

Financial Review

財務概況

Capital Resources and Liquidity

As at 31st March 2005, the Group's total shareholders' funds were HK\$911.3 million including reserves of HK\$778.9 million. The Group continued to maintain a strong financial position with cash and bank balances of HK\$743.1 million (please see table below). The Group's working capital was HK\$859.0 million. Based on the Group's steady cash inflow from operations and coupled with its existing cash and bank facilities, the Group has adequate financial resources to fund its future expansion.

資本及流動資金

截至二零零五年三月三十一日止，集團股東權益為九億一千一百三十萬港元，其中包括七億七千八百九十萬港元之儲備金。集團繼續維持穩健財務狀況，現金及銀行結存累積達七億四千三百一十萬港元（請參閱下表），集團營運資金為八億五千九百萬港元。基於集團有穩定的經營業務現金注入，加上現時手持之現金及銀行信貸，集團掌握充裕財務資源以應付未來發展。

		31st March 2005 HK\$'000 二零零五年三月三十一日 港幣千元	31st March 2004 HK\$'000 二零零四年三月三十一日 港幣千元
Held-to-maturity securities	持至到期日之證券	-	35,181
Cash and bank balances	現金及銀行結存	743,134	704,954
Total	總額	743,134	740,135

During the year, the Group has redeemed all of its held-to-maturity securities on their respective maturity dates and the proceeds were deposited in leading banks with maturity dates falling within two years. This is in line with the Group's policy to maintain liquidity of its funds and in response to the increase of deposit rates, the funds will continue to contribute a stable yield to the Group.

於年內，本集團已於其各自到期日贖回其所有持至到期日之證券，及所得款項以兩年內到期之存款存放於數間大銀行，此與本集團維持其資金之流動性及對提高存款息率之回應的政策相符，該資金將繼續對本集團帶來穩定的收益。

During the year, the majority of the Group's cash and bank balances were in U.S. dollars and were deposited in leading banks.

於年內，集團大部份現金及銀行結存均為美元，並存放於數間大銀行。



Financial Position

Total funds employed (comprising shareholders' funds only) as at 31st March 2005 were HK\$911.3 million, which represented a 7.3% increase over the total funds employed of HK\$849.6 million as at 31st March 2004.

The gearing ratio, defined as the ratio of total loans less cash and bank balances to total assets, was nil as at 31st March 2005 and 31st March 2004.

Treasury Policies

It is the Group's treasury management policy not to engage in any highly leveraged or speculative derivative products. In this respect, the Group continued to adopt a conservative approach to financial risk management with no significant borrowing during the year. Most of the assets, receipts and payments of the Group are either in Hong Kong or U.S. dollars. However, the Group will monitor its foreign exchange position and, when appropriate, the Group will hedge its non U.S. dollar foreign exchange exposure by way of forward foreign exchange contracts.

As at 31st March 2005, the Group had HK\$137.1 million outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts and was, subject to certain conditions, committed to purchase euro 13.6 million at an average exchange rate to U.S. dollars of 1.2953 in the coming year. The exchange rate for one euro to U.S. dollar as at 31st March 2005 was 1.2954. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Group entered into additional agreements for spot and, subject to certain conditions, forward purchases of euro 13.1 million at an average exchange rate to U.S. dollars of 1.2748 (approximately HK\$130.3 million). As a result, the Group has reserve of euro position to meet approximately one year's requirement if the contracts are materialised in full.

Charge on Group Asset

At 31st March 2005, no Group asset was under charge to a financial institution.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 31st March 2005.

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截至二零零五年三月三十一日之運用資金總額（等同股東權益）為九億一千一百三十萬港元，較二零零四年三月三十一日之八億四千九百六十萬港元運用資金總額上升百分之七點三。

集團於二零零五年三月三十一日及二零零四年三月三十一日之槓桿比率均為零。槓桿比率為總負債減去現金及存款後與總資產之比例。

庫務政策

集團的理財政策是不參與高風險之投資或投機性的衍生工具。年內，集團於財務風險管理方面繼續維持審慎態度，並無重大借貸。集團大部份資產、收款及付款均為港元或美元。惟集團會審視其外幣狀況，並於適當時候，以遠期外匯合約對沖其非美元外幣風險。

於二零零五年三月三十一日，本集團有未行使之外匯遠期合約總餘額為一億三千七百一十萬港元，以某些條件為準，承諾於來年以平均美元兌歐元匯率1.2953購買一千三百六十萬歐元。於二零零五年三月三十一日，美元兌一歐元匯率為1.2954。於資產負債表結算日後，本集團簽訂額外之現貨合約，以某些條件為準，及遠期合約，以平均美元兌歐元匯率1.2748購買一千三百一十萬歐元（約一億三千零三十萬港元）。因此，若全部合約被實現，本集團備有應付約一年需要之歐元結存。

集團資產之抵押

於二零零五年三月三十一日，集團並無資產於財務機構作抵押。

或然負債

集團於二零零五年三月三十一日並無重大或然負債。