

Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited Annual Report 2003 香港飛機工程有限公司二零零三年報告書



Group Profile 集團簡介

Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited, one of the world's leading aeronautical engineering groups, is engaged in the maintenance, modification, repair and overhaul of commercial aircraft and their components.

It is principally based at Hong Kong's International Airport, but through jointly controlled companies also provides services in Xiamen, Mainland China and at off airport locations in Hong Kong.

At Hong Kong's International Airport, where it has about sixty airline customers, it is the only aircraft maintenance facility able to offer a comprehensive package covering transit and technical services with full hangar support.

The hangar has the capacity to accommodate three wide-bodied aircraft fully docked and an additional two nose-in, with a unique mobile tail enclosure to provide full cover and access staging. It has the necessary approvals to handle a wide variety of aircraft types from Boeing 747 to new generation aircraft such as B777 and the Airbus A320/321, A330 and A340. The facility also undertakes B747-200 combi to freighter conversions.

The extensive component and avionics overhaul facilities are situated at Tseung Kwan O in Hong Kong, as is the Rolls-Royce engine service centre operated by Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited.

Taikoo (Xiamen) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited operates at Xiamen's airport, where it provides heavy maintenance on Boeing and Airbus aircraft and offers a B747-200/300 passenger to freighter conversion programme. It also offers line maintenance services at various locations in Mainland China. 香港飛機工程有限公司乃全球主要航空 工程集團之一,業務範圍包括維修、改 裝、修理與大修商用飛機及飛機部件。

本公司主要以香港國際機場為基地,但 亦透過共控公司於中國內地廈門及香港 機場以外地方提供服務。

本公司於香港國際機場約有六十個航空 公司客戶,有唯一能夠提供綜合飛機維 修服務的設施,包括航機過境及技術性 服務,並全面提供機庫設施的支援。

機庫可容納三架全面配置檢修架的廣體 飛機,以及另外兩架飛機的機頭部分。 機庫設有一個獨特的活動式機尾護罩, 提供全面的遮蔽及檢修工作架。本公司 獲得認可為多種類型之飛機提供服務, 由波音747型飛機以至波音777、空中巴 士A320/321、A330和A340型等新一代 飛機不等。本公司的設施亦可進行波音 747-200型客貨兩用機的改裝貨機工程。

本公司設備完善的部件及航電大修設施 位於香港將軍澳,該處亦設有由香港航 CHINA 中國 空發動機維修服務有限公司營運的勞斯 萊斯引擎服務中心。

廈門太古飛機工程有限公司於中國廈門 機場營運,為波音及空中巴士飛機進行 大型維修工程,並提供一項為波音747-200/300型客機改裝貨機的計劃。該公 司亦於中國內地不同地點提供外勤維修 服務。 SHANDONG 山東

XIAMEN 廈門 HONG KONG 香港

Highlights 摘要

| | 2003 | 2002 | Change 變幅 | |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|--|
| (in HK\$ Million) | | | | (港幣百萬元) |
| Turnover | 1,987 | 2,078 | -4.4% | 營業總額 |
| Net operating profit | 104 | 276 | -62.3% | 營業淨溢利 |
| Share of after tax results of material jointly controlled companies: - Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited | 158 | 141 | 12.1% | 應佔主要共控公司 除税後業績: 一香港航空發動機 維修服務有限公司 |
| - Taikoo (Xiamen) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited | 81 | 71 | 14.1% | 一廈門太古飛機工程 有限公司 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 345 | 465 | -25.8% | 股東應佔溢利 |
| Dividends | 306 | 539 | -43.2% | 股息 |
| Shareholders' equity | 2,983 | 3,177 | -6.1% | 股東股權 |
| (number of shares in '000) | | | | (股份數目以千股計) |
| Average number of shares in issue | 166,325 | 166,330 | 0.0% | 平均已發行股份數目 |
| (in HK\$) | | | | (港元) |
| Earnings per share | 2.07 | 2.80 | -26.1% | 每股盈利 |
| Dividends per share | 0.84 | 0.74 | 13.5% | 每股股息 |
| Special dividend per share | 1.00 | 2.50 | -60.0% | 每股特別股息 |
| Shareholders' equity per share | 17.93 | 19.10 | -6.1% | 每股股東股權 |

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2,500

(Total HK\$M / 總計港幣百萬元)







Ten Year Financial Summary 十年財務概要

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| (in HK\$ Million) | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 1,987 | 2,078 | 1,994 | 1,821 | 1,959 | |
| Net operating profit | 104 | 276 | 127 | 262 | - | |
| Share of after tax results of | | | | | | |
| jointly controlled companies | 263 | 227 | 197 | 134 | 61 | |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 345 | 465 | 312 | 400 | 59 | |
| Dividends | 306 | 539 | 108 | 106 | 81 | |
| Funds employed: | | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 1,513 | 1,597 | 1,636 | 1,708 | 1,773 | |
| Other assets | 1,923 | 2,083 | 1,549 | 1,229 | 1,137 | |
| | 3,436 | 3,680 | 3,185 | 2,937 | 2,910 | |
| Less : current liabilities | 348 | 394 | 360 | 313 | 288 | |
| | 3,088 | 3,286 | 2,825 | 2,624 | 2,622 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Financed by: | | | | | | |
| Shareholders' equity | 2,983 | 3,177 | 2,713 | 2,509 | 2,504 | |
| Minority interest | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| Long term loan | 100 | 104 | 107 | 110 | 113 | |
| | 3,088 | 3,286 | 2,825 | 2,624 | 2,622 | |
| (in HK\$) | | | | | | |
| Earnings per share | 2.07 | 2.80 | 1.87 | 2.40 | 0.32 | |
| Dividends per share | 0.84 | 0.74 | 0.65 | 0.61 | 0.57 | |
| Special dividend per share | 1.00 | 2.50 | - | - | - | |
| Shareholders' equity per share | 17.93 | 19.10 | 16.30 | 15.02 | 13.53 | |
| Dividend cover - times | 2.46 | 3.78 | 2.88 | 3.79 | 0.73 | |
| Dividend Cover - Innes | 2.40 | 5.70 | 2.00 | 0.79 | 0.73 | |
| | | | | | | |

Note: The presentation of certain figures for prior years has been changed to conform with that used for the current year.

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Earnings and dividends per share 每股盈利及每股股息



Shareholders' equity per share 每股股東股權



| 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | 1994 | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | | | | | (港幣百萬元) |
| 2,028 | 2,375 | 2,462 | 2,391 | 2,418 | 營業總額 |
| 117 | 323 | 573 | 397 | 500 | 營業淨溢利 |
| 43 | 40 | (6) | 8 | (2) | 應佔共控公司除税後業績 |
| 146 | 320 | 495 | 331 | 414 | 股東應佔溢利 |
| 111 | 148 | 148 | 148 | 174 | 股息 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | 資金運用: |
| 1,895 | 1,057 | 401 | 324 | 367 | 固定資產 |
| 1,426 | 1,940 | 2,428 | 2,068 | 1,913 | 其他資產 |
| 3,321 | 2,997 | 2,829 | 2,392 | 2,280 | |
| 659 | 455 | 455 | 364 | 433 | 減:流動負債 |
| 2,662 | 2,542 | 2,374 | 2,028 | 1,847 | |
| | | | | | 資本來源: |
| 2,541 | 2,537 | 2,369 | 2,023 | 1,842 | 夏平木/si · 股東股權 |
| 2,341 | 2,007 | 2,309 | 2,023 | 5 | 少數股東權益 |
| 116 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | ラ あがえ 単語 しんしょう しんしょ しんしょ |
| 2,662 | 2,542 | 2,374 | 2,028 | 1,847 | 区知旧秋 |
| 2,002 | 2,042 | 2,074 | 2,020 | 1,047 | |
| | | | | | (港元) |
| 0.79 | 1.73 | 2.67 | 2.23 | 2.41 | 每股盈利 |
| 0.44 | 0.60 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.94 | 每股股息 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 每股特別股息 |
| 13.72 | 13.70 | 12.79 | 10.93 | 9.95 | 每股股東股權 |
| | | | | | |
| 1.31 | 2.16 | 3.34 | 2.24 | 2.38 | 盈利對股息比率倍數 |

附註:過往年度若干數字之表示法已予更改,使之與本年度所採用之表示法一致。

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Chairman's Statement 主席報告書

Results

Profit after tax attributable to shareholders for the year was HK\$345 million, which represented a decrease of 26% from the previous year.

