

# CHOW SANG SANG HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

# 周生生集團國際有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (於百慕達註冊成立之有限公司) (Stock code: 116) (股份代號: 116)

# INTERIM REPORT 2006 2006 中期報告

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Chow Sang Sang Holdings International Limited (the "Company") wishes to announce the unaudited interim results of the Company, its subsidiaries and associates (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2006. The interim results and financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board.

周生生集團國際有限公司(「本公司」)董事會(「董事會」)宣布本公司、其附屬公司及聯營公司(「本集團」)截至2006年6月30日止六個月之未經審核中期業績。此中期業績及財務報告已由董事會之審核委員會審閱。

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 財務摘要				
		未系 Six months	nudited 巠審核 ended 30 June 0日止六個月	
		2006	2005	Change
		HK\$'000 千港元	HK\$'000 千港元	變動
Turnover	營業額			
Jewellery retail	珠寶零售	1,308,712	1,166,026	12%
Other business	其他業務	3,497,963	1,395,355	151%
		4,806,675	2,561,381	88%
Profit attributable to shareholders	本公司股東應			
of the Company	佔溢利	150,710	56,253	168%
Basic earnings per share	每股基本盈利	25.0 cents 仙	9.4 cents 仙	
Interim dividend per share	每股中期股息	7.0 cents 仙	5.0 cents 仙	
Dividend payout ratio	派息比率	28%	54%	
Equity attributable to shareholders	本公司股東應			
of the Company	佔權益	2,261,280	2,092,459^	8%
Equity per share	每股權益	\$3.8元	\$3.5元^	8%
^ Audited as at 31 December 2005		^ 於2005	年12月31日之經審村	亥數字

Unaudited

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			nded 30 June 日止六個月		
		Note 附註	2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$'000 千港元 (Restated) (重列)	
TURNOVER Jewellery retail Other business	<b>營業額</b> 珠寶零售 其他業務	3	1,308,712 3,497,963	1,166,026 1,395,355	
Cost of sales	銷貨成本		4,806,675 (4,303,450)	2,561,381 (2,228,251)	
Gross profit Other income Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other gains/(losses), net	毛利 其他收入 銷售及分銷費用 行政費用 其他收益/(虧損),淨值		503,225 26,788 (254,083) (80,674) (149)	333,130 15,454 (210,242) (76,720) 7,333	
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	經營業務所得溢利	5	195,107	68,955	
Finance costs Share of profits of associates	財務費用 應佔聯營公司溢利		(5,836)	(1,906)	
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	除税前溢利		189,536	67,126	
Tax	税項	6	(33,624)	(9,449)	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	期內溢利		155,912	57,677	
Attributable to: Shareholders of the Company Minority interests	應佔溢利: 本公司股東 少數股東權益		150,710 5,202	56,253 1,424	
			155,912	57,677	
DIVIDEND Interim	<b>股息</b> 中期	7	42,134	30,096	
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY	本公司股東應佔 每股盈利	8			
Basic	基本		25.0 cents 仙	9.4 cents 仙	

# 綜合資產負債表

		Note 附註	Unaudited 未經審核 30 June 6月30日 2006 HK\$'000 千港元	Audited 已審核 31 December 12月31日 2005 HK\$'000 千港元
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Intangible assets Other assets Interests in associates Available-for-sale investments Deferred tax assets	非流動資產 物業、機器 投資器 機器 無形資資 無形資資產 其他營 管 生 於 時 出 行 資 管 性 行 資 管 性 行 資 管 性 行 資 管 性 行 資 管 性 行 資 管 性 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行 行		338,665 102,450 320 35,068 9,768 266,761 4,160	342,824 102,450 320 33,918 9,568 178,570 3,902
Total non-current assets	總非流動資產		757,192	671,552
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Accounts receivable Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Investments at fair value through profit or loss	流動資產 存貨 應收賬款 預付款項、按金及 其他應收賬款 按盈虧訂定公平價值投資	9	1,340,774 228,397 87,566 15,533	1,364,560 171,906 70,720 16,716
Tax recoverable  Cash held on behalf of securities clients  Cash and cash equivalents	可收回税項 代證券客戶持有之現金 現金及等同現金		408 226,638 299,224	3,409 192,420 175,082
Total current assets	總流動資產		2,198,540	1,994,813
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Other payables and accruals Interest-bearing bank borrowings Derivative financial liabilities Tax payable	流動負債 應付賬款 其他應付賬款及應計項目 計息銀行貸款 衍生工具財務負債 應付税項	10	342,075 123,964 110,297 1,820 22,793	265,000 117,915 97,841 — 4,571
Total current liabilities	總流動負債		600,949	485,327
NET CURRENT ASSETS	流動資產淨值		1,597,591	1,509,486
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Deferred tax liabilities	<b>總資產減流動負債</b> <b>非流動負債</b> 遞延税項負債		2,354,783 (54,336)	2,181,038 (54,979)
NET ASSETS	資產淨值		2,300,447	2,126,059
EQUITY Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company Issued capital Reserves	權益 本公司股東應佔權益 已發行股本 儲備		150,480 2,068,666	150,480 1,869,749
Proposed dividend	擬派股息		42,134	72,230
Minority interests	少數股東權益		2,261,280 39,167	2,092,459 33,600
TOTAL EQUITY	總權益		2,300,447	2,126,059
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# 綜合權益變動表 一 未經審核

# Attributable to shareholders of the Company 太公司股亩產佔

		本公司股東應佔										
		Issued share capital 已發行 股本 HK\$'000 千港元	Share premium 股份溢價 HK\$'000 千港元	Land and buildings revaluation reserve 土地及樓宇 重估儲備 HK\$*000 千港元	Investment revaluation reserve 投資 重估儲備 HK\$'000 千港元	General reserve 一般儲備 HK\$'000 千港元	Exchange fluctuation reserve 外匯 變動儲備 HK\$'000 千港元	Retained profits  保留溢利 HK\$'000 千港元	Proposed dividend 擬派股息 HK\$'000 千港元	Total 合計 HK\$'000 千港元	Minority interests 少數 股東權益 HK\$'000 千港元	Total equity 總權益 HK\$'000 千港元
At 1 January 2005	於2005年1月1日	125,400	124,804	344,428	122,035	10,000	2,977	1,160,936	70,224	1,960,804	18,799	1,979,603
Change in equity Changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments Transfer to the profit and loss	權益變動 可供出售投資 公平價值變動 出售時撥往損益賬	_	-	_	(4,357)	-	_	_	_	(4,357)	_	(4,357)
account on disposal		_	_	_	(7,595)	_	_	_	_	(7,595)	_	(7,595)
Exchange realignment	匯兑調整						(452)			(452)	(78)	(530)
Total income and expense recognised directly as change in equity Profit for the period	直接確認為權益 變動之總收支 期內溢利	_ 			(11,952)		(452)			(12,404) 56,253	(78) 1,424	(12,482) 57,677
Total income and expense	期內總收支											
for the period		_	_	_	(11,952)	_	(452)	56,253	_	43,849	1,346	45,195
Decrease in current account balances	往來賬戶結餘 減少 少數股東投入	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(371)	(371)
Capital contribution by a minority shareholder	少	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	11,487	11,487
Final 2004 dividend paid	已派發之2004年末期股息	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(70,224)	(70,224)	-	(70,224)
Bonus issue of shares	發行紅股	25,080	(25,080)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interim 2005 dividend declared	已宣派2005年中期股息							(30,096)	30,096			
At 30 June 2005	於2005年6月30日	150,480	99,724	344,428	110,083	10,000	2,525	1,187,093	30,096	1,934,429	31,261	1,965,690
At 1 January 2006	於2006年1月1日	150,480	99,724	339,471	163,779	10,000	5,878	1,250,897	72,230	2,092,459	33,600	2,126,059
Change in equity Changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments Exchange realignment	權益變動 可供出售投資 公平價值變動 匯兑調整				88,172 					88,172 2,169		88,172 2,534
Total income and expense recognised directly as change in equity Profit for the period	直接確認為權益 變動之總收支 期內溢利	_	_	_	88,172	_	2,169	_ 150,710	-	90,341 150,710	365 5,202	90,706 155,912
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Total income and expense for the period	期內總收支	-	-	_	88,172	-	2,169	150,710	_	241,051	5,567	246,618
Final 2005 dividend paid Interim 2006 dividend declared	已派發之2005年末期股息 已宣派2006年中期股息							(42,134)	(72,230) 42,134	(72,230)		(72,230)
At 30 June 2006	於2006年6月30日	150,480	99,724	339,471	251,951	10,000	8,047	1,359,473	42,134	2,261,280	39,167	2,300,447

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

		Unaudi 未經審 Six months end 截至6月30日 2006 HK\$'000 千港元	:核 led 30 June
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	經營業務之現金 流入/(流出)淨額	201,175	(73,594)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	投資業務之現金 流出淨額	(15,171)	(19,601)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	融資活動之現金 流出淨額	(62,296)	(22,800)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period Effects of foreign exchange rate changes, net	現金及等同現金之增加/ (減少)淨額 於期初之現金及等同現金 外幣匯率變動影響,淨值	123,708 175,082 434	(115,995) 228,547 (135)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	於期終之現金及等同現金	299,224	112,417
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	現金及等同現金結存分析		
Cash and bank balances	現金及銀行存款 存放時到期日少於三個月	207,345	106,113
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired Bank overdrafts	存成時到期百少於三個月 之無抵押定期存款 銀行透支	91,879 	7,346 (1,042)
		299,224	112,417

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Principal accounting policies

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2005 Annual Report.

