



Interim Report



FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Lerado Group (Holding) Company Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 together with the comparative figures.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

Six months ended

Notes	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	30th June, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
3	704,334 (536,172)	576,955 (416,516)
	168,162 216 7,515 (43,770) (7,616) (51,892) (2,654)	160,439 238 10,241 (43,867) (7,937) (49,251) (2,654)
4	69,961 (663)	67,209 (30)
5	69,298 (1,685)	67,179 (3,866)
	67,613 (3,388)	63,313 (390)
	64,225	62,923
6	36,142	43,042
7	8.89 cents	8.73 cents
	8.86 cents	8.73 cents
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

At 30th June, 2004

Non-Current Assets Investment properties 8 7,500 7,500 7,500 Property, plant and equipment 8 367,434 369,028 Negative goodwill (3,028) (3,238) Intellectual property rights 43,430 46,084 Interest in associates 11,700 11,700 Interest in a jointly controlled entity 9 49,117 Other investments 13,663 13,663 13,663 Deferred tax assets 10 3,530 1,700 444,229 495,554		Notes	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2003 HK\$'000
Interest in a jointly controlled entity Other investments Deferred tax assets	Investment properties Property, plant and equipment Negative goodwill Intellectual property rights		367,434 (3,028) 43,430	369,028 (3,238) 46,084
Current Assets 140,095 124,678 Trade and other receivables 11 315,493 290,917 Bank balances and cash 95,179 95,070 550,767 510,665 Current Liabilities 12 223,763 217,094 Amount due to a jointly controlled entity 9 — 49,117 Taxation 7,416 3,723 Short term bank borrowings 14,820 15,256 245,999 285,190 Net Current Assets 304,768 225,475 748,997 721,029 Capital and Reserves 304,768 225,475 Share capital 13 72,284 72,284 Reserves 645,424 615,652 717,708 687,936 Minority Interests 18,013 18,464 Non-Current Liabilities 10 8,909 11,074 Loans from minority shareholders 4,367 3,555 13,276 14,629	Interest in a jointly controlled entity Other investments		13,663	49,117 13,663
Inventories			444,229	495,554
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Deferred tax liabilities 10 8,909 11,074 Loans from minority shareholders 4,367 3,555 13,276 14,629	Minority Interests		18,013	18,464
	Deferred tax liabilities	10		
748,997 721,029			13,276	14,629
			748,997	721,029

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

Six months ended

	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	30th June, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Net cash from operating activities	51,713	57,588
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,428)	(25,984)
Net cash used in financing	(40,345)	(51,382)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(60)	(19,778)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	95,070	125,811
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	169	25
Cash and cash equivalents at 30th June, representing bank balances and cash	95,179	106,058

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Special reserve HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2003 Exchange differences arising from translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong and gain not recognised in the income	72,245	90,110	38,510
statement Share repurchased and cancelled Premium on repurchase of shares	(611) —	— — (6,734)	_ _ _
Transfer of reserves for cancellation of shares Net profit for the period Dividends paid	- - -	_ _ _	_ _ _
At 30th June, 2003	71,634	83,376	38,510
Exchange differences arising from translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong Revaluation deficit on land and buildings Deferred tax liability arising on revaluation of properties	_ 		
Losses not recognised in the income statement			
Share options exercised Net profit for the period Transfer of statutory reserves Dividends paid	650 — — —	7,540 — — —	_
At 31st December, 2003	72,284	90,916	38,510
Exchange differences arising from translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong Deferred tax liability arising on change in tax rate			
Gain not recognised in the income statement			
Net profit for the period Transfer of statutory reserves Dividends paid		_ 	_
At 30th June, 2004	72,284	90,916	38,510

Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Statutory surplus reserve fund HK\$'000	Enterprise expansion fund HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Goodwill reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
46,263	12,579	929	(2,162)	(88)	446	406,088	664,920
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46,263	12,579	929	(1,993)	(88)	1,057	425,358	677,625
(414) (30)	_ _ 		(1,355) — — —	_ 	_ 		(1,355) (414) (30)
(444)			(1,355)				(1,799)
_ _ 	 43 	_ 	- - - -	_ _ _ 	_ _ 	18,247 (43) (14,327)	8,190 18,247 — (14,327)
45,819	12,622	929	(3,348)	(88)	1,057	429,235	687,936
	_ 	_ 	1,614	_ 			1,614
75			1,614				1,689
	1,438 —	143 	_ 	_ 	_ 	64,225 (1,581) (36,142)	64,225 — (36,142)
45,894	14,060	1,072	(1,734)	(88)	1,057	455,737	717,708

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 25 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of 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, 2003.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to profit from operations by business and geographical segment is as follows:

Business Seaments

	Six months ended 30th June, 2004		Six montl 30th Jun	
	External sales HK\$'000	Segment results HK\$'000	External sales HK\$'000	Segment results HK\$'000
Strollers Beds and playards Miscellaneous	362,420 52,654	43,428 4,783	345,744 73,144	46,497 8,668
infant products* Others	188,519 100,741	17,231 6,957	109,478 48,589	9,850 4,610
Investment income Other operating	704,334	72,399 216	576,955	69,625
expenses Profit from		(2,654)		(2,654)
operations		69,961		67,209

Miscellaneous infant products include soft goods, car seats, high chairs, bouncers, walkers and etc.

3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (continued)

Geographical Segments

	Six month 30th Jun External sales HK\$'000		Six month: 30th June External sales HK\$'000	
United States of America (the "US") Europe Australia South America Others	391,625 142,943 39,009 35,626 95,131	38,527 16,567 4,024 4,129 9,152 72,399	301,612 151,583 26,055 20,328 77,377 576,955	33,381 21,915 3,114 2,929 8,286
Investment income Other operating expenses		(2,654)		238 (2,654)
Profit from operations		69,961	!	67,209

4. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

Six months ended

	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	30th June, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Amortisation of intellectual property rights (included in other operating expenses) Depreciation and amortisation of property,	2,654	2,654
plant and equipment and after crediting:	14,995	14,554
Release of negative goodwill to		
other operating income	210	135

5. **TAXATION**

2004	2003
HK\$'000	HK\$'000

Six months ended

30th June.

30th June.

	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
The charge (credit) comprises:		
Taxation of the Company and its subsidiaries — Hong Kong Profits Tax — current period — Income tax of the People's Republic	2,217	2,113
of China (the "PRC") — current period — overprovision in prior years — Other jurisdictions	3,223 (193)	3,181 (381)
— current period — underprovision in prior years — Deferred tax (note 10)	272 86	349 75
— current period — attributable to a change in tax rate	(1,731) (2,189)	(1,406) (65)
	1,685	3,866

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (six months ended 30.6.2003: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the period.

Taxation in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdiction.

During the period, a PRC subsidiary is qualified as an export enterprise and therefore the tax rate of the subsidiary has been reduced from 27% to 12%.

6. DIVIDENDS

Six months ended

	30th June,	30th June,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2003 final dividend of HK5 cents		
(2002 final dividend: HK6 cents) per share	36,142	43,042

No interim dividends have been paid during the six months ended 30th June, 2004 and 30th June, 2003.

The directors have determined that an interim dividend of HK2 cents (six months ended 30.6.2003: HK2 cents) per share would be paid to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear in the Register of Members on 15th October, 2004.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

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	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	30th June, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Net profit for the period	64,225	62,923	
	Number of shares	Number of shares	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	722,838,724	720,518,846	
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares in respect of share options	1,912,783	153,543	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	724,751,507	720,672,389	

8. MOVEMENTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the period, the Group spent approximately HK\$5 million on construction of its new production plant and approximately HK\$7 million on acquisition of other property, plant and equipment for the group expansion. There was no movement in investment properties.