2003 was a challenging year for the Company and the aviation industry in Hong Kong as a result of the SARS outbreak in the region, and the result for the year reflects the drop in aircraft movements through Hong Kong International Airport and the deferral of heavy maintenance due to base customers temporarily grounding some of their aircraft. In addition, the 2002 result included an amount of HK\$70 million comprising the release of provisions made in previous financial periods to cover potential problems in collecting full amounts due from customers and stock obsolescence. The corresponding figure in 2003 was a charge of HK\$1 million.

The contribution from jointly controlled companies continued to grow in 2003, with their combined share of profits after tax increasing from HK\$227 million to HK\$263 million. The contribution from Taikoo (Xiamen) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited ("TAECO") increased from HK\$71 million to HK\$81 million, including a non-recurring profit of HK\$12 million from its sale of an interest in GE Engine Services (Xiamen) Company Limited ("GEES"), while that from Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited ("HAESL") was HK\$158 million (2002: HK\$141 million).

業績

本年度之股東應佔除税後溢利為港幣三 億四千五百萬元,此業績較上年度下降 百分之二十六。

由於區內爆發非典型肺炎疫潮,二零零 三年對本公司及香港航空業而言是充滿 考驗的一年。本年度之業績反映進出香 港國際機場之航班數目有所下降,以及 基地維修顧客暫時將部分飛機停泊,導 致大型維修工程延期進行。此外,二零 零二年度之業績包括將過去數個財政年 度為或未能悉數收賬之應收客戶款項及 存貨報廢之準備港幣七千萬元回撥。二 零零三年之相應數字則為準備開支港幣 一百萬元。

來自共控公司之業績貢獻於二零零三年 間繼續增長,各共控公司之除税後溢利 由港幣二億二千七百萬元增加至港幣二 億六千三百萬元。來自廈門太古飛機工 程有限公司(廈門太古飛機工程公司)之 業績貢獻由港幣七千一百萬元增加至港 幣八千一百萬元,其中包括來自出售通 用電氣發動機服務公司)權益所得之非經常 性溢利港幣一千二百萬元;而香港航空 發動機維修服務有限公司(香港航空發動 機維修服務公司)之業績貢獻則為港幣一 億五千八百萬元(二零零二年為港幣一億 四千一百萬元)。



Aircraft washing at Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong 於香港赤鱲角進行飛機清洗

業務回顧

本公司是唯一在香港國際機場提供全面 飛機維修服務之公司。本公司之設施包 括一個可完全容納三架廣體飛機之單一 機庫和相關之維修工場及辦公室,及位 於將軍澳一幢設有部件與航電大修工場 和行政辦公室之五層高樓宇。本公司於 機場大樓亦有佔用樓面。

Review of Operations

The Company is the sole provider of comprehensive aircraft maintenance at Hong Kong International Airport. The Company's premises comprise a single hangar capable of fully enclosing three wide-bodied aircraft, together with associated workshops and offices, and a five-storey building at Tseung Kwan O housing component and avionic overhaul workshops and administration offices. The Company also occupies space at the airport terminal.

Line Maintenance

The line maintenance division employs around 1,600 people (2002: 1,550) who provide a comprehensive range of technical and non-technical services to airlines operating through Hong Kong International Airport. The Company is the main provider of such services in Hong Kong and hence the division's performance is primarily related to the number of flights through the airport. In 2002, the average number of aircraft handled daily was 200, and this level of activity continued into early 2003. However, due to SARS this number dropped to 107 in May, before gradually returning to a normal level by about the end of September. The average number of aircraft handled daily during the last quarter of the year was 212, a 6% increase compared with 2002. This level of activity is expected to continue into 2004, although this market in Hong Kong continues to be price-sensitive, with consequent pressure on margins.

外勤維修

外勤維修部僱用員工約一千六百人 (二零 零二年為一千五百五十人),為於香港國 際機場營運航班之航空公司提供全面之 技術性及非技術性服務。在香港,本公 司是提供此類服務之主要供應商,因此 部門之業績表現主要受進出機場之航班 數目影響。在二零零二年,平均每日處 理飛機數目為二百架,此工程量持續至 二零零三年初。然而,非典型肺炎疫潮 爆發導致此數字於五月份下跌至一百零 七架,至九月底左右始逐漸回復至正常 水平。本年最後一季平均每日處理飛機 數目為二百一十二架,與二零零二年比 較增加百分之六。雖然在香港,價格仍 容易受市場波動影響,從而對邊際利潤 構成壓力,但預期此工程量可持續至二 零零四年。

Heavy maintenance at Chek Lap Kok, Hong Kong 於香港赤鱲角進行大型維修工程



基地維修

基地維修部僱用員工約一千零二十人(二 零零二年為一千一百三十人),為依賴本 公司提供綜合支援服務之客戶進行全面 之定期維修檢查,並為不同類型之飛機 谁行定期檢查、改裝及大修工程。部門 進行之工程中,約百分之四十四乃來自 三家營運定期航班之香港航空公司,分 別為國泰航空公司、香港華民航空公司 及港龍航空公司。部門無論在價格、機 庫可用空間、周轉時間及工藝質素上足 與世界任何同業競爭。機庫在九月底前 使用量繁多,但在最後一季則使用量不 足。預期二零零四年間設施將如以往般 得到充份使用。二零零三年售出之工時 為一百三十五萬小時,較二零零二年減 少百分之二。在現時之輪值編制下,最 高可用工時為一百四十萬小時,其中包 括三十萬小時加班工時。

部件及航電大修

大修部位於將軍澳一幢五層高樓宇,擁 有逾七千平方米之現代化工場空間,並 僱用員工約二百二十人。隨著外勤維修 部及基地維修部於二零零三年間所進行 之工程量減少,此部門所修理之部件數 量亦有所下降,對營業溢利之貢獻因而 減少百分之五十七。此外,種種跡象顯 示原件生產商鋭意提升其在售後服務市 場之佔有率,故此交由本公司處理之部 件數量將隨而下降。

Base Maintenance

The base maintenance division employs around 1,020 people (2002: 1,130) who provide customers that rely on the Company for comprehensive support with a full range of scheduled maintenance checks and in addition undertake periodic checks, modifications and overhaul work on a wide variety of aircraft types. Approximately 44% of the division's work is for the three scheduled airlines operating out of Hong Kong: Cathay Pacific Airways, Air Hong Kong and Dragonair. It competes on price, availability of space, turnround time and quality of workmanship with other Maintenance and Repair Organisations worldwide. The hangar was busy until the end of September, but has been under-utilised during the last quarter. It is expected that the facility will return to full utilisation in 2004. Man-hours sold in 2003 were 1.35 million, a 2% decrease when compared with 2002. Operating with the existing shift patterns, the maximum available man-hours is 1.4 million, which includes 0.3 million man-hours of overtime.