The accounting policies and basis of computation used in the preparation of these interim financial statements are the same as those used in the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005, except that the Group has changed certain of its accounting policies mentioned in note 2 below following its adoption of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs", which also include HKASs and Interpretations) which have become effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 lanuary 2006.

## 2. Impact of new and revised HKFRSs

The following HKFRSs are adopted for the first time for the current period's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

HKAS 21 Amendment Net Investment in a Foreign Operation

HKAS 39 & HKFRS 4 Financial Guarantee Contracts

Amendments

The adoption of HKAS 39 and HKFRS 4 Amendments has had no material impact on the Group's accounting policies and the methods of computation in the Group's financial statements.

The amendment to HKAS 21 relates to the treatment of exchange differences arising on a monetary item that forms part of the net investment in a foreign operation. It allows inter-company loans denominated in any currency to be part of a net investment in a foreign operation and to recognise foreign exchange volatility on such loans funding foreign operations in exchange fluctuation reserve in the consolidated financial statements. The adoption of the amendment to HKAS 21 has resulted in a change in accounting policy relating to foreign currency translation. The effect is insignificant to the Group's results for the six months ended 30 June 2006.

The Group has not early adopted the following new and revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these interim financial statements

HKAS 1 Amendment Capital Disclosures<sup>1</sup>

HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures<sup>1</sup>

HK(IFRIC) — Int 7 Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29
Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary

Economies<sup>2</sup>

HK(IFRIC) — Int 8 Scope of HKFRS 2<sup>3</sup>

HK(IFRIC) — Int 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives<sup>4</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 March 2006
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 May 2006
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2006

The adoption of the above new and revised HKFRSs will have no material impact on the Group's financial statements and accounting policies.

# 財務報告附註

#### 1. 主要會計政策

工好事的探客核之簡明綜合中期財務報告乃按照香港會計師公會頒布之香港會計準則 (「香港會計準則」)第34號「中期財務報告」及香港聯合交易所有限公司證券上市規則 (「上市規則」)附錄16予以編製。

此等中期財務報告應與2005年年報一併閱 讀。

編製此等中期財務報告時採用之會計政策及計算基準與本集團截至2005年12月31日止年度之已審核財務報告所採用的一致,惟於下列附註2提及,在本集團採納對2006年1月1日或以後帶地分全會計年度生气。 港財務報告準則一,亦包括香港會計準則發釋,後而令若干會計政策改變除外。

2. 新訂及經修訂香港財務報告準則之影響 本期間之未經審核簡明綜合中期財務報告 首次採納下列香港財務報告準則。

> 香港會計準則 第21號(修訂本) 香港會計準則

於海外業務之投資 淨值 財務擔保合約

F港曾計準則 第39號及香港 財務報告準則 第4號(修訂本)

採納香港會計準則第39號及香港財務報告 準則第4號(修訂本)對本集團之會計政策 及本集團財務報告之計算方法並無構成重 大影響。

香港會計準則第21號(修訂本)敍述構成海外業務淨投資一部分之貨幣項目所產生於差額之處理方法。該準則容許集團所運生公司之間任何貨幣之借貸成為海外幣匯免設,並將該借貸的外幣匯免認。 資的一部份,並將該借貸的外幣匯免認。 資的一部份,並將該借變動儲備中確認於綜合財務報告之外匯變動儲備中。 所以納香港會計準則第21號(修訂本)引團不 以納幣換算之會計政策改變。對本集 關外的整換算之會計政策改變。對本集

本集團並無提早於此等中期財務報告採納 以下已頒布但未生效之新訂及經修訂香港 財務報告準則。

香港會計準則第1號 股本披露<sup>1</sup> (修訂本)

香港財務報告準則 金融工具:披露<sup>1</sup> 第7號

香港(國際財務 報告詮譯委員會) 一詮釋第7號 根據香港會計準則 第29號嚴重 通貨膨脹經濟中之 財務報告採用 重列法<sup>2</sup>

香港(國際財務 報告詮譯委員會) 一詮釋第8號 香港財務報告準則 第2號之範圍<sup>3</sup>

香港(國際財務 報告詮譯委員會) 一詮釋第9號 重新評估嵌入式 衍生工具<sup>4</sup>

- 1 於2007年1月1日或以後開始之會計年度生效
- 2 於2006年3月1日或以後開始之會計年度生效
- 3 於2006年5月1日或以後開始之會計年度生效
- 4 於2006年6月1日或以後開始之會計年度生效

採納上述新訂及經修訂香港財務報告準則 將不會對本集團之財務報告及會計政策構 成重大影響。

### 3. Turnover

Turnover represents the net invoiced value of goods sold, after allowances for returns, trade discounts and value-added tax; commission on securities and commodities broking and rental income earned during the period. Revenue from the following activities has been included in turnover:

# 3. 營業額

營業額乃期內撇除退回、交易折扣與增值 税後售出貨品之發票淨值,證券及期貨經 紀佣金收入及租金收入。以下業務之收益 已包括在營業額內:

Six months end 截至6月30日	,
2006	2005
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
千港元	千港元
4,775,963	2,543,959
26,703	13,627
4,009	3,795
4,806,675	2,561,381

### 4. Segment information

An analysis of the Group's revenue and results for the period by business segment is as follows:

# 4. 分部資料

本集團於期內業務分部收益及業績分析如 下:

		Manufacture and retail of jewellery 珠寶製造及零售		and retail of Wholesale of (including securities jewellery precious metals broking) 其他業務			Eliminations 對銷 e		Consolidated 綜合		
		2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$'000 千港元	2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$′000 千港元	2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$'000 千港元 (Restated) (重列)	2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$'000 千港元	2006 HK\$'000 千港元	2005 HK\$'000 千港元 (Restated) (重列)
Sales to external customers Intersegment sales Other income from external sources Intersegment other income	分部收益: 銷售予外界客戶 內部銷售 其他外界收益 內部其他收益	1,308,712 27,159 8,418 1,948	1,166,026 70,779 5,936 1,761	2,225,109 76,324 1	1,326,828 99,736 —	1,272,854 384 9,770 68	68,527 639 4,575 53	(103,867) — (2,016)	— (171,154) — (1,814)	4,806,675 — 18,189 —	2,561,381 — 10,511 —
Total	總收益	1,346,237	1,244,502	2,301,434	1,426,564	1,283,076	73,794	(105,883)	(172,968)	4,824,864	2,571,892
Segment results	分部業績	169,258	55,103	2,146	2,613	19,021	2,305			190,425	60,021
Interest income Dividend income Gain on disposal of available- for-sale investments Unallocated expenses	利息收入 股息收可供出售 投資收益 未分配費用									5,357 3,242 — (3,917)	2,250 2,693 7,996 (4,005)
Profit from operating activities Finance costs Share of profits of associates	經營業務所得溢利 財務費用 應佔聯營公司溢利									195,107 (5,836) 265	68,955 (1,906) 77
Profit before tax Tax	除税前溢利 税項									189,536 (33,624)	67,126 (9,449)
Profit for the period	期內溢利									155,912	57,677

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Write-down of inventories to net realisable value

Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments

Minimum lease payments under operating leases for land and buildings

Gain on disposal of investments at fair value through profit or loss Net fair value losses on investments at fair value through profit or loss

財務報告附註

Depreciation

Interest income Dividend income

#### 5. Profit from operating activities

The Group's profit from operating activities is arrived at after charging/ (crediting):

#### 經營業務所得溢利 5.

本集團之經營業務所得溢利已扣除/(計 入):

> Six months ended 30 June 截至6月30日止六個月 2006

2005

	HK\$′000 千港元	HK\$'000 千港元
撇銷存貨至可變現淨值	10,314	940
折舊	20,139	15,818
土地及樓宇經營租賃		
最低租賃付款	69,293	61,265
利息收入	(12,234)	(4,837)
股息收入	(3,507)	(3,067)
出售可供出售投資收益	· <del>_</del>	(7,996)
出售按盈虧訂定		
公平價值投資收益	(440)	_
按盈虧訂定公平價值投資之		
公平價值虧損淨值	149	663

#### 6. Tax

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

#### 6. 税項

香港利得税乃按期內於香港產生之估計應 課税溢利以税率17.5%(2005年:17.5%)撥 備。其他地區之應課利得税乃按本集團於 各營運地區以當地現行法則、闡釋及慣例 為基礎之通用税率計算。

HK\$'000

Six months ended 30 June 截至6月30日止六個月 2006

2005

HK\$'000

		千港元	千港元
Group:	集團:		
Current — Hong Kong	本期 一 香港		
Charge for the period	期內税項	29,133	7,761
Current — Elsewhere	本期 — 其他地區	5,375	1,890
Deferred	遞延	(884)	(202)
		33,624	9,449

#### 7. Dividend

股息 7.