At 30th June, 2004, the directors have considered the carrying amount of the Group's leasehold land and buildings and investment properties carried at revalued amounts and have estimated that the carrying amounts do not differ significantly from that which would be determined using fair values at the balance sheet date. Consequently, no revaluation surplus or deficit has been recognised in the current period.

9. INTEREST IN AND AMOUNT DUE TO A JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITY

During the period, the jointly controlled entity was dissolved.

10. DEFERRED TAX

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) provided (recognised) by the Group and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods:

	Accelerated tax deprecation HK\$'000	Revaluation of properties outside Hong Kong HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2003 Credit to the income statement for	(692)	6,825	588	6,721
the period Effect of change in tax rates credited to the income statement	(40)	_	(1,366)	(1,406)
for the period	(65)			(65)
At 30th June, 2003 Charge to the income statement for	(797)	6,825	(778)	5,250
the period	59	_	961	1,020
Charge to equity for the period Effect of change in tax rates charged to the income statement	_	30	_	30
for the period			3,074	3,074
At 31st December, 200 Charge (credit) to the income statement	3 (738)	6,855	3,257	9,374
for the period Effect of change in tax rate credited to the	670	_	(2,401)	(1,731)
income statement for the period Effect of change in tax rate credited to equi	ty	_	(2,189)	(2,189)
for the period		(75)		(75)
At 30th June, 2004	(68)	6,780	(1,333)	5,379

10. **DEFERRED TAX** (continued)

For the purpose of balance sheet presentation, certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been set off. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purposes:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deferred tax liabilities	8,909	11,074
Deferred tax assets	(3,530)	(1,700)
	5,379	9,374

At 30th June, 2004, the Group had unused tax losses and other deductible temporary differences of HK\$87,009,000 (31.12.2003: HK\$96,954,000) and HK\$6,532,000 (31.12.2003: HK\$6,532,000), respectively. No deferred tax assets were recognised because of the unpredictability of future profit streams. The unrecognised tax losses are losses that will expire in five years' time.

11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group has defined credit terms which are agreed with its trade customers. At 30th June, 2004, included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables of HK\$265,222,000 (31.12.2003: HK\$214,900,000) and their aged analysis is as follows:

	30th June,	31st December,
	2004	2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	97,931	99,270
31 to 90 days	121,503	103,842
Over 90 days	45,788	11,788
	265,222	214,900

12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

At 30th June, 2004, included in trade and other payables are trade payables of HK\$164,910,000 (31.12.2003: HK\$154,030,000) and their aged analysis is as follows:

	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31st December, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Within 30 days 31 to 90 days Over 90 days	62,032 91,299 11,579	72,942 72,686 8,402
	164,910	154,030

13. SHARE CAPITAL

During the period ended 30th June, 2003, 6,110,000 shares were repurchased and subsequently cancelled. There was no movement in the share capital during the period ended 30th June, 2004.

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

At 30th June, 2004, the Group had commitments to acquire property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$7 million (31.12.2003: HK\$11 million).

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LERADO GROUP (HOLDING) COMPANY LIMITED

Introduction

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim financial report set out on pages 1 to 13.

Directors' responsibilities

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 25 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 Engagements to Review Interim Financial Reports issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of the Company's management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial report and, based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial report.

Review conclusion

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial report for the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu *Certified Public Accountants*Hong Kong

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Review and Prospects

With the US setting the pace, the global economy has witnessed a growth in the first half of 2004. However, the rise in oil price has hindered growth to some extent. Despite, Lerado has continued to achieve satisfactory results for the first six months of 2004.

Financial Performance

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004, Lerado recorded a 22.1% turnover growth to HK\$704.3 million over the corresponding period last year. Net profit for the period rose 2.1% to HK\$64.2 million which translates to a HK8.89 cents earnings per share. The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of HK2 cents per share.

The Group's overall results performance was impeded by the sharp rise in raw material prices, such as plastics and metal tubes. As a result, the Group's gross profit margin was affected and declined to 23.9%.