Component and Avionics Overhaul

The overhaul division occupies more than 7,000 square metres of modern workshop space in a five-storey building at Tseung Kwan O and employs around 220 people. With reduced work being undertaken by both line and base maintenance during 2003, this division experienced a drop in the number of components to be repaired, and a 57% decrease in contribution to operating profit. In addition, it is becoming apparent that Original Equipment Manufacturers have decided to increase their presence in the after-sales service market, with a consequent drop in volume of the number of components coming to the Company.

Jointly Controlled Companies

TAECO opened its third hangar on 24th March 2003. Each of the hangars is capable of fully enclosing two wide-bodied aircraft. Most of TAECO's capacity has been taken up by shareholder customers or their affiliates, but with the increased capacity provided by the third hangar, there will be a need to find additional third-party customers. As with base maintenance in Hong Kong, customers deferred heavy maintenance checks planned for the second half of the year into 2004 and this adversely affected TAECO's result for the year. On the other hand, while still only representing about 1% of turnover, line maintenance operations continued to expand and an office was opened in Beijing late in the year. In December 2003, the line maintenance operations handled about 500 flights in Beijing, Xiamen and Shanghai, almost double the average number of flights handled per month in 2002.

In October 2003, Boeing announced that it was initiating a programme to convert Boeing 747-400 passenger aircraft to freighters, and that the first three such conversions would be done by TAECO, with work starting in 2005. There have been subsequent announcements that Cathay Pacific Airways Limited will be the launch customer for this programme, and that it will convert at least six, and possibly as many as twelve, passenger aircraft into freighters. The sixth such conversion is due for delivery by the end of 2007.

The number of engine arisings in GEES since it opened had been disappointing compared to the initial business plan and projections by the General Electric Company ("GE") indicated that losses would continue for at least another 5 years; in view of this, GE offered to buy out the other shareholders for a price equating to their original investment.

共控公司

廈門太古飛機工程公司第三個機庫於二 零零三年三月二十四日啟用。每個機庫 均可完全容納兩架廣體飛機。廈門太古 飛機工程公司之機庫設施大部分為股東 客戶或其聯繫機構使用,但隨著第三個 機庫落成而提供更多設施,將有需要去 尋找第三方客戶。正如香港基地維修之 情況一樣,多個客戶將原本計劃於下半 年進行之大型維修檢查工程推遲至二零 零四年,因而對廈門太古飛機工程公司 本年度業績造成不利影響。另一方面, 儘管外勤維修業務仍然只佔營業總額約 百分之一,但此業務持續增長,並於本 年底在北京開設一所辦事處。二零零三 年十二月,外勤維修業務於北京、廈門 及上海處理約五百班航班,幾為二零零 二年每月平均處理之航班數目之兩倍。

二零零三年十月,波音公司宣佈著手進 行一項計劃,將波音747-400型客機改裝 為貨機,首三項改裝工程將由廈門太古 飛機工程公司進行,於二零零五年展開 工程。該公司隨後作出多項宣佈,聲稱 國泰航空有限公司將成為該項計劃之首 位顧客,且將改裝最少六架客機為貨 機,數目並有可能多至十二架。第六架 改裝完成之貨機預期於二零零七年底交 付。

通用電氣發動機服務公司自啟用以來所 處理之發動機數目,與最初之業務計劃 相比令人失望,而通用電氣公司(通用電 氣)所作之預測顯示,未來最少五年將繼 續錄得虧損;有見及此,通用電氣提出 以相等於原來投資額的價格,向其他股 東全數買入其股權。 本公司持有百分之四十五權益之香港航 空發動機維修服務公司,為其主要顧客 國泰航空公司處理之發動機數目亦有下 降,但該公司為其他業務並未受非典型 肺炎疫潮影響之顧客處理之發動機數目 增加,足可抵銷大部分的不足量。結果 收益及溢利率均有所提高,本年再次有 良好之表現。二零零三年其設施所處理 之發動機數目為一百七十九台,較二零 零二年之工程量增加百分之十。該公司 約三成八之收益來自為國泰航空公司進 行之工程,此外亦為勞斯萊斯公司、亞 聯酋航空公司、泰國國際航空公司、馬 來西亞航空公司及中國南方航空公司提 供重大之發動機工程服務。香港航空發 動機維修服務公司擁有二成權益之新加 坡航空發動機維修服務有限公司業績與 預期相若,預期二零零四年之溢利率將 有所提高。

While HAESL, in which the Company has a 45% interest, also experienced a reduction in engine arisings from Cathay Pacific Airways, its main customer, it was able to replace most of this shortfall by additional arisings from customers whose operations were not affected by SARS. Consequently it has had another good year, with increased revenue and improved profitability. The number of engines put through its facility in 2003 was 179, a 10% increase on throughput in 2002. In addition to work performed for Cathay Pacific Airways, which accounted for about 38% of revenue, significant engine work was also carried out for Rolls-Royce plc, Emirates Airlines, Thai International, Malaysian Airlines and China Southern Airlines. The result for Singapore Aero Engine Services Pte. Limited, in which HAESL has a 20% interest, was in line with expectations and increased profitability is expected in 2004.

Components testing at Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong 於香港將軍澳作部件測試



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The Company owns 49% of Goodrich Asia-Pacific Limited, which refurbishes carbon brakes and overhauls wheel hubs at Fanling, in Hong Kong. It continued to perform well. The Xiamen based Goodrich TAECO Aeronautical Systems Limited, in which TAECO has a 35% interest, had an increase in demand for its services and was profitable.

Taikoo (Shandong) Aircraft Engineering Company Limited (formerly Shandong TAECO Aircraft Engineering Company Limited), in which the Company and TAECO have a combined interest of 30%, provides a heavy maintenance service for narrow-bodied aircraft and in particular B737 aircraft. It is expanding its capacity and capabilities to meet customers' projected needs. A second hangar was opened in May 2003. This company is profitable.

In-Services Asia Limited, a jointly controlled company in which the Company has a 35% interest, sells Intertechnique components, and provides a warranty and repair service to customers. Its revenue has grown in 2003 and the company is profitable.

EADS SOGERMA HAECO Services Company Limited, a jointly controlled company in which the Company has a 50% interest, provides computerised testing of components. In a difficult market, it has not met volume expectations, but is expecting an improvement in 2004.

Honeywell TAECO Aerospace (Xiamen) Company Limited, a jointly controlled company in which the Group has an attributable 30% interest, had a strong year, with increased revenue and profitability.

Goodrich Asia-Pacific Limited於香港 粉嶺從事碳質掣動片整修及輪轂大修業 務,本公司持有其中四成九權益。該公 司繼續有良好之表現。以廈門為基地之 廈門豪富太古宇航有限公司,其中廈門 太古飛機工程公司持有三成五權益,該 公司之服務需求有所增加,並錄得盈 利。

山東太古飛機工程有限公司由本公司及 廈門太古飛機工程公司合共持有其中三 成權益,為狹體飛機(特別是波音737型 飛機)提供大型維修服務。該公司正致力 擴展其工程能力與規模,以應付客戶未 來之需求。第二個機庫於二零零三年五 月落成啟用。該公司錄得盈利。

In-Services Asia Limited乃一家共控公司,本公司持有其中三成五權益。該公司出售 Intertechnique 部件,並為客戶提供保用及修理服務。其於二零零三年之收益有所增長,並錄得盈利。

EADS SOGERMA HAECO Services Company Limited乃一家共控公司,本 公司持有其中五成權益。該公司提供電 腦化部件測試服務。面對市場困難,該 公司之營業額未有達到預期水平,但二 零零四年可望有所改善。

廈門霍尼韋爾太古宇航有限公司乃一家 共控公司,本集團持有其中三成應佔權 益。該公司本年度表現強勁,收益及溢 利率均有所增長。



Engine service facility at HAESL, Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong 香港航空發動機維修服務公司位於香港將軍澳的發動機維修設施

Financial Review

Turnover

財務回顧

營業總額

| Note 附註 | 2003 | 2002 | Change 變幅 | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| (in HK\$ Million) | | | | (港幣百萬元) |
| The Company and its subsidiary | | | | |
| company 1 | 1,987 | 2,078 | -4% | 本公司及其附屬公司 |
| HAESL | 3,636 | 3,356 | 8% | 香港航空發動機維修服務公司 |
| TAECO | 607 | 583 | 4% | 廈門太古飛機工程公司 |
| Other jointly controlled companies | 316 | 272 | 16% | 其他共控公司 |
| Total | 6,546 | 6,289 | 4% | 總計 |
| | | | | |

Notes: 1 As disclosed on the face of the profit and loss account in accordance with 2 The whole of the turnover for the jointly controlled companies is included in

this table.