Six months end 截至6月30日	
2006	2005
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
千港 元	千港元

Interim — HK7 cents 中期 一 每普通股7港仙 (2005: HK5 cents) per ordinary share (2005年:5港仙) 30,096

### Earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the Company

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Company of HK\$150,710,000 (2005: HK\$56,253,000), and the weighted average number of 601,920,000 (2005: 601,920,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share for the periods ended 30 June 2006 and 2005 have not been presented as no diluting events existed during these periods.

#### Accounts receivable 9.

Jewellery retail

The Group's sales are normally made on cash basis. Credit card receivables from financial institutions in respect of retail sales are aged within one month. There are wholesale customers who have been given credit periods ranging from 15 to 45 days.

### Wholesale of diamonds

The Group normally grants credit periods of up to 60 days to its trade customers.

# Wholesale of precious metals

The Group's precious metals wholesale are normally conducted on cash

### Securities and commodities broking

Dealing in securities are settled two days after the trade date, and dealing in commodities are normally settled on cash basis.

An aged analysis of the accounts receivable, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

Current to 30 days	現在至30日
31 to 60 days	31日至60日
Over 60 days	超過60日

應收孖展客戶賬款\* Margin clients accounts receivable\*

# The margin clients accounts receivable are secured by the underlying pledged securities, are repayable on demand and bear interest at commercial rates. No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the directors, an aged analysis is not relevant in view of the nature of the business of securities margin financing.

#### 本公司股東應佔每股盈利 8.

每股基本盈利乃按期內本公司股東應佔溢 利150,710,000港元(2005年:56,253,000港 元)及期內已發行加權平均股份 601,920,000(2005年:601,920,000)普通股 計算。

由於此兩段期間並無攤薄事項,故並無披 露截至2006年及2005年6月30日止期間之每 股攤薄盈利。

# 應收賬款

珠寶零售

本集團銷售一般以現金交易。就零售銷貨 而來自財務機構之應收信用卡賬款之賬齡 少於一個月。現有批發客戶獲提供15至45 日之賒賬期。

### 鑽石批發

本集團一般向貿易客戶提供之賒賬期最多 為60日。

## 貴金屬批發

本集團之貴金屬批發一般以現金進行交

# 證券及期貨經紀

證券買賣之結算期限為交易日後兩天,而 期貨買賣之結算一般以現金交易。

應收賬款根據發票日期之賬齡分析如下:

6月30日	12月31日
2006	2005
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
千港元	千港元
154,876	93,318
14,078	8,945
9,426	12,612
170 200	114.075
178,380	114,875
50,017	57,031
228,397	171,906

30 June 31 December

應收孖展客戶賬款以孖展證券作抵 押,並須於要求時償還及按商業條款 計息。鑑於證券孖展借貸業務性質, 賬齡分析作用不大,故董事認為無需 披露賬齡分析。

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#### 10. Accounts payable

An aged analysis of the accounts payable, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

# Current to 30 days 現在至30日 31 to 60 days 31日至60日 Over 60 days 超過60日 Cash clients accounts payable\* 應付現金客戶賬款\* Margin clients accounts payable^ 應付孖展客戶賬款\*

- Included in the cash clients accounts payable arising from the ordinary course of business of dealing in securities was an amount of approximately HK\$204,737,000 (31 December 2005: HK\$177,336,000) representing these client's undrawn monies/excess deposits placed with the Group. As at 30 June 2006, the cash clients accounts payable included an amount of HK\$4,244,000 (31 December 2005: HK\$5,371,000) in respect of securities transactions undertaken for the accounts of certain directors. The balances are repayable on demand and bear interest at commercial rates. No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the directors, an aged analysis is not meaningful in view of the nature of the business of dealing in securities.
- ^ The margin clients accounts payable are repayable on demand and bear interest at commercial rates. No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the directors, an aged analysis is not relevant in view of the nature of the business of securities margin financing.

# 11. Contingent liabilities

- (a) The Company has provided guarantees to the extent of US\$57 million (approximately HK\$443 million) and HK\$25 million (31 December 2005: US\$53 million (approximately HK\$411 million) and HK\$25 million) in respect of gold trading facilities granted to subsidiaries. As at 30 June 2006, the amount drawn against the gold trading facilities was US\$14 million (approximately HK\$109 million) (31 December 2005: US\$16 million (approximately HK\$126 million)).
- (b) The Company has provided corporate guarantees to the extent of HK\$625 million (31 December 2005: HK\$505 million) to secure the general banking facilities of subsidiaries. As at 30 June 2006, the amount drawn against the general banking facilities was HK\$87,950,000 (31 December 2005: HK\$78,625,000).

#### 10. 應付賬款

應付賬款根據發票日期之賬齡分析如下:

30 June	31 December
6月30日	12月31日
2006	2005
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
千港 元	千港元
39,638	48,327
5,318	6,197
6,703	59
51,659	54,583
280,133	203,200
10,283	7,217
342,075	265,000

- "包括在日常證券買賣業務過程中所產生之應付現金客戶賬款內的 204,737,000港元(2005年12月31日: 177,336,000港元)為此等客戶存於本集團之未提取款項/額外繳付按金。於 2006年6月30日,應付現金客戶賬款 2006年6月30日,應付現金客戶賬款 括為若干董事賬戶進行證券交易賬款 4,244,000港元(2005年12月31日: 5,371,000港元)。此賬額須於要求時價 還及按商業條款計息。鑑於證券買賣 業務性質,賬齡分析作用不大,故董 事認為無需披露賬齡分析。
- 應付孖展客戶賬款須於要求時償還及 按商業條款計息。鑑於證券孖展借貸 業務性質,賬齡分析作用不大,故董 事認為無需披露賬齡分析。

### 11. 或然負債

- (a) 本公司為其附屬公司所獲之黃金賈賣信貸提供57,000,000美元(約443,000,000港元)及25,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:53,000,000港元)之擔保。於2006年6月30日:已使用之黃金賈賣信貸額為14,000,000美元(約109,000,000港元)(2005年12月31日:16,000,000美元(約126,000,000港元))。
- (b) 本公司為附屬公司所獲一般銀行信貸提供625,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:505,000,000港元)之公司擔保。於2006年6月30日・已使用之一般銀行信貸額為87,950,000港元(2005年12月31日:78,625,000港元)。

#### 12 Related party transactions

The Group had the following material transactions with connected and/or related parties during the period:

- (a) Transactions with connected and/or related parties
  - (i) Chow Sang Sang Jewellery (Foshan) Co., Ltd. ("CSS Foshan"), a 95.1% owned subsidiary, has credit arrangements with certain banks (the "Banks") for providing loans to Foshan Shunde Jinpeng Jewelry Co., Ltd. ("Jinpeng"), a company controlled by a director of CSS Foshan and a 4.9% minority shareholder of CSS Foshan, through entering into trust lending or trust lending extension agreements between CSS Foshan, Jinpeng and the Banks. The loans to Jinpeng are to finance Jinpeng's operation for providing sub-contracting services to the Group (see (ii) below).

As the above-mentioned loans are made on a continuous basis, CSS Foshan entered into a facility agreement with Jinpeng on 14 May 2004 for granting a continuous credit facility to Jinpeng. The facility agreement expired on 31 December 2005 and was renewed on 20 December 2005 for one year commenced on 1 January 2006 (the "New Facility Agreement"). All loans advanced under the New Facility Agreement are unsecured, bear interest at a rate of 6% per annum and are repayable within one year. The total interest paid and payable by Jinpeng for the period was RMB56,000 (approximately HK\$54,000) (2005: RMB94,000 (approximately HK\$89,000)).

As at 30 June 2006, the outstanding balance was RMB2,000,000 (approximately HK\$1,943,000) (31 December 2005: Nil). The maximum amount outstanding during the period was RMB2,000,000 (approximately HK\$1,943,000).

(ii) Certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into an agreement with Jinpeng on 13 May 2004 for engaging Jinpeng to provide continuing sub-contracting services. The agreement expired on 31 December 2005 and was renewed on 20 December 2005 for one year commenced on 1 January 2006 (the "New Sub-contracting Agreement"). The processing fees under the New Sub-contracting Agreement were determined on the type, level and degree of difficulties of the manufacturing work involved. The total processing fees paid to Jinpeng for the period amounted to HK\$3,291,000 (2005: HK\$3,322,000).

