

HALF YEAR RESULTS

The Group's result has turned around in the first half of 2004. Turnover for the six months ended 30th June 2004 amounted to approximately HK\$210.9 million (2003: HK\$58.4 million) and unaudited profit attributable to shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$60.1 million, as compared to a loss of approximately HK\$14.9 million for the same period last year. Basic earning per share was 24.84 HK cents (Basic loss per share in 2003: 10.24 HK cents).

During the first half of 2004, the Group has focused on drastically expanding its principal business of leisure and entertainment in Macau by planning and initiating a few major projects in this field. Other than leisure and entertainment business, the Group also builds on its business segments of technology and investment banking and financial services. The Group is emphasizing and investing additional resources in developing its lines of business in the growing Macau market and during the period, approximately 49% of the Group's turnover was generated from Macau.

DIVIDENDS

The directors declared the payment of an interim dividend of 1 HK cent per ordinary share for the six months ended 30th June 2004 (2003: Nil).

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 7th October 2004 to Tuesday, 12th October 2004, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrars, Standard Registrars Limited of Ground Floor, Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on 6th October 2004.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Leisure and Entertainment

In order to speed up and drastically strengthen our leisure and entertainment strategy in Macau, during the period, the Group has strategically acquired an important business unit, Mocha Slot Group Limited ("Mocha"). The consideration of HK\$353 million was settled by an issue of 153,478,261 new shares, and the acquisition was completed on 9 June 2004. Mocha engages in the leasing of a wide variety of electronic gaming machines, including state-of-the-art slot machines and electronic multiplayer machines such as electronic Roulette, Baccarat, Sic-bo and Caribbean Stud, and the provision of related management services to casino operators in Macau. Given the continuing innovations in the market, changes in the electronic gaming industry and the gaming rules and regulations in Macau, Mocha's leasing and services model provides peace of mind to the enclave's casino operators. Mocha currently manages three slot