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Half-year Results Announcement for the six months ended 30th June 2002

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Turnover of the Group rose more than 23.7%.
- Consolidated profits from principal business operations (excluding exceptional income from Shanghai Jahwa in 2001) increased by 5.3%.
- Sales of "Shen Mai Injection", "Dan Shen Injection", "Huang Qi Injection" and "Herba Houttuyniae Injection" rose by 6.9%, 16.5%, 26.6% and 34.4% respectively.
- Sales of "Qingchunbao Anti-ageing Tablets" have shown significant growth for consecutive years. In this quarter, its sales increased by 70.4%, to a total of HK\$177 million.
- The Group acquired a 56% stake in Xiamen Chinese Medicine. Xiamen Chinese Medicine established over thirty years. Its main products include "Xinhuang Tablet", "Haizhu Chuanxiding Tablet", "Liuwei Dihuang Pill" and "Shenshu Granule". All of the above products are sold under the "Dinglu 鼎爐" brand name.
- The Group successfully increased its holding in E-COM Technology to 24.35% and is now the company's largest shareholder.
- The agreement for the acquisition of a 21.31% stake in MicroPort by the Group has been signed. MicroPort is a China-based company that specialises in the development, production, sale and servicing of advanced medical instruments for micro wounds.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

BUSINESS REVIEW

The Board of Directors of SIIC Medical Science and Technology (Group) Limited (the "Group") is delighted to announce an unaudited turnover of HK\$420 million for the six months ended 30th June 2002. This represents a 23.7% increase over the same period in the previous year. Profit from operations for the period rose 22.7% to HK\$88.22 million. Consolidated profits from principal business operations reached HK\$45.52 million. This figure represents a 5.3% increase over the same period in the previous year (excluding exceptional income of HK\$155 million raised by the listing of Shanghai Jahwa United Co. Ltd. ("Shanghai Jahwa") on the Shanghai Stock Exchange A Shares Market in 2001).

Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Products

During the period, sales of the Group's pharmaceutical and healthcare products grew by 6.9% and 64.6% respectively compared with the previous year. The Group continued to be active in the development of pharmaceutical injection products with strong competitive edges and market advantages. Successful products now on the market include "Dan Shen Injection", "Huang Qi Injection" and "Herba Houttuyniae Injection". As part of its plan to strengthen its sales team, the Group organised large-scale training programmes for sales and management staff. The Group encourages its staff to exchange and upgrade their business skills in order to increase morale. Consequently, the sales of principal products such as "Shen Mai Injection", "Dan Shen Injection", "Huang Qi Injection" and "Herba Houttuyniae Injection" increased by 6.9%, 16.5%, 26.6% and 34.4% respectively.

The Group also enhanced marketing activities for its healthcare products through a series of promotional activities, which helped initiate additional growth of 70.4% in the sales of "Qingchunbao Anti-ageing Tablets". The Group will take advantage of traditional Chinese festivals to organise promotional activities for healthcare products. In the meantime, the Group will continue to harvest returns in the beauty care market by launching new marketing programmes for "Qingchunbao Beauty Capsule" in Shanghai and Hangzhou.

In addition to maintaining strong growth for its existing business, the Group has achieved a breakthrough in the acquisition of Chinese medicine business. During the period, the Group has speeded up the progress of negotiations and has concluded an investment agreement with Xiamen Chinese Medicine Co. Ltd. ("Xiamen Chinese Medicine"). Under the terms of the agreement, the Group will allocate HK\$38.87 million to invest in Xiamen Chinese Medicine and acquire a 56% stake in the company, comprised of newly issued shares. With over thirty years' experience in the field, Xiamen Chinese Medicine produces 40 traditional Chinese medicine-based over-the-counter ("OTC") drugs and other healthcare products. Of which, six products had been certified as State-protected Traditional Chinese Medicine, 21 products were certified as State Basic Medicines and 15 products were listed in the National Essential Health Insurance Medicine Catalogue. Leading Xiamen Chinese Medicine products include "Xinhuang Tablet", "Haizhu Chuanxiding Tablet", "Liuwei Dihuang Pill" and "Shenshu Granule". All of the above products are sold under the "Dinglu 鼎爐" brand name. "Xinhuang Tablet" currently achieves annual sales of around five million boxes. "Haizhu

Chuanxiding Tablet" currently sells around two and a half million bottles each year. The major markets for these products are Fujian and in eastern China. Xiamen Chinese Medicine also has a network of sales offices covering the major provinces of China. Xiamen Chinese Medicine's 28,000-square-metre production plant is located in the downtown area of Xiamen Island. The company has been granted GMP certificate for the production of tablets, capsules, granules and pills.