附註:1 如按香港年報規定於損益賬內所披露。

2 共控公司營業總額全數包括在本表內。

Dividend

An interim dividend of HK\$0.28 per share was paid on 22nd September 2003. Your Directors have recommended a final dividend for 2003 of HK\$0.56 per share and the proposed total ordinary distribution per share represents an increase of 14% over that declared for 2002. This distribution is covered 2.46 times.

The Directors have also recommended a special dividend of HK\$1.00 per share (2002: HK\$2.50), which would be payable with the final dividend.

The total dividends paid and proposed in respect of 2003 amount to HK\$306 million.

Net Assets

Net assets decreased during the year from HK\$3,286 million to HK\$3,088 million. Capital expenditure amounted to HK\$47 million, mostly on computer systems, tooling and vehicles used at the airport. Working capital decreased from HK\$500 million to HK\$383 million primarily because of the special dividend payment.

Net Liquid Funds and Financing

Cash, cash equivalents and short term deposits decreased by HK\$127 million to HK\$420 million during the year, with strong net operating cash flow. Dividends and shareholder loan repayments from the jointly controlled companies amounted to HK\$221 million, while the special dividend paid was HK\$416 million. The Company is expected to generate liquid funds during 2004 that will exceed its operating, working capital and budgeted capital expenditure requirements. In addition, it has negotiated loan facilities equivalent to HK\$454 million, of which HK\$100 million is subject to renewal during 2004.

股息

中期股息每股港幣0.28元已於二零零三 年九月二十二日派發。董事局建議派發 二零零三年度末期股息每股港幣0.56 元,每股擬派之普通股股息總計比二零 零二年之派息增加百分之十四。盈利股 息比率為2.46倍。

董事局亦建議連同末期股息派發特別股 息每股港幣1.00元(二零零二年為港幣 2.50元)。

二零零三年度之已付及擬派股息總計為 港幣三億零六百萬元。

資產淨值

年內資產淨值由港幣三十二億八千六百 萬元減少至港幣三十億八千八百萬元。 資本開支總計港幣四千七百萬元,大部 分用於機場使用之電腦系統、工具及汽 車。營運資金由港幣五億元減少至港幣 三億八千三百萬元,主要原因乃支付特 別股息。

流動資金淨值及融資

年內之現金、現金等價物及短期存款減 少港幣一億二千七百萬元至港幣四億二 千萬元,營業現金流入淨額表現強勁。 來自共控公司之股息及股東借款償還數 額為港幣二億二千一百萬元,而已付特 別股息為港幣四億一千六百萬元。本公 司預計於二零零四年內可帶來之流動資 金超過其營業、營運資金及預算資本性 開支需要。此外,本公司議好之信貸安 排相當於港幣四億五千四百萬元,其中 港幣一億元需於二零零四年內續期。

貨幣浮動

本集團之收入以港幣或美元為主。本公 司及其以香港為基地之共控公司之營運 成本及資本性開支均以同類貨幣為主, 而其在中國內地之各共控公司之開支則 以人民幣計算。

環境保護

本公司了解其業務會對所在之環境造成 影響,因此致力監控並減低其影響之程 度。於遷往赤鱲角香港國際機場及於將 軍澳興建新設施時,本公司設置了多套 環保系統,務求減低污水及廢氣對環境 造成之影響。自此,本公司已確定了多 項計劃以求進一步減少能源及資源之使 用量,並在可行之情況下循環再用廢 料。在二零零三年,本公司動用港幣三 百萬元(二零零二年為港幣四百萬元)作 為資本性及經常性開支以達到此等目 標,並計劃二零零四年將款額增加至港 幣四百萬元。

Currency Fluctuations

The Group's income is substantially in HK dollars or US dollars. Operating costs and capital expenditure of the Company and its Hong Kong based jointly controlled companies is substantially in the same currencies as are those of its jointly controlled companies in Mainland China, which also use Renminbi.

Environment

The Company recognises that its operations could impact the environment in which it operates, and it endeavours to monitor and to reduce the extent to which they do so. When it moved to Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok and built its new facilities in Tseung Kwan O, the Company incorporated systems to minimise the effect of effluents on the environment. Since then, it has initiated projects to further reduce energy and resource usage, and to recycle waste where practicable. In 2003, the Company spent HK\$3 million (2002: HK\$4 million) on capital and recurring expenditure to achieve those objectives, and plans to increase this to HK\$4 million in 2004.

Maintenance facility at TAECO, Xiamen, Mainland China 廈門太古飛機工程公司位於中國內地廈門的維修設施



Staff

The Company employed 3,445 staff at the end of 2003, a small decrease from the end of 2002. This number included 85 craftsmen and engineering apprentice trainees for TAECO and 148 full-time HAECO employees who have been seconded to TAECO.

In addition, TAECO employed 1,779 local staff and HAESL 678 staff.

In what has been a difficult year, the result reflects the hard work and commitment of all the staff, and on behalf of the shareholders, I should like to thank them for their continuing support.

Outlook

The Interim Report indicated that the outlook for the second half of the year was uncertain, with the number of flights through Hong Kong picking up but with indications that major customers would defer some heavy maintenance into 2004. With the exception of HAESL, this has proved to be the case.

However, by the end of the year, line maintenance operations were close to normal and some growth is expected in 2004 as confidence returns to the region. In addition, the heavy maintenance work deferred from 2003 has resulted in good forward bookings for 2004 and the hangar and engine overhaul facilities are expected to be working at effectively full capacity during the first half of the year.

David Turnbull

Chairman Hong Kong, 9th March 2004

員工

本公司於二零零三年底僱用員工三千四 百四十五人,較二零零二年底略為減 少。此數字包括來自廈門太古飛機工程 公司接受培訓之八十五名技工及工程學 徒,以及一百四十八名借調往該公司之 港機工程全職僱員。

此外,廈門太古飛機工程公司僱用一千 七百七十九名當地員工,香港航空發動 機維修服務公司則僱用六百七十八名員 工。

在如此困難的一年,能有此業績實乃全 體員工辛勤努力及忠心服務之成果。本 席謹代表股東衷心感謝他們一直以來之 支持。

展望未來

中期報告指出本年下半年之業績展望並 不明朗,進出香港之航班數目雖有所回 升,但主要客戶均指出會將部分大型維 修工程推遲至二零零四年。除香港航空 發動機維修服務公司外,一切就如所 料。

然而到年底,外勤維修業務已接近正常 水平,由於區內信心已回復,因此預期 二零零四年會有所增長。此外,由於二 零零三年之大型維修工程延期進行,令 二零零四年之前期預訂情況良好,預期 機庫及發動機大修設施在上半年間將獲 得充分使用。

