

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement*for the year ended 31st December 2000*

	Note	2000 HK\$000	1999 HK\$000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	23(a)	189,445	20,087
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		22,535	27,010
Interest paid		(10,620)	(9,883)
Dividends received from jointly controlled companies		17,566	1,771
Dividends paid to:			
Shareholders		(97,675)	(96,247)
Minority interest		(800)	–
<i>Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance</i>		(68,994)	(77,349)
Taxation			
Hong Kong profits tax		–	1,202
Investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(61,829)	(224,868)
Sale of fixed assets	23(b)	75,199	1,329
Investment in jointly controlled companies		(46,837)	(5,242)
Sale of shares in jointly controlled companies		100,410	–
Loans advanced from jointly controlled companies		–	1,150
Loans advanced to jointly controlled companies		(6,362)	(52,226)
Net decrease in staff loans		8,920	7,546
Net decrease/(increase) in short-term deposits maturing after 3 months		2,797	(9,069)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</i>		72,298	(281,380)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</i>		192,749	(337,440)
Financing			
Repayment of term loan	23(c)	(2,796)	(2,577)
Purchase of Company's shares		(271,609)	–
<i>Net cash outflow from financing</i>		(274,405)	(2,577)

Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	23(d)	(81,656)	(340,017)
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Effect on net liquid funds			
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(81,656)	(340,017)
Net (decrease)/increase in short-term deposits maturing after 3 months		(2,797)	9,069
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Decrease in net liquid funds	23(e)	(84,453)	(330,948)

Definitions of cash and cash equivalents and of net liquid funds are set out in note 2(h) to the accounts.

The notes on pages 22 to 37 form part of these accounts.