With the assistance of research and development capabilities at the China Academy of Chinese Medicine, the Modern Chinese Medicine Experts Committee and other two research centres in Beijing and Shanghai, the Group will upgrade Xiamen Chinese Medicine's production facilities, technology and product formulations. At the same time, the Group will make use of its experience in marketing, sales and corporate management to open a new business era for Xiamen Chinese Medicine's products which will help to expand Group profit margins and cement its leadership in the Chinese medicine sector.

With regard to scientific research and development, "Sugar-free Qingreling Granule" was certified for use and officially approved for production. "Shen Mai Injection" has also passed the standards in the state's ninth five-year plan for science and technology. In April this year, the Group joined forces with the University of Hong Kong to apply for a grant from the Innovation and Technology Fund established by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Group has successfully applied for funding to research the bioactive components of "Shen Mai Injection" and their mechanisms of actions under the "University and Enterprise Cooperation Plan". The project aims to identify the key ingredients and develop them into a supplementary medicine to treat cardiovascular disease and cancer. This project will provide the foundation for the development of new medicines. Chia Tai Qingchunbao Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. ("Hangzhou Qingchunbao") will speed up its research and development of new products in order to further enhance its core competitive edge. Planned future developments will focus on the medical treatment of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, infectious diseases and cancer.

Xiamen Chinese Medicine is currently conducting several joint research and development projects and is working closely with the Xiamen Hospital of T.C.M. to develop a variety of products. They include a Category 3 new drug for acute and chronic superficial gastritis, for which application for phase II clinical test has already been made. The company is also working with Beijing Xiyuan Hospital to develop another new drug called "Vessel Smooth" (血管通). The company has also applied for phase II clinical test for "Vessel Smooth". It is expected that further launches of new products and expansion of newly acquired businesses will generate increased revenue for the Group in the coming years.

In the retailing sector, Hangzhou Huqingyutang Drugstore Co. Ltd. ("Hangzhou Huqingyutang") is growing on a sound and stable basis and has passed the GSP on-the-spot examination conducted by the State Drug Administration. Improvements in Hangzhou Huqingyutang's quality control will further enhance the company's business development. The Group intends to leverage the competitive advantages of Hangzhou Huqingyutang's range of national brands and sales network to promote the sale of its products.

Medical Care and Nursing Products

In the areas of medical care and nursing, Guangdong Biolight Medical Technology Co. Ltd. ("Guangdong Biolight") maintained sustained growth during the year. The company has made a breakthrough in its negotiation with GE Medical Systems Trading and Development (Shanghai) Ltd. ("GE Medical Systems") and the two companies have recently signed a formal agreement. Guangdong Biolight will authorise GE Medical Systems as a sales agent for some of its medical equipment lines in China. The Group will take advantage of the new relationship to expand its sales network and increase its market share.

During the year, the Group successfully increased its holding in E-COM Technology Co., Ltd. ("E-COM Technology") to 24.35% and is now the company's largest shareholder. E-COM Technology's digital imaging system has been adopted by a number of renowned hospitals including Beijing Hospital, General Hospital of PLA (301 Hospital) and the Affiliated One Hospital of Peking University First Hospital. The performance of E-COM Technology during the period has been very encouraging, with the aggregate sum of the nine sales contracts on hand and are in progress as at 30th June 2002 achieving 1.89 times increase over the annual turnover for 2001. The Group has high expectations of E-COM Technology's development prospects, and given the right circumstances will consider further increasing its stake in the company.

器械(上海)有限公司) ("MicroPort") comprised of newly issued shares for a consideration of HK\$23.4 million. It is a China-based company that specialises in the development, production, sale and servicing of advanced medical instruments for micro wounds. MicroPort's major products include coronary stent systems, PTCA balloon dilation catheter, vascular angiographic catheter, guiding catheter and adjunct, abdomen aortic aneurysm stent and therotic aortic aneurysm stent. MicroPort also manufactures different kinds of non-vascular stent and stent delivery system, plus a range of instruments such as surgical bypass stretch and cervical vertebra prosthetics. The Group and MicroPort have already signed the relevant agreements. This project will further consolidate the Group's strategy of combining the medical and pharmaceutical sectors and will help to create a strong foundation for sharp profit growth in future.

