#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Directors believe that good corporate governance is an essential element in enhancing the confidence of shareholders, investors, employees, business partners and the community as a whole and also the performance of the Group. The board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") will review the corporate governance structure and practices from time to time and shall make necessary arrangements to ensure business activities and decision making processes are made in a proper and prudent manner.

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") for the year ended 31 December 2006, except for the deviations as disclosed in this report.

#### **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as its code of conduct for dealings in securities of the Company by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2006 were:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Chan Shing (Chairman and Managing Director)

Mr. Sit Hoi Tung (Deputy General Manager)

Mr. Yang Da Wei

Ms. Lau Ting

Ms. Tung Pui Shan, Virginia

Mr. Kwok Wai Lam

Mr. Yin Mark

#### 企業管治常規

董事相信,優秀的企業管治是對加強股東、投資者、員工、業務夥伴及公眾人士對公司的信心及提升集團表現的重要元素。本公司董事局(「董事局」)將不時審閱企業管治架構及措施,確保業務及決策過程適當及審慎地進行。

除本報告所述有關偏離外,董事認為,本公司於截至二零零六年十二月三十一日止年度內一直遵守香港聯合交易所有限公司證券上市規則(「上市規則」)附錄十四所載企業管治常規守則(「守則」)所有適用守則條文。

#### 董事的證券交易

本公司採納上市規則附錄十所載上市發行人董事進行證券交易的標準守則(「標準守則」)為本公司之董事證券交易行為守則。在向所有董事作出特定查詢後,所有董事均確認彼等於年度內已遵守標準守則所載之規定標準。

# 董事局

於截至二零零六年十二月三十一日止年度內,本公司董事包括:

#### 執行董事

陳城先生(主席兼董事總經理)

薛海東先生(副總經理)

楊大偉先生

劉婷女士

董佩珊女士

郭偉霖先生

尹虹先生



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (continued)

## **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Mr. Cui Shu Ming Mr. Song Yufang Mr. Huang Shenglan

#### **Non-Executive Director**

Mr. Sze Tsai Ping, Michael

As at the date of this report, the Board comprised eleven Directors, seven of whom are Executive Directors (including the Chairman), three of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors and one of whom is Non-Executive Director. Details of backgrounds and qualifications of each Director are set out in the section headed "Biographies of Directors" of this annual report. The Company has arranged appropriate insurance cover in respect of legal actions against the Directors.

The Board is responsible for the overall strategic development of the Group. It also monitors the financial performance and the internal controls of the Group's business operations. Executive Directors are responsible for running the Group and executing the strategies adopted by the Board. The day-to-day running of the Company is delegated to the management with department heads responsible for different aspects of the business/functions

Non-Executive Directors (including the Independent Non-Executive Directors) serve the relevant function of bringing independent judgement on the development, performance and risk management of the Group through their contributions in board meetings.

The Board considers that each Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company is independent in character and judgement. The Company has received from each Independent Non-executive Director a written confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

## 董事局(續)

#### 獨立非執行董事

崔書明先生 宋玉芳先生 黃勝藍先生

#### 非執行董事

史習平先生

於本報告日期,董事局由十一名董事組成, 七名為執行董事(包括主席)、三名為獨立非 執行董事及一名為非執行董事。有關各董事 之背景及資歷於本年報標題為「董事簡歷」 一段中載述。本公司已就向董事提出法律訴 訟安排適當保險。

董事局負責本集團的整體發展策略,並同時監察集團財務表現及業務營運之內部監控。執行董事負責集團之運作及執行董事局採納之政策。本公司日常營運則授權管理層管理,各部門主管負責不同範疇之業務/職能。

非執行董事(包括獨立非執行董事)擔當相關職能,透過參與董事局會議為董事局在集團發展、表現及風險管理方面給予獨立意見。

董事局認為各獨立非執行董事之行動及判斷均屬獨立。本公司已接獲各獨立非執行董事之確認書,確認彼等符合上市規則第3.13條所載有關獨立性之規定。



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (continued)

The Board meets regularly to discuss the Group's business development, operation and financial performance. Notice of at least 14 days is given to all Directors for all regular board meetings to give all Directors an opportunity to attend. All regular board meetings adhere to a formal agenda in which a schedule of matters is addressed to the Board. All Directors have access to board papers and related materials, and are provided with adequate information which enable the Board to make an informed decision on the matters to be discussed and considered at the board meetings. Minutes of board meetings are kept by the Company Secretary and are open for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable notice by any Director.

