | 366      |
| Lo Kan Sun                          | _          | 810              | 12            | 822      |
| King Phillip                        | _          | 592              | 9             | 601      |
| Wong Wai Man, Raymond               | —          | 269              | 8             | 277      |
| Wong Ying Seung, Asiong             | —          | 336              | 12            | 348      |
| Non-executive directors             |            |                  |               |          |
| Lau Da Yip                          | 24         | —                | —             | 24       |
| Chung Wilson                        | 30         | —                | —             | 30       |
| Independent non-executive directors |            |                  |               |          |
| Lam Ping Cheung                     | 120        | _                | _             | 120      |
| Lin Wai Yi                          | 110        | _                | _             | 110      |
| Miu Frank H.                        | 120        | _                | _             | 120      |
| Nakajima, Toshiharu                 | 24         | _                | _             | 24       |
| Ong Peter                           | _          | _                | _             | _        |
| Pang Shuen Wai, Nichols             | —          | _                | —             | —        |
|                                     |            |                  |               |          |
|                                     | 428        | 4,764            | 62            | 5,254    |

# 11. DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

#### **Employees' emoluments**

The five highest paid employees of the Group during the year included three (2005: four) directors, details of whose emoluments are set out above. The emoluments of the remaining two (2005: one) highest paid employees are as follows:

|  | 2006<br>HK\$'000 | 2005<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind<br>Retirement scheme contributions | 1,071<br>21      | 756              |
|  | 1,092            | 768              |
|  | 2006             | 2005             |
| Nil to HK\$1,000,000   | 2                | 1                |

## **12. TAXATION**

Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided as the companies of the Group either incurred a loss for taxation purposes or their estimated assessable profits for the year ended 31 December 2006 are wholly absorbed by unutilised tax losses brought forward from previous years (2005: Nil).

Details of unrecognised deferred taxation are set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

|  | 2006      | 2005      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | НК\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
| Reconciliation of tax expense                            |           |           |
| Loss before taxation                                     | (114,761) | (131,715) |
| Income tax at applicable tax rate of 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) | (20,083)  | (23,050)  |
| Non-deductible expenses                                  | 7,022     | 19,264    |
| Tax exempt revenue                                       | (2,557)   | (18,157)  |
| Unrecognised tax losses                                  | 2,017     | 4,571     |
| Unrecognised temporary differences                       | (226)     | (14)      |
| Effect on share of loss of associates                    | 13,827    | 17,386    |
| Tax expense for the year                                 |           |           |

The applicable tax rate is the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 17.5% (2005: 17.5%).

# **13. LOSS FOR THE YEAR**

Of the Group's loss for the year of HK\$114,761,000 (2005: HK\$131,715,000), a loss of HK\$243,345,000 (2005: HK\$67,715,000) has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company.

# 14. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the loss per share is based on the loss for the year of HK\$114,761,000 (2005: HK\$131,715,000) and on the weighted average number of 3,369,436,000 shares (2005: 2,071,246,000 shares) in issue during the year.

No diluted loss per share is presented for the year of 2006 as the potential ordinary shares under the share option scheme have antidilutive effect. No diluted loss per share was presented for the year of 2005 as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue.

# **15. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

|  | 2006     | 2005     |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Fair value of investment properties    |          |          |
| At beginning of year                   | 9,650    | 11,930   |
| Disposals                              | (3,020)  | (2,680)  |
| Increase in fair value during the year | 570      | 400      |
| At balance sheet date                  | 7,200    | 9,650    |

The carrying value of investment properties held by the Group at the balance sheet date comprised:

|                    | 2006     | 2005     |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
|                    | НК\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Land in Hong Kong: |          |          |
| Long lease         | 4,500    | 6,850    |
| Medium-term lease  | 2,700    | 2,800    |
|                    |          |          |
|                    | 7,200    | 9,650    |

The Group's investment properties as at the balance sheet date have been revalued by Centaline Surveyors Limited, Chartered Surveyors, independent qualified professional valuers, on the market value basis, except that an investment property subsequently sold after the balance sheet date is carried at the sale proceed, which approximates its fair value at the balance sheet date.