Personal Care Products

In the personal care sector, Shanghai Jahwa achieved a 7.4% increase in turnover over the previous year. Sales of the company's "Liushen" and "Herborist" series of products increased by 13% and 50% respectively during the same period. The "Herborist" range was successfully launched into markets in Xian, Qingdao, Nanjing and Shenzhen, and seven new franchise stores have been opened. In Hong Kong, the company has restructured "Herborist" sales channels so that "Herborist" products are now sold in over one hundred outlets of the Watson's chain.

PROSPECTS

Following China's entry into the World Trade Organisation, the Group is facing a number of new opportunities and challenges. The State Drug Administration is striving to consolidate the mainland medical sector where market competition is increasing. The Group intends to adopt a proactive, open and enterprising attitude in seizing opportunities to build future success. In addition to improving the competitiveness of its existing business, the Group will leverage its unique background and the favourable conditions created by the integrated nature of its parent company to continue to seek out and make more acquisitions. The Group will continue to strengthen and expand its asset base through re-engineering, mergers, consolidations and integration of internal and external resources. The Group's ultimate aim is to build a strong asset platform for continuous development.

To strengthen its internal management, the Group will maintain its sound financial fundamentals and improve company management to enhance corporate leadership, investor relationships and operational transparency. The Group is committed to honing its corporate management and administration. As new business requirements arise, the Group will further improve its human resources by taking on new professionals, to enhance both internal management and competitiveness.

In closing and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of the Group for their continued hard work and strong commitment. We are also most grateful for the continued and invaluable support of the Group's shareholders.

Lu Ming Fang Chairman

Hong Kong, 8th August 2002

FINANCIAL POSITION

TURNOVER

The Group was engaged in the manufacture and sale of Chinese medicine and health supplement products. More than 90% of the Group's turnover, contribution to operating profit and assets was attributed to this business segment and located in the PRC. The unaudited consolidated turnover of the Group for the six months ended 30th June 2002 reached HK\$420 million, a 23.7% increase over that of last year. It is the result of the enhancement of marketing activities for its healthcare products through a series of promotional activities during the period. The sales of main product – "Qingchunbao Anti-ageing Tablets" increased by 70.4% over the previous year. In addition to maintain the sales of our principal product, "Shen Mai Injection", the Group promoted "Dan Shen Injection", "Huang Qi Injection" and "Herba Houttuyniae Injection". Sales of the products increased by 16.5%, 26.6% and 34.4% respectively.

EARNINGS

The profit from operations of the Group was principally come from Hangzhou Qingchunbao. The unaudited profit attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 30th June 2002 was HK\$45.52 million and the unaudited profit attributable to shareholders for the same period last year was HK\$199 million which comprised two elements: profits from principal business operations and the exceptional income of HK\$155 million from the listing of Shanghai Jahwa on the Shanghai Stock Exchange A Shares Market in 2001. Excluding the said exceptional income, profits from principal business operations of the Group during the period was a 5.3% higher than that of the same period last year.

SHARE OF PROFIT OF AN ASSOCIATED COMPANY

During the period, share of profits of an associated company of the Group decreased compared with the same period last year, as in last year the share of profit of an associated company included the sharing of the one-off interest on application monies received on listing of Shanghai Jahwa.

DEBT-EQUITY STRUCTURE

As at 30th June 2002, the Group had total bank balances and cash of HK\$464 million. The Group does not have any bank debt and charges. Its net assets reached HK\$756 million. The strong and stable debt-equity position has greatly supported development of the Group's business. However, the Group will optimise its capital structure in order to meet business development requirements and to lower overall capital costs.

FINANCIAL LIQUIDITY, RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

During the period, the Group's main source of funds was cash generated by its business operations. As at 30th June 2002, total assets reached HK\$1,210 million, of which HK\$723 million was current assets. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities is 2.48 times.

Net cash inflow from operating activities amounted to HK\$81.96 million. Bank balances and cash reached HK\$464 million, a 10.5% increase from previous year. The currencies in which cash held by the Group are mainly Renminbi. During the period, there is no change in the Company's share capital. The financial position of the Group is sound.

RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED

During the period, the average Return on Capital Employed of the Group was 12.2%. After the listing of Shanghai Jahwa's shares on the Shanghai Stock Exchange A Shares Market in 2001, the Group's interests in Shanghai Jahwa were diluted from 40% to 28.15%. A gain on deemed disposal of interests was generated which boosted the average Return on Capital Employed of the Group to 36.9% in the same period last year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE POLICY

Transactions in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars are initially recorded at the rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in such currencies are re-translated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Profits and losses arising on exchange are included in net profit or loss for the period. During the period, the Group did not conclude any forward foreign currency agreements aimed at limiting our exposure to adverse fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The Group will constantly review the situation and if appropriate, to carry out prudent and appropriate hedging to offset the negative financial impact of such fluctuations.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS DURING THE PERIOD AND FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS

During the period, save as disclosed in this Announcement under the section headed "Business Review", the Group did not have any material acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and affiliated companies during the period. Details of future investment plan of the Group are disclosed in this Announcement under the section headed "Prospects". Internal resources and/or balance of the proceeds of the issue of New Shares (as defined in the Prospectus) and/or financing from capital market and/or debt financing will be used by the Group to meet the funding requirement for business expansion plan, capital expenditure and acquisition projects.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group had no significant contingent liabilities during the period.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

The unaudited condensed consolidated results for the three months and six months ended 30th June 2002 of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") and the comparative figures for the corresponding periods last year are set out below:

| | | Three months ended 30th June | | Six months ended 30th June | | |
|--|-------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| | | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | |
| | Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Turnover | | 182,464 | 159,466 | 419,884 | 339,402 | |
| Cost of sales | | (65,770) | (60,595) | (150,357) | (133,163) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Gross profit | | 116,694 | 98,871 | 269,527 | 206,239 | |
| Investment income | | 2,478 | 2,630 | 3,846 | 5,564 | |
| Distribution costs | | (50,858) | (34,995) | (133,865) | (92,671) | |
| Administrative expenses | | (26,525) | (33,775) | (51,291) | (47,267) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit from operations | 4 | 41,789 | 32,731 | 88,217 | 71,865 | |
| Share of profit of an associate | | 12,413 | 17,933 | 16,208 | 17,933 | |
| Share of profit (losses) of jointly | | | | | | |
| controlled entities | | 347 | 235 | (5) | (27) | |
| Gain on deemed disposal of interest in a jointly controlled | | | | | | |
| entity | | - | - | - | 155,694 | |
| Profit from ordinary activities | | | | | | |
| before taxation | | 54,549 | 50,899 | 104,420 | 245,465 | |
| Taxation | 5 | (15,565) | (10,932) | (28,111) | (19,575) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Profit before minority interests | | 38,984 | 39,967 | 76,309 | 225,890 | |
| Minority interests | | (12,330) | (13,036) | (30,791) | (26,976) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Net profit for the period | | 26,654 | 26,931 | 45,518 | 198,914 | |
| Dividends | 6 | 27,900 | 18,600 | 27,900 | 18,600 | |
| Earnings per share – Basic | 7 | 4.30 cents | 4.34 cents | 7.34 cents | 32.08 cents | |
| – Diluted | | 4.26 cents | N/A | 7.29 cents | N/A | |

Notes:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Rules") and with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of certain properties and investments in securities.

In the opinion of the directors, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2001.

In the current period, the Group has adopted, for the first time, a number of new and revised SSAPs. The adoption of these SSAPs has had no material effect on the results for the current or prior accounting periods and, accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For the six months ended 30th June 2002 and 2001, the Group continued to engage in the manufacture and sale of Chinese medicine and health supplement products. More than 90% of the Group's turnover, contribution to operating profit and assets was attributed to this business segment and located in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

4. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

| | Three months ended 30th June | | Six months endo 30th Ju | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of jointly controlled entities included in | | | | | |
| administrative expenses | 27 | - | 245 | - | |
| Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment | 3,221 | 2,336 | 6,365 | 5,303 | |
| Operating lease rentals in respect of land and buildings | 977 | 817 | 1,893 | 1,832 | |
| Interest income | (2,404) | (2,166) | (3,673) | (4,670) | |

