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ANNOUNCEMENT

The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company has been changed to Wednesday, 18th December, 2002 and, accordingly, the date for closure of the Register of Members and date of the payment of the proposed final dividend have been changed.

Reference is made to the notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company dated 3rd October, 2002 and the Notes to such notice (the "Notice"). The date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company has been changed to Wednesday, 18th December, 2002 and the dates for closure of the Register of Members will be changed accordingly in the manner set out below. Save for such changes, the time, place and businesses to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting of the Company as stated in the Notice will remain unchanged.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 13th December, 2002 to Wednesday, 18th December, 2002, both days inclusive, during which period no requests for the transfer of shares will be accepted. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 19th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 12th December, 2002. Warrants for the final dividend will be sent to shareholders on 19th December, 2002.

The Notice shall therefore be read and construed as if the changes of the dates mentioned above had been incorporated therein. The notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company (as amended) will be set out in full in the annual report of the Company to be sent to the shareholders on or about 28th October, 2002.

By Order of the Board

John Yip

Secretary

Hong Kong, 23rd October, 2002

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.