# 16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|  | Leasehold<br>land and<br>buildings<br>HK\$'000 | Leasehold<br>improve-<br>ments<br>HK\$'000 | Furniture<br>and fixtures<br>HK\$'000 | Office<br>equipment<br>HK\$'000 | Motor<br>vehicles<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reconciliation of carrying amount –<br>year ended 31 December 2005 |  |  |                                       |                                 |                               |                          |
| At beginning of year   | 38,725   | 88   | 276                                   | 88                              |                               | 39,177                   |
| Additions  | _  | 849  | 211                                   | 310                             | 442                           | 1,812                    |
| Disposals  | (16,897)                                       | —  | (147)                                 | (6)                             | (241)                         | (17,291)                 |
| Depreciation   | (638)  | (182)                                      | (114)                                 | (172)                           | (201)                         | (1,307)                  |
| At balance sheet date  | 21,190   | 755  | 226                                   | 220                             |                               | 22,391                   |
| Reconciliation of carrying amount<br>year ended 31 December 2006   | -  |  |                                       |                                 |                               |                          |
| At beginning of year   | 21,190   | 755  | 226                                   | 220                             |                               | 22,391                   |
| Additions  | _  | 1,005                                      | 831                                   | 189                             | _                             | 2,025                    |
| Disposals  | —  | (247)                                      | _                                     | (37)                            | —                             | (284)                    |
| Depreciation   | (659)  | (199)                                      | (163)                                 | (134)                           |                               | (1,155)                  |
| At balance sheet date  | 20,531   | 1,314                                      | 894                                   | 238                             |                               | 22,977                   |
| At 1 January 2006  |  |  |                                       |                                 |                               |                          |
| Cost   | 25,758   | 5,861                                      | 902                                   | 1,932                           | _                             | 34,453                   |
| Accumulated depreciation and                                       |  |  |                                       |                                 |                               |                          |
| impairment losses  | (4,568)  | (5,106)                                    | (676)                                 | (1,712)                         |                               | (12,062)                 |
|  | 21,190   | 755  | 226                                   | 220                             |                               | 22,391                   |
| At 31 December 2006  |  |  |                                       |                                 |                               |                          |
| Cost   | 25,758   | 6,577                                      | 1,733                                 | 2,084                           | _                             | 36,152                   |
| Accumulated depreciation and<br>impairment losses                  | (5,227)  | (5,263)                                    | (839)                                 | (1,846)                         | _                             | (13,175)                 |
|  | 20,531   | 1,314                                      | 894                                   | 238                             |                               | 22,977                   |

The leasehold land and buildings with a net book value of HK\$20,531,000 at the balance sheet date (2005: 21,190,000) are held by the Group under medium-term lease in Hong Kong.

# **17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

|                              | The Company |           |  |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
|                              | 2006        | 2005      |  |
|                              | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |  |
| Unlisted shares, at cost     | 51,055      | 952,534   |  |
| Impairment loss              | (51,054)    | (921,415) |  |
|                              | 1           | 31,119    |  |
| Due from subsidiaries        | 438,929     | 492,700   |  |
| Provision for doubtful debts | (204,703)   | (98,100)  |  |
|                              | 234,226     | 394,600   |  |
|                              | 234,227     | 425,719   |  |

The amounts due from (to) subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed repayment terms.

In the opinion of the directors, a complete list of the particulars of all subsidiaries will be of excessive length and therefore the table below lists the principal subsidiaries at the balance sheet date which materially affect the result or assets of the Group.

| Name of subsidiary   | Place of<br>incorporation<br>and operations | Particulars of<br>issued ordinary<br>and paid up<br>capital |          |            | Principal<br>activities                   |  |
|--|---|---|----------|------------|---|--|
|  |   | (Note)  | Directly | Indirectly |   |  |
| Cuve Asset<br>Management<br>Limited                              | British Virgin<br>Islands                   | 26,000 shares of<br>US\$1                                   | -        | 100        | Investment<br>holding                     |  |
| China United International<br>Administrative Services<br>Limited | Hong Kong                                   | 53,000 shares of<br>HK\$100 each                            | 100      | _          | Provision of<br>administrative<br>service |  |
| Embrace Assets<br>Limited  | British Virgin<br>Islands                   | 1 share of US\$1  | -        | 100        | Investment<br>holding                     |  |
| Grand Wishes Limited   | British Virgin<br>Islands                   | 1 share of US\$1  | -        | 100        | Investment<br>holding                     |  |