#### 12. 關連人士交易

本集團於期內與關連人士進行以下重大交

- (a) 與關連人士進行之交易
  - (i) 本集團持有95.1%股權之附屬公司 周生生珠寶(佛山)有限公司(「周 生生珠寶(佛山)」)與若干銀行 (「該等銀行」)訂立信託貸款安 排,提供貸款予佛山市順德區金 鵬珠寶首飾有限責任公司(「金鵬 珠寶」),此乃一間由周生生珠寶 (佛山) 一名董事控制及持有周生 生珠寶(佛山)4.9%股權之少數股 東,透過周生生珠寶(佛山)、金 鵬珠寶及該等銀行訂立信託貸款 協議或信託貸款續期協議安排貸 款。此等貸款乃給予金鵬珠寶為 本集團提供分包服務之營運資金 (見下文第(ii)項)。

鑑於上述貸款乃按持續基準進 行,周生生珠寶(佛山)與金鵬珠 寶於2004年5月14日就給予金鵬珠 寶一項持續信貸融資訂立融資協 議。該融資協議於2005年12月31 日屆滿,並於2005年12月20日續 訂自2006年1月1日起為期一年之 協議(「新融資協議」)。新融資協 議下之所有貸款均為無抵押,以 年利率6%計息及須於一年內償 還。期內, 金鵬珠寶已付及應付 之 利 息 總 額 為 56,000人 民 幣 (約 54,000港元)(2005年:94,000人民 幣(約89,000港元))。

於 2006年 6月 30日 之 結 欠 為 2,000,000人民幣(約1,943,000港 元)(2005年12月31日:無)。期內 最高之結欠為2,000,000人民幣(約 1,943,000港元)。

(ii) 本公司若干附屬公司與金鵬珠寶 於2004年5月13日就委聘金鵬珠寶 提供持續分包服務訂立一項協 議。該協議於2005年12月31日屆 滿,並於2005年12月20日續訂自 2006年1月1日起為期一年之協議 (「新分包協議」)。新分包協議下 之加工費乃根據製作工序之種類 及難度釐定。期內向金鵬珠寶繳 付之加工費總額為3,291,000港元 (2005年:3,322,000港元)。

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#### 12. Related party transactions (continued)

- (a) Transactions with connected and/or related parties (continued)
  - (iii) Certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into an agreement on 12 May 2004 with Qingdao Jing Hua Diamond and Jewellery Co., Ltd. ("Jing Hua"), a 24.86% shareholder of a 70% owned subsidiary of the Company, for continuing purchases of polished diamonds from Jing Hua. The agreement expired on 31 December 2005 and was renewed on 20 December 2005 for one year commenced on 1 January 2006 (the "New Purchase Agreement"). The purchase consideration under the New Purchase Agreement was determined on the category, size and the prevailing market price of the polished diamonds. The total purchases from Jing Hua during the period amounted to HK\$8,070,000 (2005: HK\$4,651,000).
  - (iv) A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a tenancy agreement with the respective spouse of Mr. CHOW Kwen Ling and Dr. CHOW Kwen Lim and the administrator of a late director of the Company on 26 March 2003, for the lease of the Group's retail shop. The tenancy agreement expired on 31 March 2005 and was renewed on 30 March 2005 for a two-year period commenced on 1 April 2005 (the "New Tenancy Agreement") with a monthly rental of HK\$163,000. The lease rentals under the New Tenancy Agreement were determined with reference to open market rentals. The total rental paid by the Group for the period amounted to HK\$975,000 (2005: HK\$827,000).
  - (v) A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company has entered into leases with related companies in which certain directors and their respective spouse have interests, for the lease of the Company's directors' quarters. The leases expired on 31 December 2005 and were renewed on 16 January 2006 (the "New Leases") for one year commenced on 1 January 2006 with a total monthly rental of HK\$70,000. The lease rentals under the New Leases were determined with reference to open market rentals. The total rental paid by the Group for the period amounted to HK\$420,000 (2005: HK\$420,000).
  - (vi) Certain subsidiaries of the Company entered into an agreement with Jing Hua on 20 December 2005 for engaging Jing Hua to arrange for the importing of diamonds through the Shanghai Diamond Exchange for the year commenced on 1 January 2006. The related agency fee was charged at a fixed rate on the diamonds importing price, which was determined with reference to market rates. The total agency fee paid to Jing Hua during the period amounted to HK\$117,000 (2005: HK\$138,000).
  - (vii) A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into an agreement with Jing Hua on 20 December 2005 for engaging Jing Hua to provide rough diamonds polishing services for the year commenced on 1 January 2006. The fees were charged according to an agreed price list, which was determined with reference to market rates. The total processing fee paid to Jing Hua for the period amounted to HK\$521,000 (2005: HK\$102,000).
  - (viii) A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into an agreement with Jing Hua on 20 December 2005 for selling rough diamonds and polished diamonds to Jing Hua for the year commenced on 1 January 2006. The selling prices were determined on the category and size of the diamonds and the prevailing market conditions. The total sales to Jing Hua for the period amounted to HK\$222,000 (2005: HK\$96,000).

## 12. 關連人士交易(續)

- (a) 與關連人士進行之交易(續)
  - (iii) 本公司若干附屬公司與本公司一名間持有70%股權之附屬公司與本公的華持有24.86%股權股東青島京華5月12日就向京華持續採購於2005年12月31日屆滿,並於2005年12月31日屆滿,並於2005年12月36日日之協議(「新購廣资力日日)。據明一年之協議(「新採開定及當時公園,大華採定及當時之時,大學寶石之期,大學寶石之期,大學寶石之期,大學寶石之期,大學寶石之期,大學寶石之期,大學時間,以表述的一個人類,
  - (iv) 本公司一間全資附屬公司與周君 令先生及周君廉博士各自之遺產 及本公司一名已故董事之遺產和 行人於2003年3月26日就租予本 團零售店舗訂立一項租約。該租 約於2005年3月31日屆滿,並於 2005年3月30日續訂自2005年4月1 日起為期兩年之租約(「新租 約」),下之租金乃參考市值金總額 知的下之租金別等付租金總額 定。期內本集團繳付租金總額 975,000港元(2005年:827,000港元)。
  - (v) 本公司一間全資附屬公司與若干董事及彼等之配偶持有權益之司與若干關連公司就租予本公司5年12月31日屆滿,並於2006年1月16日2006年1月1日起為期一年之租約(「該等新租約」),每月和下中超總額70,000港元。該等新租於,與內參考市值租金總額為420,000港元(2005年:420,000港元)。
  - (vi) 本公司若干附屬公司與京華於2005年12月20日就委聘京華透過上海鑽石交易所安排進口鑽期一項自2006年1月1日起為期一年之協議。相關代理收算,該固定比率經營考市場價格養養主線付京華之代理費用總額方,繳付京華之代理費用總額,117,000港元(2005年:138,000港元)。
  - (vii) 本公司一間全資附屬公司與京華於2005年12月20日就委聘京華提供鑽石毛坯打磨服務訂立一項自2006年1月1日起為期一年之協議。收費按協定之價格表收取,價格表內收費經參考市場價格表內收費經參考市場價格養定。期內,繳付京華之加工費總額為521,000港元(2005年:102,000港元)。
  - (viii) 本公司一間全資附屬公司與京華 於2005年12月20日就向京華銷售 鑽石毛坯及已打磨鑽石訂立一項 自2006年1月1日起為期一年之協 議。售價乃根據鑽石類別、大小 及當時市況釐定。期內,銷售予 京華之總額為222,000港元(2005 年:96,000港元)。

#### 12. Related party transactions (continued)

Accounts receivable from/

(a) Transactions with connected and/or related parties (continued) Balances with related parties:

應收/(應付)京華賬款

(Accounts payable to) Jing Hua Accounts payable to Jinpeng 應付金鵬珠寶賬款

關連人士之應收賬款/應付賬款乃

The accounts receivable from/accounts payable to related parties are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

### (b) Guarantees for banking facilities for subsidiaries

The Company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company have provided joint and several corporate guarantees to banks for facilities granted to certain non wholly-owned subsidiaries. The utilised amount of such facilities, which also represent the financial exposure of the Group as at 30 June 2006, amounted to approximately HK\$83,154,000 (31 December 2005: HK\$73,901,000). The total amount of such facilities amounted to approximately HK\$92,302,000 (31 December 2005: HK\$76,864,000).