5. TAXATION

| | Three months ended 30th June | | Six mo | nths ended 30th June | |
|--|------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|--|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| The charge comprises: | | | | | |
| PRC income tax | | | | | |
| - current year | 10,809 | 9,576 | 18,146 | 18,219 | |
| underprovision in prior year | 3,271 | - | 8,011 | - | |
| | 14,080 | 9,576 | 26,157 | 18,219 | |
| Share of PRC income tax of an | | | | | |
| associate | 1,485 | 1,279 | 1,937 | 1,279 | |
| Share of PRC income tax of | | | | | |
| jointly controlled entities | - | 77 | 17 | 77 | |
| | 15,565 | 10,932 | 28,111 | 19,575 | |

Chia Tai Qingchunbao Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., the only subsidiary of the Company having an assessable profit, is subject to a PRC income tax rate of 24%.

Pursuant to an approval received from local tax authorities in September 2001, an associate of the Group, Shanghai Jahwa United Co. Ltd. ("Shanghai Jahwa"), was classified as one of the approved "High Technology entities". Accordingly, Shanghai Jahwa is entitled to a preferential PRC income tax rate of 13.5% for the three years ending 31st December 2003.

The Group had no significant unprovided deferred taxation for the respective periods.

6. DIVIDENDS

On 6th May 2002, final dividend of HK3 cents per share and special final dividend of HK1.5 cents per share were approved for the year ended 31st December 2001.

On 26th April 2001, final dividend of HK3 cents per share for the year ended 31st December 2000 was approved.

No interim dividends have been paid during the six months ended 30th June 2002 and 30th June 2001.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

| | Three months ended 30th June | | Si | x months ended 30th June |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Earnings: | | | | |
| Net profit for the period and earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted | | LU(\$00.004.000 | | LU(\$\dagger\$) |
| earnings per share | HK\$26,654,000 | HK\$26,931,000 | HK\$45,518,000 | HK\$198,914,000 |
| Number of Shares: | | | | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings | | | | |
| per share | 620,000,000 | 620,000,000 | 620,000,000 | 620,000,000 |
| Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares | | | | |
| - shares options | 6,408,601 | - | 4,071,419 | - |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings | | | | |
| per share | 626,408,601 | 620,000,000 | 624,071,419 | 620,000,000 |

8. RESERVES

| | Share premium HK\$'000 | Contributed surplus HK\$'000 | Goodwill reserve HK\$'000 | PRC statutory <u>funds</u> HK\$'000 | Translation reserve HK\$'000 | Accumulated profits HK\$'000 | <u>Total</u> HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| THE GROUP At 1st January 2001 - as originally stated - as adjusted for derecognition of liability for 2000 final dividend | 192,130 | 194,649 | (20,725) | 14,040 | (12) | 64,033 18,600 | 444,115 18,600 |
| - as restated | 192,130 | 194,649 | (20,725) | 14,040 | (12) | 82,633 | 462,715 |
| Realised on deemed disposal of interest in a jointly | .02,.00 | 10 1,0 10 | (23,123) | . 1,0 10 | (:-) | 02,000 | .02,0 |
| controlled entity | - | - | - | (757) | - | - | (757) |
| Net Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 198,914 | 198,914 |
| Dividends (note 6) | - | - | - | - | - | (18,600) | (18,600) |
| At 30th June 2001 | 192,130 | 194,649 | (20,725) | 13,283 | (12) | 262,947 | 642,272 |
| THE GROUP | | | | | | | |
| At 1st January 2002 | 192,130 | 194,649 | (20,725) | 23,878 | (12) | 286,123 | 676,043 |
| Net Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 45,518 | 45,518 |
| Dividends (note 6) | - | - | - | - | - | (27,900) | (27,900) |
| At 30th June 2002 | 192,130 | 194,649 | (20,725) | 23,878 | (12) | 303,741 | 693,661 |

OTHER INFORMATION

DIVIDENDS

In order to ensure sufficient capital for future business development, the Board of Directors has resolved not to pay an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th June 2002 (30th June 2001: Nil).

STAFF

At present, the Group has 1,738 employees in the following areas:

| Company Offices | 1% |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Sales and Marketing | 39% |
| Production | 41% |
| Administration and Procurement | 12% |
| Quality Control | 6% |
| Research and Development | 1% |

On 18th February 2000, the Group set up the Modern Chinese Medicine Experts Committee, comprising 13 domestic and overseas medical specialists. Two of them are experts in natural and traditional medicine from Europe. The Committee provides strong support in the Group's research and development efforts.