# 17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

|  |                           | Particulars of                 |            |                |                        |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|
|  | Place of                  | issued ordinary                | Proportio  | on of nominal  |                        |
|  | incorporation             | and paid up                    | value of i | issued capital | Principal              |
| Name of subsidiary                                       | and operations            | capital                        | held by t  | the Company    | activities             |
|  |                           | (Note)                         | Directly   | Indirectly     |                        |
| Golden Clip Limited                                      | British Virgin<br>Islands | 1 share of US\$1               | 100        | -              | Investment<br>holding  |
| High Morale<br>Investments Limited                       | British Virgin<br>Islands | 1 share of US\$1               | 100        | -              | Investment<br>holding  |
| International Stamps &<br>Coins Exchange Gallery Limited | Hong Kong                 | 20,200 shares of<br>HK\$1 each | -          | 100            | Property<br>investment |
| Pearl Decade Limited                                     | British Virgin<br>Islands | 1 share of US\$1               | 100        | -              | Trading of investments |
| Smart Way Resources<br>Limited                           | British Virgin<br>Islands | 1 share of US\$1               | -          | 100            | Investment<br>holding  |
| Radford Portfolio<br>Management Limited                  | Hong Kong                 | 10,000 shares of<br>HK\$1 each | -          | 100            | Property<br>holding    |
| Wellhand Limited   | Hong Kong                 | 2 shares of<br>HK\$1 each      | -          | 100            | Property<br>investment |
| Willie Financing Limited                                 | Hong Kong                 | 1 share of HK\$1               | 100        | -              | Money lending          |
| Winport Limited  | British Virgin<br>Islands | 1 share of US\$1               | _          | 100            | Investment<br>holding  |

All of the above subsidiaries operate principally in Hong Kong.

Note: No loan capital has been issued by any of the subsidiaries.

# **18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES**

|  | Note       | 2006<br>HK\$'000 | 2005<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Share of net assets<br>Goodwill          | (a)<br>(b) | 14,904<br>83,214 | 32,549           |
|  |            | 98,118           | 32,549           |
| Due from an associate – HMIL             | (c)        |                  | 131,000          |
| Due from an associate – Found Macau Loan | (d)        |                  | 75,000           |
|  |            | 98,118           | 238,549          |

Notes:

(a) Details of the unlisted associates as at 31 December 2006 are as follows:

| Name of associate                         | Place of<br>incorporation | Particulars of<br>issued ordinary<br>and paid up<br>capital held by<br>the Group | Interest<br>held | Principal<br>activities |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| Hennabun Management                       | British Virgin            | 309,633,334 shares   | 35.55%           | (note i) Investment     |
| International Limited ("HMIL")            | Islands                   | of US\$0.01 each   |                  | holding                 |
| Amerinvest Coal Industry                  | British Virgin            | 10,000 shares  | 50%              | (note ii) Investment    |
| Holding Company Limited<br>("Amerinvest") | Islands                   | of US\$1 each  |                  | holding                 |

- (i) During the year, the Group's interest in HMIL was reduced from 49.87% to 35.55% because of HMIL's issue of shares to third parties. As a result of the above change in shareholding in HMIL, profit on deemed disposal of HK\$8.4 million was recognised in the income statement.
- (ii) On 12 January 2006, the Group entered into an agreement with a third party to acquire 25% interest in Amerinvest at a consideration of HK\$66.25 million which had been satisfied by the issue and allotment of 250,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company at a price of HK\$0.265 per share.

On 20 March 2006, the Company entered into an agreement with another third party to acquire a further 25% interest in Amerinvest at a consideration of HK\$69.9 million. On completion of the acquisitions in March 2006, Amerinvest was accounted for as an associate of the Group.

Amerinvest, through holding of 25% of the registered capital of West China Coking & Gas Company Limited ("West China Coking"), is an investment holding vehicle set up for the purpose of exploring and investing in coking and chemical projects in the mainland China.

# 18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

#### Notes: (Continued)

(b) Details of fair value of Amerinvest acquired are as follows:

|                                    | НК\$'000 |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Purchase consideration:            |          |
| Cash paid                          | 69,900   |
| Issue of new shares                | 66,250   |
|                                    |          |
| Fair value of Amerinvest acquired  | 136,150  |
|                                    |          |
| Goodwill on acquisition            | 117,956  |
| Less: subsequent decrease in value | (34,742) |
|                                    |          |
| Recoverable amount of goodwill     | 83,214   |
|                                    |          |

Goodwill on acquisition is attributable to Amerinvest's investment in West China Coking.

The entire carrying amount of the interest in the associate together with the goodwill is tested for impairment by comparing the Group's share of the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to be generated by the associate, with its corresponding carrying amount. The recoverable amount is determined by independent professional valuers, RHL Appraisal Limited, Certified Financial Analysts.