(c) Remuneration of key management personnel of the Group The aggregate amount of remuneration paid and payable to key management personnel during the period, including amounts paid and payable to the Company's executive directors, is as follows:

袍金 Fees Salaries and allowances 薪金及津貼 Discretionary bonuses paid and payable 已付及應付酌情花紅 Pension scheme contributions 退休金計劃供款

# Comparative amounts

During the period, the Group considered it more appropriate to reclassify certain expenses and segment information in order to better reflect the underlying nature and allow a more appropriate presentation of the Group's results. The principal changes consist of the reclassifications of certain sales related expenses from administrative expenses to selling and distribution costs; dividend income earned from listed equity investments held for trading purpose from corporate dividend income to "Other business (including securities broking)" segment; and gain on disposal of listed equity investments held for non-trading purpose from "Other business (including securities broking)" segment to corporate gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments. Accordingly, the relevant comparative amounts of selling and distribution costs and administrative expenses and segment information have been restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

#### 關連人士交易(續) 12.

(a) 與關連人士進行之交易(續) 與關連人士之結餘:

> 30 June 31 December 6月30日 12月31日 2006 2005 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 千港元 千港元

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無抵押、免息及並無固定還款期。

- 就附屬公司之銀行借貸提供擔保 本公司及本公司一間全資附屬公司 已就授予若干非全資附屬公司之銀 行借貸提供共同及各別之公司擔 保。該等借貸之已動用金額,亦即 本集團於2006年6月30日之財務風 險,約為83,154,000港元(2005年12 月31日:73,901,000港元)。該信貸 總額約為92,302,000港元(2005年12 月31日:76,864,000港元)。
- 本集團主要管理人員酬金 (c) 期內, 已付及應付主要管理人員之 酬金總額,包括已付及應付本公司 執行董事之金額, 詳列如下:

Six months ended 30 June 截至6月30日止六個月 2006 2005 HK\$'000 HK\$'000 千港元 千港元 171 220 6.596 6.050 1,891 2,199 277 249 9,292 8.361

## 比較數字

於期內,本集團認為將若干費用及分部資 料重新分類更為適當,以更能反映其基本 性質,及更適當地列報本集團之業績。主 要改變包括將若干銷售相關費用由行政費 用重新分類為銷售及分銷費用;將來自持 作買賣用途之上市股份投資之股息收入由 公司股息收入重新分類至「其他業務(包括 證券經紀)]分部;及將出售持作非買賣用 途之上市股份投資收益由「其他業務(包括 證券經紀)]分部重新分類至公司出售可供 出售投資收益。因此,有關銷售及分銷費 用及行政費用及分部資料之比較數字已重 列以符合本期間之呈報方式。

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# The Group's Results

The Group's main business is retail of jewellery in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. It manufactures part of what it sells in the Mainland and in Hong Kong, and it sources from other manufacturers internationally. The Group is also engaged in wholesale of precious metals and stock and commodities brokerage.

The turnover of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2006 rose by 88% to HK\$4,807 million from HK\$2,561 million in 2005. Profit attributable to shareholders increased by 168% to HK\$151 million from HK\$56 million. Half-year earnings per share rose to HK25.0 cents from HK9.4 cents.

# Jewellery Retail

Retail of jewellery accounted for 27% of the Group's turnover. The turnover of jewellery retail increased by 12% to HK\$1,309 million and operating profit rose by 207% to HK\$169 million.

The price of gold continued the climb it started in 2005 through January 2006. After pausing in the months of February and March it resumed its upswing, peaked on 12 May 2006 at US\$725.75 in London before retreating to its March level by the end of June.

Prices at such dizzying heights dampened consumer desire to buy gold jewellery, and instead, encouraged selling off of old gold items to us, which were melted down and sold to refineries. At the same time, as gold products are sold at current gold prices and inventory accounting was at a first-in-first-out basis, the rising trend contributed to widening profit. The combined effect was that although the amount of gold jewellery sold slackened considerably, gross profit recorded a remarkable increase thanks to better margins and the gain on the recycling of gold.

Of all the territories in which the Group operates, Hong Kong was where most of the profits from the rising gold price as mentioned above was realised. Scrap gold melted down and sold to refineries amounted to over HK\$1,100 million. (This amount was included in Note 4 to the financial statements, under "Other Business".)

In the second half of the year, there are uncertainties due to the price of gold. It is possible that factors such as the price, the length of time the price held sway, the level of the price in respect of its trend, work together so that consumers become disinclined to buy or sell. If this happens, decline in sales may no longer be offset by income from recycling. Additionally, even if gold price continues to climb, the cost of stock will gradually rise, and the profit margin seen in the first half may not be maintained.

# 管理層討論及分析

# 本集團業績

本集團主要業務包括在中國內地、香港及 台灣經營珠寶零售,於中國內地及香港銷 售之產品部分為自產,亦有採購自其他國 際生產商。集團並經營貴金屬批發及證券 與期貨經紀業務。

本集團截至2006年6月30日止六個月之營 業額較2005年同期之2,561,000,000港元上 升88%至4,807,000,000港元。股東應佔溢 利 由 56,000,000港 元 增 加 168%至 151,000,000港元。期內每股盈利由9.4港 仙上升至25.0港仙。

# 珠寶零售

珠寶零售佔本集團總營業額27%。珠寶零 售營業額增加12%至1,309,000,000港元, 經營溢利上升207%至169,000,000港元。

金價自2005年開始攀升後一直持續至2006 年1月,2、3月升勢稍為緩和後再繼續上 揚, 2006年5月12日於倫敦達每盎斯 725.75美元,6月底回落至3月份水平。

金價高企令消費者購買黃金首飾意欲減 弱,但卻鼓勵回售舊黃金至集團,此等黃 金溶鑄後會售予提煉商。同時,由於黃金 產品以現行金價銷售,而存貨賬以先進先 出法計算,金價上升從而拉闊利潤。綜合 影響為雖然黃金銷量縮減,但利潤提高及 回收舊金收益令毛利率錄得顯著增長。

綜觀本集團各地區的營運,香港佔上述因 金價上升而變現之溢利最多。回收舊金之 過多部分經溶鑄並售予提煉商之金額超過 1,100,000,000港元。(此金額已包括在財 務報告附註4「其他業務」內。)

由於金價的關係,下半年存在未明朗的情 况。金價、金價波動期長短及波幅等因素 會減低消費者買賣意欲。若出現此情況, 回收舊金收益或不足以抵銷銷售之減少。 此外,若金價持續攀升,存貨成本會逐漸 上漲,上半年之溢利率或難以維持。

# Hong Kong and Macau

Of the total turnover in jewellery retail, Hong Kong and Macau accounted for 79% or HK\$1,032 million. Compared to the first half of 2005, there was an increase of 5%. Turnover of diamond jewellery in particular went up 8%, with branded diamonds (such as The Love Diamond, Hearts & Arrows) being the driving force.

Although expenses were 13% higher than those of the first half of 2005, we believe they are under control. Shop rentals have gone up 17% upon renewal of leases.

During the period, one Chow Sang Sang shop has been moved to temporary quarters pending the completion of renovation works at the shopping mall. In the second half of the year, one shop in Tsuen Wan will be closed at the expiration of its lease, but a new shop will open in the third quarter in Skyplaza, the new terminal wing of the airport. Two shops will undergo complete renovation.

The Emphasis shops have made pleasing progress since their makeover that was started in 2005, with same-store gross profit achieving 23% increase over last year. In April, in order to celebrate our Macau shop's status as our trend-setting flagship, a major event was staged there which served well to build up its clientele. In March, a new store was opened in Taikoo Shing. Another new shop is being planned to open near the end of the year.

Capital expenditure for all the shop opening and renovation will be about HK\$12 million.

After becoming a "sightholder" of the Diamond Trading Company in London, we have been buying rough diamonds and processing them into polished diamonds that we use to fill our retail needs. The operation has been meeting our expectations and it has greatly facilitated the supply of diamonds we sell under the brand The Love Diamond.

Chow Sang Sang received a "Top Service Awards 2006" from the Next magazine which was based on voting by its readers. We also received from Yahoo Hong Kong the "Yahoo! Emotive Brand Awards". Separately, Emphasis was complimented "The Winner of Visual Merchandising Award" by the Diamond Trading Company.

# 香港及澳門

香港及澳門佔珠寶零售總營業額79%或 1,032,000,000港元,與2005年上半年比 較,增長為5%。鑽石首飾營業額上升 8%, 當中以品牌鑽石(如The Love Diamond、Hearts & Arrows) 為主導。

雖然開支較2005年上半年增加13%,但相 信已受到控制。店舖租金續租加幅為 17%。

於期內,為配合商場重裝工程,一家周生 生分店遷至臨時展銷場。荃灣一家分店將 於下半年和約期滿後結業,但另一家新店 將於第三季在機場新翼翔天廊開業。此 外,兩家分店將進行全面重裝。

點睛品分店自2005年開始轉型後發展令人 滿意,同店毛利增長較去年同期上升 23%。為慶祝澳門成立以潮流為主導之旗 艦店,集團於4月份舉行了一次大型活 動,成功建立客群。3月份在太古城開設 一家新店。另一家新店計劃在年底開業。

開店及重裝分店之資本性開支約為 12,000,000港元。

本集團成為倫敦國際鑽石商貿公司之「鑽 石配貨商」後,購入鑽石毛坯,將其加工 成已打磨鑽石以滿足集團零售所需。運作 符合預期,大大強化集團旗下銷售品牌 The Love Diamond的鑽石供應。

周生生榮獲壹週刊頒贈由讀者投票選出的 「服務第壹大獎2006」,並榮獲雅虎香港頒 贈「Yahoo!感情品牌大獎」。此外,點睛品 榮獲國際鑽石商貿公司頒贈「鑽飾展示設 計大獎|。

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#### Mainland China

The turnover of jewellery retail in China went up 82% to HK\$240 million, representing 18% of the total, up from 11% in the first half of 2005.