主席 **唐寶麟** 香港,二零零四年三月九日

Corporate Governance 公司管治

董事局致力達致高水平之公司管治,本 公司全年均遵守上市規則內之最佳應用 守則所開列之規定。下文説明本公司如 何應用最佳應用守則所開列之各項準 則。

董事局

董事局現時共有十一位成員,包括七位 非常務董事,其中三位為獨立非常務董 事,以及包括主席在內共四位常務董 事。各董事之簡歷於第十七頁列述。

董事局每年召開六次正式會議,另於其 他時間傳閱涉及重要事項之董事局文件 以供批核。二零零三年之平均出席率為 百分之九十。

各董事就集團之長遠發展及確保賬目真 實公平而對股東、僱員及其他利益相關 者負責。為此,董事局保留權力對若干 事宜作出決策,此等事宜包括所有主要 之策略及財務決策。為使董事局能執行 職責,各董事均可及時而全面地獲得提 供所有有關資料。非常務董事亦被鼓勵 參觀集團之業務運作。

各董事在獲選後,均須於第三屆股東週 年大會上告退。

執行委員會

執行委員會之成員包括常務董事(公司主 席除外)、兩位非常務董事(其中一位主 持每月之會議),以及三位來自本公司、 其共控公司及客戶之高級行政人員。執 行委員會負責監察本公司之日常運作, 並對董事局負責。 The Board is committed to a high standard of corporate governance and throughout the year the Company has complied with the provisions of the Code of Best Practice as set out in the Listing Rules. The following describes how the principles set out in the Code have been applied.

The Board of Directors

The Board currently has eleven members, comprising seven Non-Executive Directors, three of whom are independent, and four Executive Directors, including the Chairman. Biographies of all the Directors are presented on page 17.

The Board meets formally six times a year and Board papers dealing with important matters are circulated for approval at other times. The average attendance in 2003 was 90%.

The Directors are responsible to the shareholders, employees and other stakeholders for the long-term development of the Group and for ensuring that the accounts show a true and fair view. To this end, certain matters are reserved for the decision of the Board including all major strategic and financial decisions. To enable the Board to perform its duties, all Directors have full and timely access to all relevant information. Non-Executive Directors are encouraged to visit the Group's operations.

Each Director is required to retire at the third annual general meeting following his election.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee comprises the Executive Directors, (excluding the Company Chairman), two Non-Executive Directors, one of whom chairs the monthly meetings, and three senior executives from the Company, its jointly controlled companies and customers. It is responsible to the Board for overseeing the day to day operation of the Company.

Audit Committee

The Board has established an Audit Committee comprising three Non-Executive Directors, two of whom, including the Chairman, Dinty Dickson Leach, are independent Non-Executive Directors. In 2003, the Committee met three times with 100% attendance. It reviews and reports to the Board on the published financial information and the internal controls and risk management procedures of the Company and its managed jointly controlled companies. The external auditors attend these meetings, parts of which are held without any management of the Company being present. At the invitation of the Committee, the Finance Director regularly attends meetings of the Committee, as do the Swire Group Internal Auditor, the Management Information Department manager and the Quality Assurance manager as appropriate.

Remuneration Committee

At its meeting in November 2003, the Board established a Remuneration Committee comprising three Non-Executive Directors, two of whom are independent Non-Executive Directors. The Committee is chaired by Peter Johansen and will meet at least once a year. The principal role of the Committee is to determine and review the Company's policy for remunerating its Executive Directors and the remuneration packages of individual Executive Directors. At its meeting in December, after due consideration by reference to relevant comparator companies, the Committee approved the remuneration packages for those individual Directors.

Internal Audit

In order to review the system of internal control and to assess the effectiveness of risk management procedures, the Company contracts with the Swire Group Internal Audit Department for the provision of internal audit services, and also has a small team of its own auditors who undertake compliance audits. The Swire Group Internal Auditor reports to the Company's Chairman and the Audit Committee, while the Company's internal auditors report to the Audit Committee through the Finance Director.

審核委員會

董事局成立了一個審核委員會,其成員 包括三位非常務董事,當中包括主席李 德信在內之兩位為獨立非常務董事。審 核委員會於二零零三年共召開三次會 議,出席率均為百分百。審核委員會審 関本公司及其管理之共控公司所公佈之 財務資料,和檢討其內部監控及風險管 理程序,並向董事局報告。外聘核數師 出席此等會議,而此等會議部分環節在 沒有本公司管理層列席之情況下進行。 財務董事應審核委員會之邀請,定期出 席審核委員會之會議,太古集團內部核 數師、資訊管理部經理及品質保證經理 亦會在適當時候出席審核委員會之會 議。

酬金委員會

在二零零三年十一月之會議上,董事局 成立了一個酬金委員會,其成員包括三 位非常務董事,其中兩位為獨立非常務 董事。酬金委員會由容漢新出任主席, 每年最少召開一次會議。該委員會之主 要職責為釐定及檢討本公司發放薪酬予 常務董事之政策,及個別常務董事之薪 酬福利。在與相若公司比較並經過慎重 考慮後,該委員會在十二月召開之會議 上通過批准此等個別董事之薪酬福利。

內部審核

為檢討內部監控制度及評估風險管理程 序之成效,本公司與太古集團內部審核 部訂定合約,由該部門提供內部審核服 務,本公司亦自聘一小組核數師負責符 合性審核之工作。太古集團內部核數師 向本公司主席及審核委員會報告,而本 公司之核數師則透過財務董事向審核委 員會報告。

Directors 董事

常務董事

唐寶麟[†],現年四十八歲,自一九九五年 九月起出任董事局主席。彼於一九九零 年一月至一九九三年十二月期間出任本 公司董事兼董事總經理,並於一九九五 年三月再次加入董事局。彼亦為國泰航 空有限公司副主席兼行政總裁,並為太 古股份有限公司及香港太古集團有限公 司董事。彼於一九七六年加入太古集 團。

陳炳傑,現年五十八歲,於二零零一年 八月八日獲委任為副主席兼行政總裁。 彼於一九六六年首次加入本公司,於一 九九零年六月離職,當時為副總工程師 (維修)。彼於一九九二年十二月再次加 入本公司為總經理(基地維修及中國業 務),於一九九三年十一月獲委任為董 事,一九九八年七月獲委任為董事總經 理。

馬文博[†],現年五十三歲,自二零零零年 十月起出任財務董事。彼於一九九一年 八月至一九九七年十月期間出任公司秘 書。彼於一九八一年加入太古集團。

馬海文,現年四十三歲,於二零零一年 十月加入本公司,並於二零零二年二月 一日獲委任為董事(工程)。彼曾為國泰 航空有限公司工程策劃及技術供應總經 理。彼於一九八七年加入太古集團。

非常務董事

梁德基,現年五十八歲,自一九九八年 五月起出任本公司董事。彼為國泰航空 有限公司工務董事,並為香港航空發動 機維修服務有限公司及聯誼工程有限公 司董事。彼乃國泰航空有限公司之僱 員。

代董事: 簡柏基

Executive Directors

David Turnbull[†], aged 48, has been Chairman of the Board since September 1995. He was Director and Managing Director of the Company from January 1990 to December 1993 and rejoined the Board in March 1995. He is also Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and a Director of Swire Pacific Limited and John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited. He joined the Swire group in 1976.

Chan Ping Kit, aged 58, was appointed Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on 8th August 2001. He first joined the Company in 1966 and resigned as Deputy Chief Engineer (Maintenance) in June 1990. He rejoined in December 1992 as General Manager (Base Maintenance & China Operations) and was appointed a Director in November 1993 and Managing Director in July 1998.

Marven Bowles[†], aged 53, has been Finance Director since October 2000. He was Company Secretary from August 1991 to October 1997. He joined the Swire group in 1981.