Details of the financial position of Amerinvest at the effective date of acquisition are as follows:

|                                   | Carrying value<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Investment in West China Coking   | 34,411                     |
| Other receivables                 | 1,947                      |
| Bank balances                     | 2,068                      |
| Other payables                    | (2,038)                    |
| Net assets                        | 36,388                     |
| Net assets acquired by the Group  | 18,194                     |
| Goodwill acquired                 | 117,956                    |
| Fair value of Amerinvest acquired | 136,150                    |

- (c) On 21 April 2006, the Group entered into an agreement with a third party to dispose of HMIL's convertible note at the cash consideration of HK\$100 million. Accordingly, a loss of HK\$31 million on disposal of was recognised in the income statement.
- (d) On 13 January 2006, the Group entered into an agreement with a third party to dispose of the Group's 29.7% equity investment in Found Macau Investments International Limited together with a shareholder loan of HK\$150 million to Found Macau ("Found Macau Loan") at the cash consideration of HK\$75 million.

# 18. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

#### Notes: (Continued)

(e) Details of the consolidated operating results and financial positions of the associates, after adjusting for the fair value of assets acquired at the date of acquisition, are as follows:

| Operating results for the year ended 31 December 2006                            | 2006<br>HK\$'000 | 2005<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  |                  |                  |
| Turnover   | 42,822           | 33,606           |
| Loss for the year  | (104,990)        | (222,457)        |
| Loss for the year attributable to the Group                                      | (44,268)         | (94,195)         |
| Impairment loss on goodwill arising from acquisition of interest in an associate | (34,742)         | (5,156)          |
| Share of loss of associates  | (79,010)         | (99,351)         |
| Financial position at the balance sheet date                                     |                  |                  |
| Total non-current assets   | 130,852          | 94,909           |
| Total current assets   | 372,445          | 348,266          |
| Total current liabilities  | (329,453)        | (246,908)        |
| Total non-current liabilities  | (131,000)        | (131,000)        |
| Total equity   | 42,844           | 65,267           |
| Amount attributable to the Group   | 14,904           | 32,549           |

# **19. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSET**

|                 | 2006     | 2005     |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
|                 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Option fee paid |          | 7,143    |

During the year, a subsidiary holding the option was disposed of at a cash consideration of HK\$7 million leading to a loss on disposal of HK\$143,000 in the income statement.

# 20. INVESTMENTS HELD FOR TRADING

|                          |      | 2006     | 2005     |
|--------------------------|------|----------|----------|
|                          | Note | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Investments in Hong Kong |      |          |          |
| Listed equity securities | (a)  | 110,118  | 13,626   |
| Convertible note         | (b)  | 8,700    | —        |
|                          |      | 118,818  | 13,626   |

Notes:

(a) The fair value of listed equity securities is based on quoted market prices in an active market at the balance sheet date.

(b) The carrying amount of convertible note approximates its fair value at the balance sheet date.

# **21. LOANS RECEIVABLE**

Loans granted to borrowers are repayable according to set repayment schedules. The balance comprises loans receivable from:

|                            |        | The      | Group     | The C    | Company  |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
|                            |        | 2006     | 2005      | 2006     | 2005     |
|                            |        | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Third parties              |        | 89,470   | 40,280    | 19,330   | 40,280   |
| A related company          |        | 14,059   |           | -        | —        |
| Balances due within one    | e year |          |           |          |          |
| included in current assets |        | 103,529  | 40,280    | 19,330   | 40,280   |
|                            |        |          |           |          |          |
|                            |        | The      | The Group |          | Company  |
|                            |        | 2006     | 2005      | 2006     | 2005     |
|                            | Note   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Short term loans           | (a)    | 19,330   | 40,280    | 19,330   | 40,280   |
| Instalment loans           | (b)    | 84,199   |           |          |          |
|                            |        | 103,529  | 40,280    | 19,330   | 40,280   |

Notes:

(a) Short term loans as at the balance sheet date are repayable within their maturity dates.

(b) Instalment loans as at the balance sheet date are repayable in monthly instalments within one year.

All loans receivable carry effective interest rate ranging from prime rate to prime rate plus 2%.

# 22. INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS

|                                    | The      | Group    | The (    | Company  |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                    | 2006     | 2005     | 2006     | 2005     |
|                                    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Secured bank loans (Note b)        | 18,295   | 18,399   | _        | _        |
| Unsecured other loans (Note a & b) | 5,000    | —        | 5,000    | _        |
|                                    | 23,295   | 18,399   | 5,000    |          |

Maturities of the above borrowings are as follows:

|                    | The      | Group    | The C    | Company  |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                    | 2006     | 2005     | 2006     | 2005     |
|                    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Within one year    | 7,507    | 4,629    | 5,000    | _        |
| In the second year | 2,727    | 2,201    |          | —        |
| In the third year  | 2,966    | 2,388    |          | —        |
| In the forth year  | 3,226    | 2,590    | _        | —        |
| In the fifth year  | 1,374    | 2,809    |          | —        |
| Over five years    | 5,495    | 3,782    | _        | —        |
|                    | 23,295   | 18,399   | 5,000    |          |