Shanghai, Guangzhou and Beijing are the highest contributors in terms of sales, however, shops in other cities, such as Shengyang and Fuzhou, have achieved gratifying same-store growth in diamond jewellery, in many cases having reached percentages far exceeding those in the three cities.

During the period, 10 new shops were opened. For the remainder of the year, 15 new shops are being planned. We are setting up for the first time in Guiyang, Hefei, Ningbo and Kunming, the others are in cities where we already have shops.

In June, the Ministry of Finance finally announced the widely expected change in the value-added tax ("VAT") levied on diamonds. Essentially, diamonds imported through the Shanghai Diamond Exchange will bear VAT at 4% instead of 17%. The saving in tax will benefit both profit margins and consumers.

### Taiwan

The turnover retreated by 24% to HK\$37 million, its share of the total being 3%, down from 4% in the first half of 2005.

The market in Taiwan remains very difficult, and our focus in the second half will be on the revamping of the product mix and the motivation of sales staff.

# **Wholesale of Precious Metals**

The wholesale business achieved 68% growth in turnover to HK\$2,225 million, thanks to the higher gold price. In weight terms, the amount traded was up 21%. Operating profit was HK\$2 million, dropped 18% from last year.

This line of business continues to be high in volume and low in margin, and profitable.

#### 中國內地

中國內地珠寶零售營業額上升82%至240,000,000港元,總營業額佔比由2005年上半年之11%上升至18%。

銷售貢獻最高城市為上海、廣州及北京,然而其他城市之分店,如瀋陽及福州,鑽石首飾銷售同店增長表現令人滿意,增幅百分比經常遠高於該三個城市。

期內共有10家新店開業。下半年計劃增加 15家新店,本集團將首次在貴陽、合肥、 寧波及昆明設店,其餘新店將設於已立點 城市。

國家財政部於6月公布了備受關注的鑽石增值稅修訂方案。原則上透過上海鑽石交易所進口鑽石之增值稅率將由17%調整至4%。減省稅項對溢利率及消費者均有利。

# 台灣

營業額下跌24%至37,000,000港元,總營業額佔比由2005年上半年之4%下跌至3%。

台灣經營仍然十分困難,下半年度將集中調整貨品組合及加強營業人員主動性。

# 貴金屬批發

黃金價格高企令批發業務營業額錄得68%增長至2,225,000,000港元。以重量計算,銷量上升21%。經營溢利為2,000,000港元,較去年同期下跌18%。

此項業務繼續為高流量及低邊際利潤,仍 有利可圖。

# **Securities and Commodities Broking**

During the first half of 2006 the stock market in Hong Kong was very active, with the Hang Seng Index and the daily market turnover reaching five-year highs.

Our transaction volume climbed to HK\$11,000 million, an impressive increase of over 110% compared to 2005. Commission income and operating profit were HK\$27 million (+96%) and HK\$17 million (+373%) respectively.

There were a number of high-profile IPOs and the financing we provided to clients went up to 50% more than that of the whole of 2005. However, with heated competition from the banks, our profit margin was slashed by more than 60%.

The market is likely to continue being active in the second half, and our focus remains that of providing niche market services.

### **Investments**

# **Properties**

The Group holds properties mainly for its own use as office, jewellery shops and factory premises. Rental income from investment properties stood at HK\$4 million, less than 1% of the Group's overall turnover.

Shares in Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Shares in Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEC"), received as distribution from the merger of the stock and futures exchanges in 2000, are being held by the Group as available-for-sale investments. As at 1 January 2006 and 30 June 2006, the Group held 4,953,500 shares of HKEC and the unrealised gain on the holding amounted to HK\$247 million (31 December 2005: HK\$159 million).

# **Finance**

Financial Position and Liquidity

The Group centralises funding for all its operations through the corporate treasury based in Hong Kong. This policy achieves better control of treasury operations and lower average cost of funds.

As at 30 June 2006, the Group had net cash and cash equivalents of HK\$299 million, and total undrawn bank and other credit facilities of approximately HK\$636 million. The Group generates strong recurring cashflow from its core jewellery business.

The Group's policy is to obtain financing on an unsecured basis whenever possible. Total borrowings as at 30 June 2006 amounted to HK\$110 million, which was unsecured and repayable in one year. The Group has a low gearing ratio of 5%, based on net debt of HK\$110 million and shareholders' equity of HK\$2,261 million. As at 30 June 2006, the current ratio was 3.7, based on current assets of HK\$2,199 million and current liabilities of HK\$601 million. Most of the cash is deposited in the leading banks of Hong Kong in either HK dollar or US dollar.

#### 證券及期貨經紀

2006年上半年本港證券市場十分活躍,恒 生指數及每日市場成交金額均為五年高 位。

集團交投量攀升至11,000,000,000港元,較2005年同期大幅上升超過110%。佣金收入及經營溢利分別為27,000,000港元(+96%)及17,000,000港元(+373%)。

在數次大型招股項目帶動下,集團向客人提供之融資金額較2005年全年多50%。然而,在與銀行激烈競爭下,溢利率下滑超過60%。

預料下半年市場仍然活躍,集團會繼續專 注提供優質服務。

# 投資

# 物業

本集團持有物業大部分自用為辦公室、珠寶店及廠房。投資物業帶來之租金收入維持4,000,000港元,佔本集團總營業額不足1%。

香港交易及結算所有限公司股份

於2000年證券及期貨交易所合併而獲分配之香港交易及結算所有限公司(「港交所」)股份,本集團持作可供出售投資。於2006年1月1日及2006年6月30日,本集團持有4,953,500股港交所股份,未變現之收益為247,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:159,000,000港元)。

# 財務

財務狀況及資金管理

本集團營運資金集中由香港財政部統籌, 此政策令各項營運現金流量得到較佳監 控,減低平均融資成本。

於2006年6月30日,本集團之現金及等同 現金為299,000,000港元,未動用之銀行及 其他信貸額約為636,000,000港元。本集團 之核心珠寶業務將繼續提供龐大的經常性 現金流量。

本集團政策盡量以無抵押方式取得融資。於 2006年 6月 30日 之 借 貸 總 額 為 110,000,000港元,為無抵押及須於一年內 償還。本集團維持低水平的負債比率 5%,是以淨借貸110,000,000港元及股東權益 2,261,000,000港元為基礎計算。於 2006年 6月 30日 ,以流動資產 2,199,000,000港元及流動負債601,000,000港元為基礎計算之流動比率為3.7。大分現金以港元或美元存於本港主要銀行。

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# Foreign Exchange Risk Management

The Group considers its foreign currency exposure insignificant. The Group has foreign currency exposure in Renminbi ("RMB"), New Taiwan dollars, Euro and Japanese Yen. Currency risks are managed by partly financing non-Hong Kong dollar assets with loans denominated in the relevant currency. As at 30 June 2006, total foreign currency borrowings excluding RMB borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$5 million. RMB loans amounted to RMB88 million (31 December 2005: RMB76 million) and are used for the operations in Mainland China.

Most of the Group's assets and liabilities, revenues and payments are in HK dollar and US dollar.

# Charges on assets

The Company guarantees banking and other facilities granted to its subsidiaries. Some of the Group's banking facilities are secured by certain items of properties with a net carrying value of HK\$140 million (31 December 2005: HK\$142 million), and listed equity investments of HK\$60 million (31 December 2005: HK\$87 million). As at 30 June 2006, the Group's total bank loan and gold loan amounted to HK\$110 million (31 December 2005: HK\$98 million) and HK\$109 million (31 December 2005: HK\$126 million), respectively.

### **Human Resources**

The Group's companies, excluding associates, have a total of 2,349 employees all over Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau. Salaries of employees are set at competitive levels, and bonuses are granted based on individual and Group performance. Other employee benefits include provident fund, insurance and medical cover, subsidised educational and training programmes. The Group does not have any option plans.

As the Group's policy is not to engage in licensing or franchising shop operations, training of frontline personnel is of the highest priority. On the mainland, where demand for training is the most acute, considerable resources have been put into setting training teams to conduct inhouse programmes. Different tools such as web-based and externally conducted courses are deployed. In the first half 876 staff members have received training.