Mark Hayman, aged 43, joined the Company in October 2001 and was appointed Director (Engineering) on 1st February 2002. He was previously General Manager Engineering Planning and Technical Supplies of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited. He joined the Swire group in 1987.

Non-Executive Directors

Derek Cridland, aged 58, has been a Director of the Company since May 1998. He is also Engineering Director of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and a Director of Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited and Associated Engineers Limited. He is an employee of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited. *Alternate: Chris Gibbs* Davy Ho Cho Ying[†], aged 56, was appointed a Director in September 1999. He joined the Swire group in 1970 and has worked with the group in Hong Kong and Taiwan. He is also a Director of Swire Pacific Limited and John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited.

Peter Johansen^{#*†}, aged 61, has been a Director since July 1984 and is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. He joined the Swire group in 1973 and has worked with the group in Hong Kong and Japan. He is also a Director of John Swire and Sons Limited and Swire Pacific Limited.

Tony Tyler[†], aged 48, has been a Director of the Company since December 1996. He joined the Swire group in 1977 and has worked with the group in Australia, the Philippines, Canada, Japan and Europe. He is a Director of John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited, Director Corporate Development of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited, Chairman of AHK Air Hong Kong Limited and a Director of Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited.

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Dinty Dickson Leach^{#*}, aged 58, has been a Director of the Company since July 1986 and is Chairman of the Audit Committee. He is also Vice Chairman of CLP Holdings Limited, Chairman of Tai Ping Carpets International Limited, a Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited and Chairman of Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons Limited.

Alternate: The Hon. Michael Kadoorie

Dr. Alex Wu Shu Chih#, CBE, LLD, JP, aged 83, has been a Director of the Company since January 1983. He is also Chairman of Fidelity Management Limited and a Non-Executive Director of a number of listed companies including Hong Kong Ferry Co. Limited.

Lincoln Leong Kwok Kuen*, aged 43, was appointed a Director of the Company in March 2003. He is also Finance Director of MTR Corporation Limited and a Director of Tai Ping Carpets International Limited.

† These Directors are employees of the John Swire & Sons Limited group.

何祖英[†], 現年五十六歲, 於一九九九年 九月獲委任為董事。彼於一九七零年加 入太古集團,曾在集團之香港及台灣辦 事處工作。彼亦為太古股份有限公司及 香港太古集團有限公司董事。

容漢新#**[†],現年六十一歲,自一九八四 年七月起出任董事,為酬金委員會主 席。彼於一九七三年加入太古集團,曾 在集團之香港及日本辦事處工作。彼亦 為英國太古集團有限公司及太古股份有 限公司董事。

湯彥麟[†],現年四十八歲,自一九九六年 十二月起出任本公司董事。彼於一九七 七年加入太古集團,曾在集團之澳洲、 菲律賓、加拿大、日本及歐洲辦事處工 作。彼為香港太古集團有限公司董事、 國泰航空有限公司企業發展董事、香港 華民航空有限公司主席及港龍航空有限 公司董事。

獨立非常務董事

李德信#*, 現年五十八歲, 自一九八六年 七月起出任本公司董事,為審核委員會 主席。彼亦為中電控股有限公司副主 席、太平地氈國際有限公司主席、香港 上海酒店有限公司董事,以及嘉道理父 子有限公司主席。 代董事:米高嘉道理

吴樹熾博士[#], CBE, LLD, JP, 現年八十 三歲,自一九八三年一月起出任本公司 董事。彼亦為正信工商顧問有限公司主 席及多間上市公司包括香港小輪有限公 司之非常務董事。

梁國權*,現年四十三歲,於二零零三年 三月獲委任為董事。彼亦為地鐵有限公 司財務董事及太平地氈國際有限公司董 事。

附註 審核委員會成員 酬金委員會成員 此等董事乃英國太古集團僱員

Executive Officers 行政人員

公司秘書

余陳秀梅,現年五十八歲,自二零零二 年九月起出任公司秘書。彼於一九七八 年加入太古集團。

行政人員

陳智雄,現年五十五歲,於一九六七年 加入本公司,於一九九六年十二月獲委 任為零件及航電大修總經理。彼亦為 Goodrich Asia-Pacific Limited 董事兼 總經理。

麥宗儒,現年三十六歲,於二零零二年 九月加入本公司出任企業策劃總經理。 彼之前任職國泰航空有限公司。

吴思豪,現年五十歲,曾於一九八七年 首次加入本公司,於一九九一年離職。 彼於一九九五年再次加入本公司,並於 二零零二年十一月獲委任為人事總經 理。

沙舒雅,現年五十六歲,曾於一九八七 年加入本公司,於一九八九年離職。彼 於一九九二年再次加入本公司,並於一 九九八年八月獲委任為總經理,現為商 務總經理,負責物資管理及商業職務。

胡雄光,現年五十二歲,於一九八一年 加入本公司,並於二零零零年八月獲委 任為財務總經理。

虞金林,現年五十六歲,曾於一九六七 年首次加入本公司,於一九九零年離 職。彼於一九九七年九月再次加入本公 司出任基地維修總經理。並於一九九九 年十二月獲委任為維修總經理。

Secretary

Margaret Yu Chan Sau Mui, aged 58, has been Company Secretary since September 2002. She joined the Swire group in 1978.

Executive Officers

Fred Chan Chi Hung, aged 55, joined the Company in 1967 and was appointed General Manager Component & Avionics Overhaul in December 1996. He is also Director and General Manager of Goodrich Asia-Pacific Limited.

Mak Chung Yu, aged 36, joined the Company from Cathay Pacific Airways Limited in September 2002 as General Manager Corporate Planning.

Thomas Ng Sze Ho, aged 50, first joined the Company in 1987 and resigned in 1991. He rejoined the Company in 1995 and was appointed General Manager Personnel in November 2002.

Ashok Sathianathan, aged 56, first joined the Company in 1987 and resigned in 1989. He rejoined the Company in 1992, was appointed a General Manager in August 1998 and is currently General Manager Commercial with responsibility for material management and commercial functions.

Woo Hung Kwong, aged 52, joined the Company in 1981 and was appointed General Manager Finance in August 2000.

Paul Yu Kam Lam, aged 56, first joined the Company in 1967 and resigned in 1990. He rejoined as General Manager Base Maintenance in September 1997 and was appointed General Manager Maintenance in December 1999.

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Report of the Directors 董事局報告

董事局謹提呈截至二零零三年十二月三 十一日止年度之報告書及經審核賬目。 該等賬目詳列於第二十八頁至第五十一 頁。

主要業務及業績

香港飛機工程有限公司集團主要業務為 經營商用飛機之大修及維修業務。其業 務主要在香港進行。本集團之業績詳列 於第二十八頁之綜合損益賬內。

十年財務概要

本集團之業績、資產及負債之十年財務 概要載於第二頁及第三頁。

股息

董事局建議派發截至二零零三年十二月 三十一日止年度之末期股息每普通股 港幣0.56元及特別股息每普通股港幣 1.00元,連同於二零零三年九月二十二 日已派發之中期股息每普通股港幣 0.28元,全年派息為每普通股港幣1.84 元。全年派息總額為港幣三億零六百萬 元。二零零三年末期股息及特別股息有 待股東於二零零四年五月十一日召開之 股東週年大會通過,股息預期於二零零 四年五月二十日派發予於二零零四年五 月十一日名列股東名冊內之股東。股票 過戶手續將於二零零四年五月三日至二 零零四年五月十一日(包括首尾兩天)暫 停辦理。

儲備賬 本公司及本集團年內之儲備賬變動見賬 目附註第18條。

The Directors submit their report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2003 which are set out on pages 28 to 51.