Notes:

Movements in other loans are as follows: (a)

|                       | The      | Group     | The Company |           |  |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--|
|                       | 2006     | 2005      | 2006        | 2005      |  |
|                       | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |  |
| At beginning of year  | _        | 96,080    | _           | 96,080    |  |
| Addition              | 45,000   | 77,000    | 45,000      | 77,000    |  |
| Repayment             | (40,000) | (173,080) | (40,000)    | (173,080) |  |
| At balance sheet date | 5,000    |           | 5,000       |           |  |

(b) Bank loans are variable rate borrowings which carried interest ranging from prime rate plus 0.5% to prime rate plus 1% for the year of 2006 and from prime rate to prime rate plus 1% for the year of 2005. Other loans carried interest ranging from prime rate to prime rate plus 1% for the year of 2006 and from prime rate to prime rate plus 2% and 2% per month for the year of 2005.

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# 23. ISSUED CAPITAL

|  |      | 2006<br>HK\$    | 2005<br>HK\$          |
|--|------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Authorised:                                  |      |                 |                       |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each              |      | 2,000,000,000   | 2,000,000,000         |
| Issued and fully paid:                       |      |                 |                       |
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each              |      | 350,649,499     | 303,208,635           |
|  |      | Number of       |                       |
| 2005   |      | ordinary shares | Nominal value         |
|  |      |                 | HK\$                  |
| Issued and fully paid:                       |      |                 |                       |
| At beginning of year                         |      | 1,369,389,054   | 136,938,906           |
| Exercise of warrants                         |      | 13,338,925      | 1,333,892             |
| Conversion of convertible notes              |      | 800,000,000     | 80,000,000            |
| Issuance of shares under share option scheme |      | 137,358,374     | 13,735,837            |
| Issuance of shares                           |      | 712,000,000     | 71,200,000            |
| At balance sheet date                        |      | 3,032,086,353   | 303,208,635           |
|  |      | Number of       |                       |
| 2006   | Note | ordinary shares | Nominal value<br>HK\$ |
| Issued and fully paid:                       |      |                 |                       |
| At beginning of year                         |      | 3,032,086,353   | 303,208,635           |
| Issuance of shares                           | (a)  | 250,000,000     | 25,000,000            |
| Issuance of shares under share option scheme | (b)  | 224,408,635     | 22,440,864            |
| At balance sheet date                        |      | 3,506,494,988   | 350,649,499           |

#### Notes:

- (a) Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 12 January 2006, 250,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company were issued to acquire 25% equity interests in Amerinvest as set out in note 18(a)(ii).
- (b) Pursuant to the ordinary resolutions passed during the year, an aggregate of 224,408,635 new shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company were issued to certain individuals under the share option scheme at the exercise price ranged from HK\$0.103 to HK\$0.431 each.

All the shares issued during the year rank pari passu in all respects with the then existing shares.

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# 24. RESERVES

|                               |          |          |          | Convertible |             |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                               |          |          | Share    | notes –     |             |           |
|                               | Share    | Capital  | option   | equity      | Accumulated |           |
| Group                         | premium  | reserve  | reserve  | portion     | losses      | Total     |
|                               | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |
| At 1 January 2005             | 24,485   | 18,273   | _        | _           | (88,246)    | (45,488)  |
| Equity portion of convertible |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| notes issued                  | _        | _        | _        | 55,725      | —           | 55,725    |
| Exercise of warrants          | 533      | _        | _        | _           | —           | 533       |
| Share issued under share      |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| option scheme                 | 12,074   | _        | _        | _           | —           | 12,074    |
| Shares issued at premium,     |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| net of issuing expenses       | 51,264   | —        | _        | —           | —           | 51,264    |
| Conversion of convertible     |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| notes                         | 121,690  | _        | _        | (55,725)    | —           | 65,965    |
| Loss for the year             |          |          |          |             | (131,715)   | (131,715) |
| At 31 December 2005           | 210,046  | 18,273   |          |             | (219,961)   | 8,358     |

