

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In preparing the condensed financial statements, the directors have given careful consideration to the future liquidity of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) in light of the Group’s net current liabilities of HK\$141,541,000 at 30 June 2005. The directors are satisfied with the long term loan finance obtained subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Group is able to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of investment properties and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 except as described below.

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”s), HKAS and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as “new HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. The application of the new HKFRSs has resulted in a change in the presentation of the income statement, balance sheet and the statement of changes in equity. In particular, the presentation of minority interests has been changed. The changes in presentation have been applied retrospectively. The adoption of the new HKFRSs has resulted in changes to the Group’s accounting policies in the following areas that have an effect on how the results for the current or prior accounting periods are prepared and presented:

### **Presentation of financial statements**

The adoption of HKAS 1 has affected the presentation of minority interests, which are now shown as equity. This change has been applied retrospectively (see Note 3 for the financial impact).

### **Business Combinations**

In the current period, the Group has applied HKFRS 3 Business Combinations. The principal effects of the application of HKFRS 3 to the Group are summarised below:

#### *Goodwill*

In previous periods, goodwill arising on acquisitions was capitalised and amortised over its estimated useful life. The Group has applied the relevant transitional provisions in HKFRS 3. With respect to goodwill previously capitalised on the balance sheet, the Group has discontinued amortising such goodwill from 1 January 2005 onwards and goodwill will be tested for impairment at least annually/in the financial period in which the acquisition takes place. Goodwill arising on acquisitions after 1 January 2005 is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses (if any) after initial recognition. In accordance with the transitional provisions of HKFRS 3, the Group eliminated the carrying amount of goodwill by the related accumulated amortisation of HK\$820,000. This change has had no effect on the Group’s deficit as at 1 January 2005.

**Owner-occupied leasehold interest in land**

In previous periods, owner-occupied leasehold land and buildings were included in property, plant and equipment and measured using the cost model. In the current period, the Group has applied HKAS 17 Leases. Under HKAS 17, the land and buildings elements of a lease of land and buildings are considered separately for the purposes of lease classification, unless the lease payments cannot be allocated reliably between the land and buildings elements, in which case, the entire lease is generally treated as a finance lease. To the extent that the allocation of the lease payments between the land and buildings elements can be made reliably, the leasehold interests in land are reclassified to land lease prepayment under operating leases, which are carried at cost and amortised over the lease term on a straight-line basis. This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively (see Note 3 for the financial impact).

**Financial Instruments**

In the current period, the Group has applied HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation and HKAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. HKAS 32 requires retrospective application. The application of HKAS 32 has had no material effect on the presentation of financial instruments in the Group's financial statements. HKAS 39 generally does not permit to recognise, derecognise or measure financial assets and liabilities on a retrospective basis. The principal effects resulting from the implementation of HKAS 39 are summarised below:

*Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities*

The Group has applied the relevant transitional provisions in HKAS 39 with respect to classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities that are within the scope of HKAS 39.

By 31 December 2004, the Group classified and measured its debt and equity securities in accordance with the benchmark treatment of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 24 (SSAP 24). Under SSAP 24, investments in debt or equity securities are classified as "investment securities", "other investments" or "held-to-maturity investments" as appropriate. "Investment securities" are carried at cost less impairment losses (if any) while "other investments" are measured at fair value, with unrealised gains or losses included in the profit or loss. Held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortised cost less impairment losses (if any). From 1 January 2005 onwards, the Group classifies and measures its debt and equity securities in accordance with HKAS 39. Under HKAS 39, financial assets are classified as "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss", "available-for-sale financial assets", "loans and receivables", or "held-to-maturity financial assets". The classification depends on the purpose for which the assets are acquired. "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" and "available-for-sale financial assets" are carried at fair value, with changes in fair values recognised in profit or loss and equity respectively except for investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably carried. Such equity investments are measured at cost less impairment. "Loans and receivables" and "held-to-maturity financial assets" are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

This change has been applied prospectively and has no effect to the Group's deficits as at 1 January 2005. (See Note 3 for the financial impact).