Principal activity and results

The Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited Group is primarily engaged in the business of commercial aircraft overhaul and maintenance. Its operations are carried out principally in Hong Kong. The results of the Group are set out in the consolidated profit and loss account on page 28.

Ten year financial summary

A ten year financial summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group is shown on pages 2 and 3.

Dividends

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.56 and a special dividend of HK\$1.00 per ordinary share for the year ended 31st December 2003 which, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.28 per ordinary share paid on 22nd September 2003 makes a total dividend for the year of HK\$1.84 per ordinary share. This represents a total distribution for the year of HK\$306 million. Subject to the approval of the 2003 final dividend and special dividend by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 11th May 2004, it is expected that the dividends will be paid on 20th May 2004 to shareholders registered on 11th May 2004. The shareholders' register will be closed from 3rd May 2004 to 11th May 2004, both dates inclusive.

Reserves

Movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 18 to the accounts.

Bank and other borrowings

The Company and its subsidiary have no bank loans at the end of the year. The details of other borrowings are shown in note 19 to the accounts.

Interest

The details of interest are included in note 5 to the accounts.

Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies of the Group are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

Donations

During the year the Company and its subsidiary made donations for charitable purposes totalling HK\$1 million.

Fixed assets

Movements of fixed assets are shown in note 10 to the accounts.

Share capital

During the year under review, no purchase, sale or redemption of the shares of the Company has been effected by the Company or its subsidiary company (2002 : 126,600 shares were purchased and cancelled).

Agreement for services

There is an agreement for services, in respect of which John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of John Swire & Sons Limited, provides services to Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited and its subsidiary and under which costs are reimbursed and a fee is payable. The agreement can be terminated by either party giving not less than twelve months' notice of termination expiring on 31st December 2005 or any subsequent 31st December.

Peter Johansen as a Director and shareholder of John Swire & Sons Limited is interested in this agreement. Marven Bowles, Davy Ho Cho Ying, David Turnbull and Tony Tyler being

銀行及其他借貸

本公司及其附屬公司於本年年底並無銀 行借貸。其他借貸詳列於賬目附註第19 條。

利息 利息詳列於賬目附註第5條。

會計政策 本集團之主要會計政策見賬目附註第2 條。

捐款

本年度內,本公司及其附屬公司之慈善 捐款共達港幣-百萬元。

固定資產

固定資產增減詳情,見賬目附註第10 條。

股本

在回顧之年度內,本公司或其附屬公司 並無購回、出售或贖回本公司之股份(二 零零二年共有126,600股股份被購回並註 銷)。

服務協議

就英國太古集團有限公司之全資附屬公 司香港太古集團有限公司為香港飛機工 程有限公司及其附屬公司提供服務,以 及有關支付服務成本及費用等事宜,雙 方已訂立服務協議。協議任何一方均可 給予不少於十二個月通知於二零零五年 十二月三十一日或此後任何年份之十二 月三十一日終止該協議。

容漢新作為英國太古集團有限公司之董 事兼股東,在該協議中有利益關係。馬 文博、何祖英、唐寶麟及湯彥麟均為英

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國太古集團董事及僱員,在此協議中亦 有利益關係。

有關截至二零零三年十二月三十一日止 年度之已付費用及代支費用,詳情見賬 目附註第二十三條。

主要顧客及供應商 (重要合約)

年內,本集團之五大顧客及供應商分別 佔本公司銷售額百分之七十及採購額百 分之四十五。本集團之最大顧客國泰航 空有限公司佔本公司銷售額百分之四十 一,而最大供應商Aero Inventory (U.K.) Limited則佔本公司採購額百分之二十 三。

據董事局所知,並無董事、彼等之聯繫 人士或任何擁有百分之五以上本公司已 發行股本之股東(國泰航空有限公司除 外),持有在上文披露之顧客或供應商之 權益。

關連交易

 在回顧之年度內,本公司將其部份 風險向Spaciom Limited (「SPACIOM」)投保。該公司乃太古 股份有限公司全資擁有之專屬自保保 險公司,於馬恩島註冊成立。本公司 與SPACIOM訂立之保單(「該保單」) 為持續之關連交易。

本公司就該保單由二零零三年四月一 日至二零零四年三月三十一日有效期 所繳付之保費為港幣四百三十七萬五 千二百九十五元,預期本公司予 SPACIOM之每年應付保費將超逾綜 合有形資產淨額百分之零點零三,但 亦少於此淨額百分之三。 Directors and employees of the John Swire & Sons Limited group are also interested in this agreement.

Particulars of the fees paid and the expenses reimbursed for the year ended 31st December 2003 are given in note 23 to the accounts.

Major customers and suppliers (significant contracts)

70% of sales and 45% of purchases during the year were attributable to the Group's five largest customers and suppliers respectively. 41% of sales were made to the Group's largest customer, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited while 23% of purchases were made from the largest supplier, Aero Inventory (U.K.) Limited.

No Director, their associates or any shareholder who to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital (other than in respect to Cathay Pacific Airways Limited) has an interest in the customers or suppliers disclosed above.

Connected transactions

 During the year under review, the Company has placed part of its insurance through Spaciom Limited ("SPACIOM"), a captive insurance company incorporated in the Isle of Man and wholly-owned by Swire Pacific Limited. The policies placed by the Company with SPACIOM ("the Policies") are continuing connected transactions.

The premium paid by the Company in respect of the Policies for the period 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004 was HK\$4,375,295 and it is expected that the yearly premium payable by the Company to SPACIOM will exceed 0.03% but be below 3% of the net consolidated tangible assets. The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") has granted the Company a waiver from strict compliance with the disclosure requirements under Chapter 14.25(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") in connection with the Policies on each occasion they arise subject to certain conditions.

In accordance with these conditions, the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company have reviewed the Policies and confirmed that they were:

- taken out by the Company in the usual and ordinary course of its business;
- ii) written either (1) on normal commercial terms or (2) on terms no more favourable to SPACIOM than terms with independent third parties; and
- iii) entered into on terms that are fair and reasonable insofar as the shareholders of the Company are concerned.

The Auditors of the Company have also reviewed the Policies and the following is an extract from their letter to the Board:

"As requested in the waiver letter, we have carried out certain review procedures in connection with the abovementioned connected transaction entered into during the year. Our review procedures included the following:

- i) Ensured the Policies were properly approved by the Board of Directors of the Company;
- ii) Checked that the yearly premium payable by the Company in 2003 in respect of the Policies is less than the higher of HK\$10 million or 3% of the Company's consolidated net tangible assets as published in the annual report for the year ended 31st December 2003;
- iii) Reviewed external quotations provided by external insurance companies via the Company's insurance consultant, Marsh, which indicated that overall premium for the abovementioned Policies were competitive and

香港聯合交易所有限公司(「香港聯合 交易所」)已豁免本公司在每次訂立該 等保單時嚴格遵守香港聯合交易所證 券上市規則(「上市規則」)第14.25(1) 條之披露規定,惟受若干條件規限。

控照此等條件規定,本公司之獨立非 常務董事已審閱該等保單,並確認該 等保單:

- i) 由本公司控照一般正常商業運作 過程訂立;
- ii) 按(1)正常商業條款簽訂,或(2)與SPACIOM簽訂之條款不優厚於和獨立第三者簽訂之條款訂立;及
- iii) 以對本公司股東而言公平合理之 條款簽訂。

本公司之核數師亦已審閱該等保單, 以下為核數師致董事局函之摘錄:

「按照豁免函件所述之要求,本核數師 已就上述於年內達成之關連交易進行 若干審閱程序。本核數師之審閱程序 包括如下各項:

- <li) 確保該等保單由本公司董事局適 當地批核;
- i) 查核本公司就該等保單於二零零
 三年之每年應付保費少於以下兩 者中數額較高者:港幣一千萬元
 或本公司於截至二零零三年十二
 月三十一日止年度報告書所公佈
 之綜合有形資產淨額百分之三;
- iii) 透過本公司之保險顧問Marsh審閱
 由外界保險公司提供之報價,而
 保險顧問指出,上述保單之保費
 總額具競爭力,且為盡可能最便
 宜之條款。根據此點,該等保單
 以不優厚於和獨立第三者簽訂之
 條款訂立。」

 本集團與國泰航空有限公司簽訂多項 總數龐大之合約,相當於本集團二零 零三年營業總額約百分之四十一,此 等合約乃關於國泰航空有限公司之飛 機及有關設備之維修及大修。此等合 約均在本集團及國泰航空有限公司以 按一般商業條件以及正常業務程序下 而簽訂。

董事

名列於第十七頁及第十八頁之現任董事 中,梁國權於二零零三年三月四日獲委 任。此外,鮑天頌出任董事直至二零零三 年十二月三十一日離任為止。其餘所有董 事皆於年內全年任職,並於本報告書公佈 之日仍然在任。

於本年度內之不同時間,簡柏基及米高嘉 道理出任代董事。

根據本公司章程第93條,所有董事在通 過普通決議案獲選後,均須於第三屆股東 週年大會上告退。根據上述規定,馬文 博、容漢新及唐寶麟於本年輪值告退,但 因符合資格均願候選連任。

各董事均無與本公司訂有不可由僱主免付 賠償金(法定之賠償金除外)而於一年內終 止之服務合約。

董事酬金詳情見賬目附註第4條。

were the cheapest terms available. On this basis, the Policies have been entered into on terms no more favourable than terms with independent third parties."

2. Various contracts in relation to the maintenance and overhaul of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited's aircraft and related equipment, which in total are significant and represented approximately 41% of the Group's turnover in 2003, exist between the Group and Cathay Pacific Airways Limited. These contracts have all been concluded on normal commercial terms in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and Cathay Pacific Airways Limited.

Directors

Of the present Directors whose names are listed on pages 17 and 18, Lincoln Leong Kwok Kuen was appointed on 4th March 2003. In addition, John Paterson served as a Director until his resignation on 31st December 2003. All the remaining Directors served throughout the year and still hold office at the date of this report.

At various times during the year, Chris Gibbs and The Hon Michael Kadoorie served as alternate Directors.

Article 93 of the Company's Articles of Association provides for all Directors to retire at the third Annual General Meeting following their election by ordinary resolution. In accordance therewith Marven Bowles, Peter Johansen and David Turnbull retire this year and being eligible, offer themselves for reelection.

None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company that is not determinable by the employer within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

Details of Directors' remuneration are provided in note 4 to the Accounts.

Code of Best Practice

The Company has complied throughout the year with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

Directors' interests

At 31st December 2003, the register maintained under Section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") showed that the following Directors held beneficial interests in the shares of Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited:

最佳應用守則

本公司全年均遵守上市規則附錄14內所 開列之最佳應用守則。

董事權益

於二零零三年十二月三十一日,根據證券及期貨條例第352條須設立之名冊內所登記,以下董事在香港飛機工程有限公司之股份中持有實益:

| | Personal 個人權益 | Other 其他權益 | Total 總計 | Percentage of Issued Capital (%) 已發行股本百分比(%) | |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--|------------|
| The Hon Michael Kadoorie | | | | | |
| (alternate Director) | - | 3,782,886* | 3,782,886 | 2.27 | 米高嘉道理(代董事) |
| Dinty Dickson Leach | 112,000 | - | 112,000 | 0.07 | 李德信 |
| | | | | | |

* The Hon Michael Kadoorie is a beneficiary of discretionary trusts which hold these shares.

Other than as stated above, no Director or Chief Executive of the Company had any interest or short position, whether beneficial or non-beneficial, in the shares or underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations, if any (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

Neither during nor prior to the year under review has any right been granted to, or exercised by, any Director of the Company, or to or by the spouse or minor child of any Director, to subscribe for shares, warrants or debentures of the Company.

At no time during the year did any Director, other than as stated in this report, have a beneficial interest, whether directly or indirectly, in a contract to which the Company, or any of its associated corporations was a party, which was of significance and in which the director's interest was material.

At no time during the year was the Company, or any of its associated corporations, a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

* 米高嘉道理是持有此等股份之全權信託之受益人。

除上述外,本公司之董事或行政總裁並 無在本公司或其任何相聯法團(如有,定 義見證券及期貨條例第XV部)之股份或相 關股份及債券中擁有任何實益或非實益 之權益或淡倉。

在本年度內或之前,本公司之任何董事 或彼等之配偶或未成年子女並無獲授權 或行使權利,以認購本公司股份、認股 權證或債券。

在本年度任何期間內,除在此報告內所 述外,本公司或任何相關法團所簽訂之 重要合約,概無董事在其中直接或間接 擁有重大實益。

在本年度任何期間內,本公司或其任何 相聯法團,概無任何安排,使公司董事 得以購買本公司或其他法人團體之股份 或債券而獲利。

主要股東及其他權益 根據證券及期貨條例第336條須設立之股 份及淡倉權益名冊所載,於二零零三年 十二月三十一日,本公司已獲通知主要 股東於本公司之股份持有以下權益(定義 見上市規則),全部均為實益:

Substantial shareholders' and other interests

The register of interests in shares and short positions maintained under Section 336 of the SFO shows that at 31st December 2003 the Company had been notified of the following interests in the shares of the Company held by substantial shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules), all being beneficial interests:

| | Number of Shares 股份數目 | Percentage of Issued Capital (%) 已發行股本百分比(%) | | Remarks 備註 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| John Swire & Sons Limited | | | | |
| 英國太古集團有限公司 | 99,649,103 | 59.91 | | |
| Swire Pacific Limited | | |) | Duplication of John Swire |
| 太古股份有限公司 | 99,649,103 | 59.91 |) | & Sons Limited's holding (see Note) |
| Cathay Pacific Airways Limited | | |) | 與英國太古集團 |
| 國泰航空有限公司 | 45,649,686 | 27.45 |) | 有限公司之持股量重複(見附註) |

附註: 於二零零三年十二月三十一日,英國太古 集團直接或間接擁有之太古股份有限公司 股份權益,為百分之二十九點三七已發行 股本及百分之五十二點八二投票權;太古 股份有限公司則持有國泰航空有限公司百 分之四十六點三六控股權。

此外,於二零零三年十二月三十一日, 根據股份及淡倉權益名冊所載,以投資 經理人名義持有之本公司股份權益如 下: Note: At 31st December 2003, the John Swire & Sons Limited group owned directly or indirectly interests in shares of Swire Pacific Limited representing 29.37% of the issued share capital and 52.82% of the voting rights; Swire Pacific Limited in turn controlled 46.36% of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited.

In addition, at 31st December 2003 the register of interests in shares and short positions showed the following interest in the shares of the Company held in the capacity of investment manager:

| | Number of Shares 股份數目 | Percentage of Issued Capital (%) 已發行股本百分比(%) | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Marathon Asset Management Limited | 14,985,730 | 9.01 | |

核數師

在即將舉行之股東週年大會上將動議通 過再聘請羅兵咸永道會計師事務所為本 公司核數師之決議案。

Auditors

A resolution for the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

承董事局命

By order of the Board

主席

唐寶麟 香港,二零零四年三月九日

David Turnbull

Chairman Hong Kong, 9th March 2004