|                            |          |          | (        | Convertible |             |           |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                            |          |          | Share    | notes –     |             |           |
|                            | Share    | Capital  | option   | equity      | Accumulated |           |
| Group                      | premium  | reserve  | reserve  | portion     | losses      | Total     |
|                            | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |
| At 1 January 2006          | 210,046  | 18,273   | _        | _           | (219,961)   | 8,358     |
| Equity-settled share-based |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| payment                    | _        | _        | 5,899    | _           | _           | 5,899     |
| Share issued under share   |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| option scheme              | 40,071   | _        | (1,752)  | _           | -           | 38,319    |
| Shares issued at premium,  |          |          |          |             |             |           |
| net of issuing expenses    | 41,150   | _        | _        | _           | _           | 41,150    |
| Surrender of share option  | _        | _        | (832)    | -           | 832         | _         |
| Loss for the year          |          |          |          |             | (114,761)   | (114,761) |
| At 31 December 2006        | 291,267  | 18,273   | 3,315    |             | (333,890)   | (21,035)  |

Included in the reserves of the Group as at 31 December 2006 were accumulated losses of associate attributable to the Group amounting to HK\$698,540,000 (2005: HK\$627,959,000).

# 24. RESERVES (Continued)

|                                 |          |          | Convertible |             |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
|                                 |          | Share    | notes –     |             |          |
|                                 | Share    | option   | equity      | Accumulated |          |
| Company                         | premium  | reserve  | portion     | losses      | Total    |
|                                 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 |
| At 1 January 2005               | 24,485   | _        | _           | (95,712)    | (71,227) |
| Exercise of warrants            | 533      | —        | —           | —           | 533      |
| Equity portion of convertible   |          |          |             |             |          |
| notes issued                    | —        | —        | 55,725      | —           | 55,725   |
| Share issued under share        |          |          |             |             |          |
| option scheme                   | 12,074   | —        | —           | —           | 12,074   |
| Shares issued at premium,       |          |          |             |             |          |
| net of issuing expenses         | 51,264   | —        | _           | —           | 51,264   |
| Conversion of convertible notes | 121,690  | —        | (55,725)    | —           | 65,965   |
| Loss for the year               |          |          |             | (67,715)    | (67,715) |
| At 31 December 2005             | 210,046  |          |             | (163,427)   | 46,619   |

|                                    |          |          | Convertible |             |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                                    |          | Share    | notes –     |             |           |
|                                    | Share    | option   | equity      | Accumulated |           |
| Company                            | premium  | reserve  | portion     | losses      | Total     |
|                                    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000  |
| At 1 January 2006                  | 210,046  | _        | _           | (163,427)   | 46,619    |
| Equity-settled share-based payment | _        | 5,899    | _           | —           | 5,899     |
| Share issued under share           |          |          |             |             |           |
| option scheme                      | 40,071   | (1,752)  | _           | —           | 38,319    |
| Shares issued at premium,          |          |          |             |             |           |
| net of issuing expenses            | 41,150   | _        | _           | —           | 41,150    |
| Surrender of share option          | _        | (832)    | _           | 832         | —         |
| Loss for the year                  |          |          |             | (243,345)   | (243,345) |
| At 31 December 2006                | 291,267  | 3,315    |             | (405,940)   | (111,358) |

The application of the Company's share premium account is governed by Section 48B of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

At the balance sheet date, the Company has no reserves available for distribution to the shareholders.

# **25. SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

Pursuant to the Group Reorganisation during 2002, a share option scheme ("New Scheme") of the Company was approved on 20 November 2002 by the shareholders of the Company and became effective on 3 January 2003. The New Scheme is valid and effective for a period of ten years. The board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees including directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and any other persons including consultants, advisors, agents, customers, suppliers, etc. to subscribe for shares in the Company. The purpose of the New Scheme is to provide incentives to award the participants who have made contributions to the Group.

The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the New Scheme is not permitted to exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue from time to time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. The number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual in any 12 months period is not permitted to exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue from time to time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. Options granted to any director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company or any of their respective associates in excess of 0.1% of the Company's share capital in issue and having an aggregate value in excess of HK\$5 million must be subject to prior approval by the Company's shareholders.

An amount of HK\$1 is payable on the grant of an option. Options may be exercised no later than ten years from the date of grant of the share option or the expiry date of the New Scheme, if earlier. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant, the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant and the nominal value of the shares on the date of grant.