**Investment properties**

In the current period, the Group has applied HKAS 40 Investment Property. The Group has elected to use the fair value model to account for its investment properties which requires gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties to be recognised directly in the profit or loss for the period in which they arise. In previous periods, investment properties under the predecessor standard were measured at open market values, with revaluation surplus or deficits credited or charged to investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance on this reserve was insufficient to cover a revaluation decrease, in which case the excess of the revaluation decrease over the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve was charged to the income statement. Where a decrease had previously been charged to the income statement and revaluation subsequently arose, that increase was credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged. The Group has applied the relevant transitional provisions in HKAS 40 and elected to apply HKAS 40 from 1 January 2005 onwards. This change has had no effect on the Group's deficit at 1 January 2005 as the Group had no investment property revaluation reserve at 1 January 2005.

**Deferred taxes related to investment properties**

In previous periods, deferred tax consequences in respect of revalued investment properties were assessed on the basis of the tax consequence that would follow from recovery of the carrying amount of the properties through sale in accordance with the predecessor Interpretation. In the current period, the Group has applied HKAS Interpretation 21 Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets which removes the presumption that the carrying amount of investment properties are to be recovered through sale. Therefore, the deferred tax consequences of the investment properties are now assessed on the basis that reflect the tax consequences that will follow from the manner in which the Group expects to recover the property at each balance sheet date. In the absence of any specific transitional provisions in HKAS Interpretation 21, this change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively (See Note 3 for the financial impact).

### 3. SUMMARY OF THE EFFECTS OF THE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The cumulative effects of the application of the new HKFRSs as at 31 December 2004 and 1 January 2005 are summarised below:

	As at 31 December 2004 (originally stated) HK\$'000			As at 31 December 2004 (restated) HK\$'000			As at 1 January 2005 (restated) HK\$'000	
	HKAS 1 (Note 2)	HKAS 17 (Note 2)	HKAS INT 21 (Note 2)	HKAS 2004 (restated) (Note 2)	HKAS 32 & HKAS 39 HK\$'000			
<b>Balance sheet</b>								
Property, plant and equipment	8,306	-	(3,510)	-	4,796	-		4,796
Land lease prepayment	-	-	3,510	-	3,510	-		3,510
Investments in securities	22,214	-	-	-	22,214	(22,214)		-
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	3,000		3,000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	19,214		19,214
Deferred tax liability	(1,104)	-	-	447	(657)	-		(657)
Minority interest	(184)	184	-	-	-	-		-
Other assets and liabilities	103,830	-	-	-	103,830	-		103,830
<b>Total effects on assets and liabilities</b>	<b>133,062</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>133,693</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>133,693</b>
Share capital	1,192	-	-	-	1,192	-		1,192
Share premium	348,091	-	-	-	348,091	-		348,091
Deficit	(216,221)	-	-	447	(215,774)	-		(215,774)
<b>Total effects on equity</b>	<b>133,062</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>133,693</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>133,693</b>
Equity holders of parent	133,062	-	-	447	133,509	-		133,509
Minority interest	-	184	-	-	184	-		184
	<b>133,062</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>133,693</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>133,693</b>

The HKICPA has issued the following standards and interpretations ("INT") that are not yet effective. The Group has considered the following standards and interpretations but does not expect they will have a material effect on how the results of operations and financial position of the Group are prepared and presented;

HKAS 19 Amendments	Actuarial Gains and Losses, Group Plans and Disclosures
HKAS 39 Amendments	Transition and Initial Recognition of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions The Fair value Option
HKFRS 6	Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources
HKFRS – INT 4	Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
HKFRS – INT 5	Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning; Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds

#### 4. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's revenue and contribution to profit (loss) before taxation analysed by business segments are as follows:

##### BUSINESS SEGMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

	Production and sales of fertilizers HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Investment holding HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue	2,851	4,958	23,325	31,134
Segment results	(645)	42,038	3,165	44,558
Unallocated other operating income				13
Unallocated corporate overheads				(3,652)
Profit from operations				40,919
Finance costs				(2,226)
Profit before taxation				38,693

For the six months ended 30 June 2004

	Production and sales of fertilizers HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Investment holding HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Revenue	2,292	4,044	552	6,888
Segment results	215	3,162	(303)	3,074
Amortisation of goodwill	(645)	-	-	(645)
Unallocated corporate overheads				(2,397)
Profit from operations				32
Finance costs				(1,382)
Loss before taxation				(1,350)

#### 5. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging depreciation of HK\$250,000 (six months ended 30.6.2004: HK\$107,000) in respect of property, plant and equipment.