During the period, the Group has held various in-house training programmes, including: seminar on sales technique and marketing tools for supervisors, trainings on marketing skills and knowledge of GMP standards.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Initial Share Option Scheme") on 11th November 1999. To be in line with the recent changes of the GEM Listing Rules in relation to share option schemes and to provide the Company with a flexible means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to the participants and for such other purposes as the Board of Directors of the Company may approve from time to time, the shareholders of the Company and Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited ("SIHL"), an intermediate holding company of the Company, have on 6th May 2002 and 31st May 2002 respectively approved the termination of the Initial Share Option Scheme and the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme at their respective extraordinary general meetings. The New Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years commencing on the date on which it is adopted by resolution of the Company in extraordinary general meeting.

According to the New Share Option Scheme, the Board of Directors of the Company may grant options to any participants, to subscribe for shares in the Company for a consideration of HK\$1.00 for each lot of share options granted. Options granted should be accepted within 30 days from the date of grant. The Board may at its absolute discretion determine

the period during which an Option may be exercised, such period to expire not later than 10 years from the date of grant of the Option. The Board may also provide restrictions on the exercise of an Option during the period an Option may be exercised. The exercise price is determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, and shall be at least the highest of: the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant, the average closing price of the Company's shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and the nominal value of the share.

In January 2000, the Company offered the first batch of 39,200,000 share options to its staff and executive directors under the Initial Share Options Scheme, 600,000 of which were lapsed. These share options may be exercised from 21st January 2003 to 20th January 2006 at a price of HK\$1.69. Save as disclosed above, the Company has not granted any share option under the Initial Share Options Scheme and the New Share Options Scheme for the six months ended 30th June 2002.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

Mr. Lu Ming Fang has personal interest in 1,000,000 shares of SIHL, an intermediate holding company of the Company. Save as disclosed hereinabove, as at 30th June 2002, none of the Directors or their associates had any personal, family, corporate or other interests in the securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the "SDI Ordinance").

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

(a) As at 30th June 2002, certain Directors of the Company have personal interests in share options to subscribe for shares in the Company which have been granted to them pursuant to the Initial Share Option Scheme as follows:

| Name of director | Month of grant | Exercise price per share <i>HK</i> \$ | Outstanding at 1st January 2002 and 30th June 2002 |
|------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Feng Gen Sheng | January 2000 | 1.69 | 6,000,000 |
| Li Wei Da | January 2000 | 1.69 | 6,000,000 |
| Chen Shu Zi | January 2000 | 1.69 | 4,000,000 |
| Ge Wen Yao | January 2000 | 1.69 | 2,500,000 |
| Wu Jian Zhuang | January 2000 | 1.69 | 2,500,000 |

The aforesaid options can be exercised during the period from 21st January 2003 to 20th January 2006.

(b) As at 30th June 2002, certain directors of the Company have interests in share options ("SIHL Options") to subscribe for shares in SIHL ("SIHL shares") which were granted to them pursuant to the share option scheme of SIHL as follows:

| Name of director | Month of grant | Exercise price per share <i>HK</i> \$ | Outstanding at 1st January 2002 and 30th June 2002 |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Lu Ming Fang | August 1998 January 1999 July 2001 | 10.432 9.568 10.432 | 500,000 1,200,000 1,500,000 |
| Li Wei Da | January 1999 | 9.568 | 1,200,000 |
| Zhou Jie | August 1998 January 1999 | 10.432 9.568 | 1,500,000 1,200,000 |
| Chen Shu Zi | July 2001 | 10.432 | 1,500,000 |
| Wu Jian Zhuang | January 1999 | 9.568 | 1,000,000 |

The aforesaid options can be exercised during three and a half years commencing on the expiry of six months after the date of grant.