In order to enrich their experience and broaden their vision, selected frontline staff from the mainland and Taiwan are brought to Hong Kong for an intensive exchange. As the programme expands, Hong Kong staff will be selected to visit the mainland and Taiwan.

# 外匯風險管理

本集團認為其外匯風險很小。本集團的外匯風險主要在人民幣、新台幣、歐羅及日元:外匯風險管控方法是採用外幣債務為手上同幣資產融資。於2006年6月30日,不計人民幣之外幣借款約為5,000,000港元,人民幣借款為88,000,000人民幣(2005年12月31日:76,000,000人民幣),作為中國內地營運資金。

集團大部分資產及負債、收入及付款均以港元及美元結算。

#### 資產抵押

本公司為其附屬公司取得銀行及其他信貸提供擔保。本集團為部份銀行融資提供的抵押品包括賬面淨值達140,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:142,000,000港元)之物業,與60,000,000港元之上市股份(2005年12月31日:87,000,000港元)。於2006年6月30日,本集團之銀行貸款及黃金借貸總額分別為110,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:98,000,000港元)及109,000,000港元(2005年12月31日:126,000,000港元)。

## 人力資源

本集團除聯營公司外在中國內地、台灣、香港及澳門共有2,349位僱員。僱員薪金按市場水平釐定,獎金按個人及集團整體表現發放。其他員工福利包括公積金、保險及醫療保障、進修資助及培訓計劃。本集團沒有任何認購股權計劃。

由於集團政策不會以特許經營或加盟方式經營分店,因此集團對前線人員的培訓至為重視。於中國內地培訓需求甚殷,故已投放相對多資源成立培訓隊伍進行內部培訓:現已採用不同培訓模式,如網上教學及參與外界舉辦之各種課程。上半年共有876名員工接受培訓。

集團選派內地及台灣前線員工到港交流,藉以爭取經驗及擴闊視野。隨著交流計劃 擴展,香港員工亦會被安排前往內地及台 灣作交流。

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Group recognises the importance of transparency and accountability to shareholders. The Board continually reviews and enhances its corporate governance practices to ensure that they meet shareholders' expectation and comply with the relevant standards.

Throughout the period under review, the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules.

# **Corporate Governance Practices**

The corporate governance practices adopted by the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2006 are in line with those as set out in the Corporate Governance Report of the 2005 Annual Report (the "2005 CG Report").

Certain provisions of the Company's Bye-Laws have been amended so as to be convergent with the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company. Approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 17 May 2006, were changes to the provisions relating to the voting manner at shareholders' meeting and the retirement arrangement for directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy.

# The Board and the Board Committees

As at 30 June 2006, the composition of the Board was as follows:

# 企業管治

本集團一向確認透明度及問責對股東之重 要性。董事會將持續檢討及提升其企業管 治常規,以確保彼等符合股東之期望及遵 守有關標準。

於整段中期報告涵蓋期內,本公司已遵守 上市規則附錄14所載之企業管治守則。

# 企業管治常規

截至2006年6月30日止六個月內,本公司 所採納之企業管治常規與2005年報內企業 管治報告所載者(「2005企業管治報告」)貫 徹一致。

本公司附例之若干條文已修訂,以配合本 公司所採納之企業管治常規。於2006年5 月17日舉行之股東週年大會上,已獲股東 批准之修訂為更改有關於股東大會上投票 模式及為填補臨時空缺而獲委任董事之退 任安排的條文。

# 董事會及董事會委員會

於2006年6月30日,董事會成員如下:

Executive Directors 執行董事	Non-executive Directors 非執行董事	Independent Non-executive Directors 獨立非執行董事	
Dr. CHOW Kwen Lim Chairman	Mr. CHOW Kwen Ling  Honorary Chairman	Mr. LEE Ka Lun	
周君廉博士 <i>,主席</i>	周君令先生, <i>名譽董事長</i>	李家麟先生	
Mr. Vincent CHOW Wing Shing Group General Manager	Mr. Stephen TING Leung Huel	Dr. CHAN Bing Fun	
周永成先生 <i>,集團總經理</i>	丁良輝先生	陳炳勳醫生	
Dr. Gerald CHOW King Sing 周敬成醫生	Mr. CHUNG Pui Lam 鍾沛林先生	Mr. LO King Man 盧景文先生	
Mr. Winston CHOW Wun Sing Group Deputy General Manager 周允成先生,集團副總經理			

The compositions of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee remain the same as set out in the 2005 CG Report.

審核委員會、薪酬委員會及提名委員會之 成員與2005企業管治報告所載者相同。

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

企業管治

Full descriptions of the operation and responsibilities of the Board and the three Committees can be found in the 2005 CG Report.

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2006 prior to recommending them to the Board for approval.

# **Model Code for Securities Transactions**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. Upon specific enquiries, all directors confirmed their compliance with the required standards as set out in the Model Code. Details of the directors' interests in shares of the Company as at 30 June 2006 are set out on page 21 of this interim report.

Relevant employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Group are also subject to compliance with written internal guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code.

# **Internal Control**

The Board is responsible for ensuring that adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard the Company's assets and manage risks. The internal control system detailed in the 2005 CG Report is in place during the period under review.

Based on the representations made by the management, the plan and the report of the Group's internal audit department, the Audit Committee and the Board are satisfied that:

- an ongoing process is in place to identify, evaluate and manage the significant risks faced by the Group; and
- a proper system of internal control is in place, and has been subject to adequate review during the period.

董事會及三個委員會運作與職責之詳細説明,請參閱2005企業管治報告。

於建議董事會批准本集團截至2006年6月 30日止六個月之未經審核財務報告前,審 核委員會已與管理人員審閱有關財務報 告。

# 證券交易之標準守則

本公司已採納上市規則附錄10所載有關董事進行證券交易的標準守則(「標準守則」),作為本公司董事進行證券交易之行為守則。經特別諮詢後,全體董事確認彼等均遵守標準守則所載之規定標準。於2006年6月30日,董事持有本公司股份權益之詳情載於本中期報告第21頁。

有關員工可能擁有本集團尚未公布之股價 敏感資料,亦需遵守一套內部指引,其內 容不比標準守則寬鬆。

# 內部管控

董事會負責確保公司有足夠內部管控,以保障公司資產及管理風險。於中期報告涵蓋期內,本公司已採用2005企業管治報告所詳述之內部管控系統。

根據管理人員作出之聲明,以及本集團內 部稽核部提供之計劃及報告,審核委員會 及董事會信納:

- 現有持續程序以識別、評估及管理本集團所面對之重大風險;及
- 現有妥善之內部管控系統,其已於 期內獲充分檢討。

# OTHER INFORMATION

# Directors' interests in shares

As at 30 June 2006, the interests of the directors in the issued share capital of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code were as follows:

# Long positions:

# 其他資料

# 董事於股本之權益

於2006年6月30日,按《證券及期貨條例》第352條本公司須予保存之名冊內所記錄,或根據標準守則必須向本公司及香港聯合交易所有限公司(「聯交所」)具報之權益,各董事於本公司或其相聯法團(定義見《證券及期貨條例》第XV部)擁有已發行股本中之權益如下:

# 好倉:

# Number of shares held 持股數目

							Percentage of
							the Company's
		Personal	Family	Corporate	Trustee		issued
Name of directors		interest	interest	interest	interest	Total	share capital
							佔本公司已
							發行股本
董事姓名		個人權益	家族權益	公司權益	信託人權益	總數	百分比
							(%)
Mr. CHOW Kwen Ling	周君令先生	_	_	49,846,732 (4)	_	49,846,732	8.28
Dr. CHOW Kwen Lim	周君廉博士	_	_	_	137,591,595 <sup>(1)</sup>	137,591,595	22.86
Dr. CHAN Bing Fun	陳炳勳醫生	1,320,000	_	_	_	1,320,000	0.22
Mr. Vincent CHOW Wing Shing	周永成先生	_	_	_	137,591,595 <sup>(1)</sup>	137,591,595	22.86
Dr. Gerald CHOW King Sing	周敬成醫生	19,687,680	94,398 (3)	_	84,000,000 (2)	103,782,078	17.24
Mr. Winston CHOW Wun Sing	周允成先生	7,681,104	76,800 <sup>(3)</sup>	_	95,616,000 (2)	103,373,904	17.17
Mr. LO King Man	盧景文先生	38,000	_	_	_	38,000	0.01

Please refer to the explanatory notes in the section headed "Substantial shareholders' and other persons' interests in shares and underlying shares".