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2005 HK\$'000	30.6.2004 HK\$'000
Interest on:		
Bank borrowings	2,147	1,199
Other loans wholly repayable within five years	5	110
Others	74	73
	2,226	1,382

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the companies comprising the Group do not have any assessable profit or their assessable profits are wholly absorbed by tax losses brought forward for both periods.

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, a subsidiary in the PRC is entitled to exemption from PRC enterprise income tax for the first two profitable years and will be entitled to a 50% relief from PRC enterprise income tax for the following three years.

8. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE – BASIC

The calculation of basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent is based on the following data:

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2005 HK\$'000	30.6.2004 HK\$'000
<b>Earnings</b>		
Earnings (loss) for the purposes of basic earnings (loss) per share	38,877	(1,447)
	'000	'000
<b>Number of shares</b>		
Number (weighted average number) of shares	238,389	203,451

The Company has no potential ordinary shares outstanding in both periods.

9. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the period. The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend.

#### 10. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The Group's investment properties were fair-valued by the directors at 30 June 2005. The resulting increase in fair value of investment properties of HK\$37,380,000 has been recognised directly in the income statement.

#### 11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables from tenants are due on presentation of invoices. The Group allows an average credit period of 30 days to other trade customers.

The following is an aged analysis of trade and other receivables of the Group at the balance sheet date:

	<b>30.6.2005</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 60 days	<b>2,518</b>	936
61 – 90 days	<b>576</b>	262
Over 90 days	<b>353</b>	144
	<hr/> <b>3,447</b> <hr/>	<hr/> 1,342 <hr/>

#### 12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following is an aged analysis of trade and other payables of the Group at the balance sheet date:

	<b>30.6.2005</b> <i>HK\$'000</i>	31.12.2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 60 days	<b>550</b>	1,480
61 – 90 days	<b>238</b>	102
Over 90 days	<b>6,953</b>	8,404
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#### 13. CONSIDERATION PAYABLE FOR ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

At 31 December 2004, there was an outstanding consideration for the acquisition of a 51% interest in Lucky Green Limited and its subsidiary, which was interest bearing at 1% per annum, and was settled during the current period.

#### 14. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY

	<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>Unrealised holding gain on other investments</b>	<b>Tax losses</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 January 2005	662	1,373	(1,378)	657
(Credit) charged to income statement	(1)	(1,373)	1,374	–
	<u>661</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>657</u>

#### 15. SHARE CAPITAL

	<b>Number of shares '000</b>	<b>Nominal amount HK\$'000</b>
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.005 each		
Issued and fully paid:		
At 30 June 2005 and 31 December 2004	<u>238,389</u>	<u>1,192</u>

#### 16. PLEDGED ASSETS

- (a) All the Group's investment properties and the issued shares of a subsidiary of the Company are pledged and the rental income in respect of the investment properties under operating leases are assigned to a bank against a bank loan granted to the Group.
- (b) Property, plant and equipment and land lease prepayment of HK\$7,044,000 (31.12.2004: HK\$6,795,000) are pledged against a bank loan granted to the Group.

#### 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

The amounts due to directors and a minority shareholder at the balance sheet date are disclosed in the balance sheet. The amounts are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

During the period, a minority shareholder provides a guarantee, at no charge to the Group, to a bank for a bank loan of HK\$943,000 granted to a subsidiary.

#### 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- (a) In July 2005, the Group obtained two new 5-year term loans amounting to approximately HK\$131 million. The new term loans were partly utilised to pay off a bank loan of approximately HK\$125 million.
- (b) On 30 August 2005, the Group entered into a legally binding memorandum of understanding with the independent third parties, pursuant to which the Group intends to acquire in part or in whole of the issued share capital of a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. Details of this are set out in the Company's announcement dated 31 August 2005.
- (c) On 5 September 2005, the Group entered into a placing agreement with a placing agent for the placing of up to 47,600,000 placing shares at a placing price of HK\$0.50 per placing share to not less than six independent individuals or institutional investors, who are not connected persons of the Group. The completion of the placing took place on 22 September 2005. Details of this are set out in the Company's announcements dated 5 September 2005 and 22 September 2005.