Mr. Lee Ka Sze, Carmelo, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, is a partner of Messrs. Woo, Kwan, Lee & Lo, solicitors. The firm rendered professional services to the Group and received normal remuneration for such services.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company or its holding companies, fellow subsidiaries or subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debt securities (including debentures) of, the Company or any other body corporate and none of the Directors, or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any rights to subscribe for securities of the Company, or had exercised any such rights.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th June 2002, the register kept by the Company under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance showed that the following parties are interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of the issued ordinary shares of the Company:

| Name of shareholder | Number of ordinary shares beneficially held |
|---|---|
| | |
| Shanghai Industrial Investment (Holdings) Company Limited ("SIIC") (note) | 399,195,000 |
| Shanghai Industrial Investment Treasury Company Limited ("STC") (note) | 398,618,000 |
| Shanghai Investment Holdings Limited ("SIH") (note) | 398,618,000 |
| Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited ("SIHL") (note) | 398,618,000 |
| Central Force Investments Limited ("CFI") | 372,000,000 |

Note: S.I. Infrastructure Holdings Limited ("SIIH") and SIHL Treasury Limited ("SIHL Treasury") are the beneficial owners of 4,261,000 and 3,238,000 ordinary shares of the Company respectively. SIIH, SIHL Treasury and CFI are wholly owned subsidiaries of SIHL, which is, in turn, a subsidiary of SIH. STC owns 100% of SIH. SIIC owns 100% of STC. Accordingly, SIIC are deemed by the SDI Ordinance to be interested in the ordinary shares beneficially owned by STC, SIH, SIHL, SIIH, SIHL Treasury and CFI as listed above.

Nanyang Enterprises Limited ("NEL") is the beneficial owner of 577,000 ordinary shares of the Company. SIIC owns 100% of NEL and STC. Accordingly, SIIC is deemed by the SDI Ordinance to be interested in the ordinary shares beneficially owned by NEL and STC.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th June 2002, the Company has not been notified of any other interests representing 10% or more of the issued share capital of the Company.

COMPETING INTERESTS

The ultimate holding company of the Company, Shanghai Industrial Investment (Holdings) Co., Ltd. has interest in SIIC Investment (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("SIICI") and Shanghai Industrial United Holdings Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai United"). Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited, an intermediate holding company of the Company, has interest in Shanghai Sunve Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Sunve Pharmaceutical"), Shanghai Sunway Biotech Co., Ltd. ("Sunway Biotech") and Mergen Limited ("Mergen").

SIICI has interest in Shanghai SIIC SMU Biotech Co., Ltd. ("SMU Biotech") and Shanghai SIIC Kehau Biopharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("SIIC Biopharmaceutical"). SMU Biotech is principally engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of recombinant streptokinase for injection, which is used for emergency treatment to dissolve blood clog from myocardial infection. SIIC Biopharmaceutical is principally engaged in research and development of EPO, which has a medical application for increasing erythrocyte.

Shanghai United is a conglomerate engaging in traditional Chinese medicine, medical equipment, e-commerce, textiles, garments and international trade etc. Certain fellow companies of Shanghai United are engaging in medical and pharmaceutical related operations which included Shanghai Medical Instruments Co., Ltd. ("SMIC"), Shanghai Industrial United Holdings Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., ("SIUHP") Zhejiang Jolly Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Jolly"), Shanghai Industrial United Holdings Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("SIUHP") and Changzhou Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Changzhou Pharmaceutical"). SMIC is engaged in the design, development, manufacturing and distribution of medical apparatus including emergency room, operating room and dental equipment. SIUHP is engaged in research and development of Chinese and Western pharmaceutical products, bio-pharmaceutical, medical bioengineering and medical equipment. Jolly and SIUHP are engaged in the development, manufacturing and sale of Chinese medicine and health maintenance products. Changzhou Pharmaceutical is engaged in chemical dosage, chemical materials, biological products, Chinese patent medicine, medicinal herbs and medical instruments. Mr. Lu Ming Fang is a director of Shanghai United and holds 15,000 shares of Shanghai United.

Sunve Pharmaceutical is principally engaged in the development, manufacture and sale of Western pharmaceutical products. Sunway Biotech is principally engaged in the research,

development, manufacturing and sale of granulocyte colony stimulant and anti-cancer drug. Mergen is principally engaged in the research and development of biotechnology products.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th June 2002, none of the Directors or the management shareholders of the Company (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had an interest in a business, which competes or may compete with the business of the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee comprises Messrs. Li Ka Cheung, Eric, Kwok Chin Kung, Robert and Lee Ka Sze, Carmelo. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review financial reporting process and internal control systems of the Group and annual report, half-yearly report, quarterly reports and accounts of the Company.

BOARD PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

During the period, the Company has complied with the board practices and procedures as set out in Rules 5.28 to 5.39 of the GEM Listing Rules.

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

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

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