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2006, none of the directors had registered an interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

# Directors' rights to acquire shares or debentures

At no time during the period were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company granted to any director or their respective spouse or minor children, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

請參考「主要股東及其他人士於股本及相關股本 之權益」之附註。

除上文披露外,於2006年6月30日,各董 事概無於本公司或其任何相聯法團股份、 相關股份或債券中擁有根據《證券及期貨 條例》第352條規定須予以記錄或根據標準 守則必須向本公司及聯交所具報之權益或 淡倉。

# 董事購買股份或債券之權利

期內概無授予任何董事或其各自之配偶或 年幼子女可購入本公司股份或債券而獲益 之權利:或由彼等行使任何該等權利:或 由本公司或其任何附屬公司安排致令董事 可於任何其他法人團體獲得該等權利。

### OTHER INFORMATION

其他資料

# Substantial shareholders' and other persons' interests in shares and underlying shares

As at 30 June 2006, the interests of those persons in the issued share capital of the Company as recorded in the register of interests required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

# Long positions:

# 主要股東及其他人士於股本及相關股本之 權益

於2006年6月30日,根據《證券及期貨條 例》第336條,本公司須予保存之權益名冊 記錄內擁有本公司已發行股本人士之權益

# 好倉:

		Number of	Percentage of the
N	Capacity and	ordinary shares	Company's issued
Names	nature of interest	held	share capital 佔本公司已
姓名或名稱	身份及權益性質	持有普通股數目	發行股本百分比
			(%)
Everwin Company Limited	Beneficial Owner 實益持有人	137,591,595 (1)	22.86
Cititrust (Jersey) Limited	Trustee 信託人	137,591,595 (1)	22.86
HSBC International Trustee Limited	Trustee 信託人	84,190,800 (2)	13.99
HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited	Trustee 信託人	70,038,000 (2)	11.64
Happy Inc.	Beneficial Owner 實益持有人	66,000,000	10.96
Happy Family Limited 快樂家庭有限公司	Beneficial Owner 實益持有人	49,846,732 (4)	8.28
Top Fit Investments Limited	Beneficial Owner 實益持有人	42,000,000 (2)	6.98

# Notes:

- 137,591,595 shares in the Company were held by Everwin Company Limited, a company beneficially owned by a discretionary trust of which Dr. CHOW Kwen Lim and Mr. Vincent CHOW Wing Shing were among the beneficiaries. The trustee of the trust was Cititrust (Jersey) Limited and, accordingly, the shares in which Everwin Company Limited was shown to be interested were also included in which Cititrust (Jersey) Limited was shown to be interested. Dr. CHOW Kwen Lim and Mr. Vincent CHOW Wing Shing, and their respective spouse, were deemed to have interests in the 137,591,595 shares in the Company.
- 84,000,000 shares in the Company were held by a discretionary trust of which Dr. Gerald CHOW King Sing and Mr. Winston CHOW Wun Sing were the beneficiaries. The trustee of the trust was HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited, which owned the interests in the Company through the following companies:

Name of companies 公司名稱

Top Fit Investments Limited Blossom Investments Limited Speed Star Holdings Limited

# 附註:

- Everwin Company Limited擁有本公司 137,591,595股股份,該公司由一項全權信 託實益擁有, 周君廉博士及周永成先生為 該信託之其中受益人。 Cititrust (Jersey) Limited為該信託之信託人,因此,Everwin Company Limited之股份權益亦包括在 Cititrust (Jersey) Limited之權益內。周君廉 博士及周永成先生及彼等各自之配偶均被 視為擁有本公司137,591,595股股份權益。
- 一項全權信託擁有本公司84,000,000股股 份,周敬成醫生及周允成先生為該信託之 受益人。HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited為該信託之信託人,其透過下列公 司擁有本公司權益:

Number of shares held 股份數目

> 42,000,000 21,000,000 21,000,000

# Substantial shareholders' and other persons' interests in shares and underlying shares (continued)

Accordingly, the shares in which Top Fit Investments Limited was shown to be interested were also included in which HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited was shown to be interested.

The interests of HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited was duplicated by the interests of HSBC International Trustee Limited.

Remark: As at 30 June 2006, the last notification form received by the Company from HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited was dated 18 January 2005. Therefore, the number of shares held by this company as shown in the register of substantial shareholders' interests has not taken into account of its bonus shares entitlement, which was issued by the Company on 18 June 2005.

70,398 shares and 24,000 shares in the Company were owned by Dr. Gerald CHOW King Sing's spouse and minor children, respectively. Accordingly, Dr. Gerald CHOW King Sing and his spouse were deemed to have interests in the 84,094,398 shares and 103,711,680 shares in the Company, respectively.

52,800 shares and 24,000 shares in the Company were owned by Mr. Winston CHOW Wun Sing's spouse and minor children, respectively. Accordingly, Mr. Winston CHOW Wun Sing and his spouse were deemed to have interests in the 95,692,800 shares and 103,321,104 shares in the Company, respectively.

49,846,732 shares in the Company were held by Happy Family Limited, in which Mr. CHOW Kwen Ling and his spouse owned 40% of the equity interest. Mr. CHOW Kwen Ling and his spouse were deemed to have interests in the 49,846,732 shares in the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2006, no person, other than the directors of the Company, whose interests are set out in the section "Directors' interests in shares" above, had registered an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

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

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the period.

# 主要股東及其他人士於股本及相關股本之 權益(續)

因此,Top Fit Investments Limited之股份權 益亦包括在HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited之權益內。

HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited持有 之權益與HSBC International Trustee Limited 持有之權益重疊。

備註: 於 2006年 6月 30日, 本公司自 HSBC Trustee (Cook Islands) Limited收到之最後通知日期為 2005年1月18日。因此,此公司於 主要股東權益名冊所示之持股數 目並未計入彼在本公司於2005年6 月18日發行之紅股中享有之權

周敬成醫生之配偶及年幼子女分別持有本 公司70,398股及24,000股股份。因此,周敬 成醫生及其配偶分別被視為擁有本公司 84.094.398股及103.711.680股股份權益。

> 周允成先生之配偶及年幼子女分別持有本 公司52,800股及24,000股股份。因此,周允 成先生及其配偶分別被視為擁有本公司 95,692,800股及103,321,104股股份權益。

快樂家庭有限公司持有本公司49.846.732股 股份, 周君令先生及其配偶共同擁有快樂 家庭有限公司40%之股本權益。周君令先 生及其配偶被視為擁有本公司49,846,732股 股份權益。

除上文披露外,於2006年6月30日,除以 上「董事於股本之權益」部份涉及之本公司 董事外,並無其他人十於本公司股份或相 關股份中登記持有根據《證券及期貨條例》 第336條須予記錄之權益或淡倉。

# 購買、贖回或出售本公司之上市證券

期內本公司或其任何附屬公司概無購買、 贖回或出售任何本公司之上市證券。

# OTHER INFORMATION 其他資料

#### DIVIDEND

At the Company's annual general meeting held on 17 May 2006, the shareholders approved the final dividend of HK12 cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2005 to be distributed to shareholders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company on 17 May 2006. The final dividend amounting to HK\$72,230,000 was paid on 5 June 2006.

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK7 cents (2005: HK5 cents) per ordinary share for the six months ended 30 June 2006 payable to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 20 September 2006. Dividend warrants will be posted to shareholders on 28 September 2006.

# **CLOSURE OF REGISTER**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 15 September 2006 to Wednesday, 20 September 2006, both days inclusive, during such period no transfer of shares will be registered. To ensure entitlement to the interim dividend, shareholders are reminded to lodge their transfers not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 14 September 2006 with the Company's branch registrars, Tengis Limited at 26/F, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.

By order of the Board **Chow Kwen Lim** Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 August 2006

# 股息

本公司於2006年5月17日舉行之股東週年 大會上,股東通過派發截至2005年12月31 日止年度之末期股息每股12港仙予於2006 年5月17日名列於本公司股東名冊上之股 東。末期股息72,230,000港元已於2006年 6月5日派發。

董事會宣布派發截至2006年6月30日止六 個月之中期股息每股普通股7港仙(2005 年:5港仙)予於2006年9月20日名列本公 司股東名冊之股東。股息支票將於2006年 9月28日寄發予股東。

# 截止過戶

由2006年9月15日(星期五)至2006年9月20 日(星期三)止,首尾兩天包括在內,本公 司將暫停辦理股份過戶登記手續。如欲享 有獲派發中期股息權利,股東須於2006年 9月14日(星期四)下午4時前將過戶文件送 達本公司股份過戶登記分處登捷時有限公 司辦理過戶手續,地址為香港皇后大道東 28號金鐘匯中心26樓。

承董事會命 主席 周君廉

香港,2006年8月30日

Remarks: The Company's principal registrars is Butterfield Fund Services (Bermuda) Limited at Rosebank Centre, 11 Bermudiana Road, Pembroke, HM 08, Bermuda.

備註: 本公司之股份過戶登記總處為Butterfield Fund Services (Bermuda) Limited, 地址為Rosebank Centre, 11 Bermudiana Road, Pembroke, HM 08. Bermuda o