# 25. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

#### (a) Movement in share option scheme during the year ended 31 December 2006:

| Name of<br>category of<br>participant | Date of<br>grant    | As at<br>1 January<br>2006 | Granted<br>during<br>the year | Exercised<br>during<br>the year | Cancelled<br>during<br>the year | As at 31<br>December<br>2006 | Exercise<br>price<br>HK\$ | Share<br>price<br>at the<br>date of<br>grant<br>(note i)<br>HK\$ | Share<br>price<br>at the<br>date of<br>exercise<br>(note ii)<br>HK\$ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Employees<br>in aggregate             | 20 January<br>2006  | _                          | 69,408,635                    | 69,408,635                      | -                               | -                            | 0.330                     | 0.335  | 0.335  |
|                                       | 22 February<br>2006 | -                          | 25,000,000                    | 25,000,000                      | -                               | _                            | 0.360                     | 0.350  | 0.385  |
|                                       | 10 March<br>2006    | -                          | 65,000,000                    | -                               | 65,000,000                      | -                            | 0.431                     | 0.435  | N/A  |
|                                       | 29 November<br>2006 | -                          | 209,000,000                   | 40,000,000                      | -                               | 169,000,000                  | 0.103                     | 0.100  | 0.101  |
| Other in aggregate                    | 10 March<br>2006    | -                          | 60,000,000                    | 45,000,000                      | 15,000,000                      | -                            | 0.431                     | 0.435  | 0.435  |
|                                       | 9 August<br>2006    | -                          | 15,000,000                    | 15,000,000                      | -                               | -                            | 0.150                     | 0.150  | 0.148  |
|                                       | 29 November<br>2006 | -                          | 118,000,000                   | 30,000,000                      | -                               | 88,000,000                   | 0.103                     | 0.100  | 0.101  |

#### Notes:

- (i) The share price at the date of grant is the Stock Exchange closing price on the trading day immediately prior to the date of the grant of the options.
- (ii) The share price at the date of exercise is the weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the dates on which the options were exercised.
- (iii) On 13 February 2007, 257,000,000 share options outstanding as at the balance sheet date which represented approximately 7.33% of the issued share capital of the Company, were exercised to subscribe for 257,000,000 ordinary shares in the Company at HK\$26,471,000.

# 25. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

#### (b) Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted are measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the services received is measured based on a Black-Scholes pricing mode. The inputs into the model were as follows:

| Average share price             | HK\$0.103 – HK\$0.431 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Weighted average exercise price | HK\$0.103 – HK\$0.431 |
| Expected volatility             | 45.02% - 78.47%       |
| Expected life                   | 1 – 76 days           |
| Risk free rate                  | 2.5% – 2.75 %         |

The expected volatility is based on the historic volatility of share prices of the Company. Changes in the subjective input assumptions could materially affect the fair value estimate.

# 26. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

|                       | 2006     |
|-----------------------|----------|
|                       | НК\$'000 |
| Other financial asset | 7,143    |
| Loss on disposal      | (143)    |
| Total consideration   | 7,000    |

# 27. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

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Major non-cash transactions during the years of 2006 and 2005 have been disclosed in note 18 and 23 respectively.

# 28. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At the balance sheet date, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of office premises and equipment, which are payable as follows:

|                                   | 2006     | 2005     |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|                                   |          |          |
| hin one year                      | 1,434    | 846      |
| he second to fifth year inclusive | 476      | 947      |
|                                   |          |          |
|                                   | 1,910    | 1,793    |

# **29. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE CONTRACT**

At the balance sheet date, the Company had corporate guarantees of HK\$20,400,000 (2005: HK\$38,000,000) and HK\$30,000,000 (2005: HK\$30,000,000) for banking facilities granted to its subsidiaries and an associate respectively, which were utilised by its subsidiaries and an associate to the extent of HK\$18,300,000 (2005: HK\$18,399,000) and HK\$24,500,000 (2005: HK\$21,425,000) respectively. The directors assessed the overall exposure of the corporate guarantees granted by the Company and considered that the fair value of such corporate guarantees is immaterial in the financial statements of the Group and the Company.

# **30. PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

At the balance sheet date, certain assets of the Group with the following carrying values have been pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group:

|                              | 2006     | 2005     |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                              | НК\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Leasehold land and buildings | 20,531   | 21,190   |
| Investment properties        | 7,200    | 9,650    |
|                              | 27,731   | 30,840   |

# **31. DEFERRED TAXATION**

#### Unrecognised deferred tax assets

|                                  | 2006     | 2005     |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|                                  |          |          |
| Deductible temporary differences | 8,438    | 1,692    |
| Tax losses                       | 194,730  | 178,895  |
|                                  |          |          |
| At balance sheet date            | 203,168  | 180,587  |
|                                  |          |          |

Both the tax losses and the deductible temporary differences have no expiry date under current tax legislation. Deferred tax assets of HK\$35,554,000 (2005: HK\$31,603,000) have not been recognised in respect of these items due to uncertainty of their recoverability.