Segmental Analysis

Markets

Geographical performance has been driven by new products launched with satisfactory growth reported in their respective markets. Attributing to our extensive product mix, the scaled production and affirmed orders of battery-operated ride-on car, coupled with the official launch of infant car seat under US brands, turnover of the US market increased 29.8% to HK\$391.6 million as compared to the same period last year. It remained as the Group's core market and accounted for 55.6% of the total turnover.

On the other hand, the European economy remained flat resulting in cautious spending pattern. In this regards, sales to Europe decreased 5.7% over the last corresponding period to HK\$142.9 million.

Nonetheless, the Group enjoyed encouraging growth in revenue from the rest of the world. The expansion in markets enabled the Group to better position itself for long-term development. Turnover contribution from Australia grew 49.7%, South America surged 75.3% and other markets rose 22.9%, contributing 5.5%, 5.1% and 13.5% to the consolidated turnover respectively.

Products

The Group achieved a more diversified product portfolio with successful launch of new products.

Sales of the Group's core product, strollers, recorded a mild increase of 4.8% over the same period in 2003 to HK\$362.4 million and accounted for 51.5% of the Group's total turnover. As mentioned above, due to the reduced household travel under stagnant economic conditions, sales of beds and playards decreased 28.0% to HK\$52.7 million.

With encouraging market responses received from infant car seat, as well as satisfactory growth in the sales of other peripheral products, performance of miscellaneous infant products and others products reported robust growth.

Sales of miscellaneous infant products, including soft goods, infant car seat, high chair and walker, etc, rose 72.2% and accounted for 26.8% of total turnover. Riding on the Group's strong design capability and best endeavor to tap new markets, the Group has successfully expanded into the infant car seat segment and commenced production for US brands during the period under review. In the meantime, performance of battery-operated ride-on car, categorized under "others", has demonstrated satisfactory growth, with sales almost tripled.

Prospects

The unfavorable operating environment in the first half of the year left uncertainties for the general development for the rest of the year. Raw material costs stay at high level and remain volatile. In light of this, the Group has been in discussion with suppliers and customers to share the related impact. The Group will also continue to implement stringent cost control measures to maintain profitability and undertake other necessary corrective measures to protect our shareholders' best interests.

While maintaining its leadership in the stroller market, the Group will continue to develop new product segments, such as battery-operated ride-on car and infant car seat for future growth. In addition to existing production, the Group will launch a new model of battery-operated ride-on car later this year to encourage sales and to tap the festive season. The Group is also investing in research and development to enhance features of the infant car seat in a view to further explore the market for a broader age group. We believe that this product will be one of the growth drivers for the Group in the next few years.

Liquidity and financial resources

The Group had a total cash and bank balance of HK\$95.2 million as at 30th June, 2004, with the majority of which in US dollars and Renminbi. After deducting total borrowings of HK\$14.8 million, the Group recorded a net cash balance of HK\$80.4 million as compared to HK\$79.8 million as at 31st December, 2003. The borrowings, bearing interest at prevailing market rates, were unsecured short term bank loans due within one year. At 30th June, 2004, the Group's gearing ratio, expressing as total bank borrowings to shareholders' fund, was 0.02 (31st December, 2003: 0.02).

As at 30th June, 2004, the Group had an improved current ratio of 2.2, compared with 1.8 at 31st December, 2003. Trade debtor turnover period for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 was 62 days (corresponding period in 2003: 52 days).

The directors are in the opinion that the Group has sufficient resources and working capital to meet its foreseeable capital expenditure.

Contingent liabilities and exchange risk exposure

The Group's sales are principally denominated in US dollars while the purchases are transacted mainly in HK dollars, Renminbi and New Taiwanese dollars. The Group does not expect a significant exchange risk exposure.

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 30th June, 2004.

Employees and remuneration policies

As at 30th June, 2004, the group employed a total workforce of over 7,600 staff members, of which 7,400 worked in the PRC production sites. The remaining worked in the marketing, R & D and other administrative departments in our Hong Kong and Taiwan offices.

Apart from basic salaries, discretionary bonus and contribution to retirement funds for staff in Hong Kong, Taiwan and the PRC, share options may also be granted to staff with reference to the individual's performance.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK2 cents per share in cash for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on 15th October, 2004. It is expected that the dividend warrants will be sent to the Shareholders no later than 28th October, 2004.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 13th October, 2004 to 15th 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 Branch Share Registrar, Secretaries Limited, Ground Floor, BEA Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:00 p.m. on 12th October, 2004.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

At 30th June, 2004, the interests of the directors and their associates in the shares and underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations, as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code") contained in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), were as follows:

Long positions in shares and underlying shares of the Company

				Approximate	
	Number of	shares held as		% of	
	Beneficial	Other		the issued	
Name of director	owner	interests	Total	share capital	Share options
Mr. Huang Ying Yuan	104,153,360	Spouse interest	147,489,540	20.4	7,000,000
		of 43,336,180			(Note 3)
		(Note 1)			
Mr. Chen Hsing Shin	96,805,800	_	96,805,800	13.4	3,500,000
Madam Huang Chen Li Chu	43,336,180	Spouse interest	147,489,540	20.4	7,000,000
		of 104,153,360			(Note 4)
		(Note 1)			
Mr. Chen An-Hsin	_	Corporate interest	36,689,675	5.1	_
		of 36,689,675			
		(Note 2)			
Mr. Leung Man Fai	_	_	_	_	2,500,000

Notes:

- 1. The spouse interest represents the shares held by the spouse of Mr. Huang Ying Yuan and Madam Huang Chen Li Chu, respectively. Madam Huang Chen Li Chu is the wife of Mr. Huang Ying Yuan.
- Mr. Chen An-Hsin beneficially owns the entire interest of Gold Field Business Ltd., which in turn owns 36,689,675 ordinary shares in the Company.

- 3. It represents 4,000,000 share options beneficially owned by Mr. Huang Ying Yuan and 3,000,000 share options held by the spouse of him.
- 4. It represents 3,000,000 options beneficially owned by Madam Huang Chen Li Chu and 4,000,000 share options held by the spouse of her.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the directors nor their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares and underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations, which were recorded in the register as required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code contained in the Listing Rules.

SHARE OPTIONS

No share options were granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled during the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

Details of outstanding share options at 30th June, 2004 are set out as follows:

		Number of
		share options of
		the Company
		outstanding
		at 1st January and
Director	Date of grant	30th June, 2004
Mr. Huang Ying Yuan	18th August, 1999	4,000,000
Mr. Chen Hsing Shin	18th August, 1999	3,500,000
Madam Huang Chen Li Chu	18th August, 1999	3,000,000
Mr. Leung Man Fai	18th August, 1999	2,500,000
		13,000,000

The share options were granted by the Company on 18th August, 1999 to subscribe for shares in the Company at an exercise price of HK\$1.26 per share, subject to adjustment. These share options are exercisable from 1st January, 2000 to 17th August, 2009.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements 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.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30th June, 2004, the register of substantial shareholders maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO shows that other than the interests disclosed above in respect of certain directors, the following shareholders had notified the Company of relevant interests in the issued share capital of the Company.

Long position in shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of substantial shareholder	Capacity	Number of shares	Approximate % of the issued share capital
Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye	Corporate interest (Note)	72,130,000	10.0%
Value Partners Limited	Investment manager	72,130,000	10.0%
Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC	Investment manager	43,339,968	6.0%

Note: Mr. Cheah Cheng Hye beneficially owns approximately 32% interest in Value Partners Limited.

Other than as disclosed above, the Company has not been notified of any other relevant interests or short position in the issued share capital of the Company as at 30th June, 2004.

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

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

CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the Directors of the Company is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended 30th June, 2004, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.

REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management and the external auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements.

By Order of the Board **Huang Ying Yuan** *Chairman*

Hong Kong, 17th September, 2004