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# **32. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Other than disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there are other related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year, details of which are set out below: -

- (a) A property of the Group with net book value of HK\$20,531,000 (2005: HK\$21,190,000) is occupied by a brother of a director of the Company free of rental. The director's brother is a director of certain companies within the HMIL Group.
- (b) Details of the securities margin loans granted by the HMIL Group to the executive directors of the Company are as follows:

|  |            |            |            | Maximum     |          |          |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |            |            |            | amount      |          |          |
|  |            | Balance at | Balance at | outstanding |          | Interest |
| Name of                                    | 3          | 1 December | 1 January  | during      |          | rate per |
| director                                   | Granted by | 2006       | 2006       | the year    | Maturity | annum    |
|  |            | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000    |          |          |
| King, Phillip<br>-margin loan              | HMIL Group | 2,365      | 264        | 2,365       | N/A      | 8%-10%   |
| Wong Ying Seung,<br>Asiong<br>-margin Ioan | HMIL Group | 8,127      | 6,011      | 18,428      | N/A      | 5%-10%   |
|  |            | 10,492     | 6,275      |             |          |          |

There was neither any interest due but unpaid nor any provision made against these loans at 31 December 2006.

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# 32. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year is as follows:

|  | 2006     | 2005        |
|--|----------|-------------|
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    |
| Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind<br>Contributions to MPF Scheme | 5,117    | 5,606<br>78 |
|  | 5,173    | 5,684       |

The remuneration of directors and key executives is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee having regard to the performance of individuals and markets trends.

(d) During the year, the Group granted an unsecured short term loan of HK\$15 million (2005: Nil) to a subsidiary of HMIL. The Group subsequently received settlement of HK\$1 million and changed the contract term of the outstanding balance of HK\$14 million to an unsecured instalment loan.

# **33. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Other than disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following post balance sheet events were conducted:

(a) Pursuant to the Placing Agreement dated 5 December 2006, the Company agreed to conditionally issue two years new convertible notes up to principal amounts of HK\$150,000,000 to third parties. The new convertible notes are non-interest bearing and can be converted into the HK\$0.1 per share in whole or any part (in an amount or integral multiples of HK\$1,000,000) at any time following the date of issue until 7 days prior to (and excluding) the maturing date of the new convertible notes.

On 21 and 22 February 2007, the new convertible notes with principal amount of \$150,000,000 were converted into 1,500,000,000 ordinary share of HK\$0.1 each of the Company.

(b) On 6 February 2007, the Group's shareholding of HMIL was diluted from 35.55% to 16.18% after a shareholder of HMIL had the conversion notes converted into 873,333,000 ordinary shares of HMIL.

# 33. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS (Continued)

(c) Pursuant to the Placing Agreement dated 26 February 2007, the Company agreed to conditionally place 684,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company on a fully underwritten basis to independent investors at a price of HK\$0.12 per share.

On 6 March 2007, an aggregate of 684,000,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company were issued to third parties at cash subscription price of HK\$0.12 per share.

(d) Pursuant to the Placing Agreement dated 12 March 2007, the Company agreed to conditionally issue two years new convertible notes with principal amounts of HK\$200,000,000 to third parties. The new convertible notes are non-interest bearing and can be converted into the ordinary shares of the Company at a conversion price of HK\$0.1 per share in whole or any part (in an amount or integral multiples of HK\$1,000,000) at any time following the date of issue until 7 days prior to (and excluding) the maturing date of the new convertible notes.

On 18 April 2007, the new convertible notes with principal amount of HK\$70,000,000 were converted into 700,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company.

(e) Pursuant to the Placing Agreement dated 27 March 2007, the Company agreed to conditionally place 1,189,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company on a fully underwritten basis to independent investors at a price of HK\$0.11 per share.

On 4 April 2007, an aggregate of 1,189,000,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each of the Company were issued to third parties at cash subscription price of HK\$0.11 per share.

- (f) Pursuant to the agreement dated 11 April 2007, the Group agreed to dispose of 150,000,000 shares of HMIL to a third party at a consideration of HK\$5 million. After this disposal transaction, the Company's shareholding of HMIL was further decreased to 8.34%.
- (g) On 12 April 2007, the Company through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Trade Well Investments Limited, entered into an agreement with a third party to acquire a property at House 6, Somerset Path, The Royal Oaks, 8 Kam Tsin South Road, Sheung Shui at a consideration of HK\$57.8 million.

# **34. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain comparative figures regarding segment information and reconciliation of tax expenses have been restated to conform with the current year's presentation.