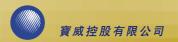
To the best knowledge of the Directors, there is no financial, business and family relationship among the members of the Board except that Ms. Lau Ting is the spouse of Mr. Chan Shing.

As stipulated in Code provision A.1.1, the board should meet regularly and board meetings should be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals with active participation, either in person or through other electronic means of communication, of a majority of directors entitled to be present. As the Company did not announce its quarterly results, two regular board meetings were held during the year for reviewing and approving the interim and annual financial performance of the Group, which did not fully comply with the relevant Code provision. Board meetings were held on other occasions when board decisions were required.

### 董事局(續)

董事局定期舉行會議,討論本集團的發展、營運表現及財務狀況。就董事局所有定期,議,全體董事均會獲發最少十四天通知,強調所有董事皆有機會騰空出席。所有董事均有權查閱董事局文件及有事場大,並會及時獲提供充分資料,使董事不可就提呈會議的事項作出知情決定。董可不能記錄由公司秘書備存,任何董事高發出合理通知下於任何合理時段查閱董事局會議記錄。

據董事所知悉,除劉婷女士為陳城先生之配 偶外,董事局各成員之間並無財務、業務及 親屬關係。



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (continued)

# 董事局(續)

During the year under review, thirteen board meetings 於年度內,董事局共舉行十三次會議(包括 (including two regular board meetings) were held. Details of the attendance of the Directors are as follows:

兩次定期會議)。董事之出席記錄詳情如下:

**Directors' Attendance** 董事出席次數

# **Executive Directors**

## 執行董事

13/13
12/13
1/13
12/13
8/13
12/13
2/13

# **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

# 獨立非執行董事

Mr. Cui Shu Ming	2/13
崔書明先生	
Mr. Song Yufang	0/13
宋玉芳先生	
Mr. Huang Shenglan	2/13
黄勝藍先生	

# **Non-Executive Director** 非執行董事

# Mr. Sze Tsai Ping, Michael 史習平先生

2/13

#### CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The roles of the chairman and chief executive officer were not performed by separate individuals as is stipulated in Code provision A.2.1. The Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, Mr. Chan Shing, currently assumes the role of the chairman and also the chief executive officer responsible for overseeing the function of the Board and formulating overall strategies of and organising the implementation structure for the Company and also managing the Group's overall business operations. Given the nature of the Group's businesses which require considerable market expertise, the Board believed that the vesting of the two roles provides the Group with stable and consistent leadership and allows for more effective planning and implementation of long term business strategies. The Board will continuously review the effectiveness of the structure to balance the power and authority of the Board and the management.

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Non-Executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term as is stipulated in Code provision A.4.1, but are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company (the "Bye-laws"). The Directors have not been required by the Bye-laws to retire by rotation at least once every three years. However, in accordance with Bye-law 85 of the Bye-laws, at each annual general meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors for the time being or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not greater than one-third, shall retire from office by rotation save any Director holding office as Chairman or Managing Director. The Board will ensure the retirement of each Director, other than the one who holds the office as Chairman or Managing Director, by rotation at least once every three years in order to comply with Code provisions. The Chairman will not be subject to retirement by rotation as is stipulated in Code provision A.4.2, as the Board considered that the continuity of office of the Chairman provides the Group a strong and consistent leadership and is of great importance to the smooth operations of the Group. Mr. Sit Hoi Tung, Mr. Yang Da Wei and Mr. Sze Tsai Ping, Michael are subject to retirement by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting in accordance with the Company's Bye-laws.

## 主席及行政總裁

## 非執行董事

本公司非執行董事的委任並未按守則條文 第A.4.1條所定指定任期,惟彼等需按本公司 之章程細則(「章程細則」)規定輪值告退。 本公司之章程細則並無規定董事最少每三 年輪值告退一次。然而,根據章程細則第85 條,於每屆股東週年大會上,按當時在任董 事人數計三分之一董事(或倘數目並非三之 倍數,則為最接近但不超過三分之一之數 目)必須輪值告退,惟主席或董事總經理者 則無須輪值告退。董事局將會確保每位董事 (惟擔任主席或董事總經理職務者除外)至 少每三年輪值告退一次,以符合守則條文之 規定。主席並未按守則條文第A.4.2條所定輪 值退任,因董事局認為主席任期之連續性可 予集團強而穩定的領導方向,乃對集團業務 之順暢經營運作極為重要。根據本公司之章 程細則,薛海東先生、楊大偉先生及史習平 先生須於即將舉行之股東週年大會輪值退 仟。



#### **REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

The Remuneration Committee was established on 12 September 2006 with specific written terms of reference which deal with its authority and duties. As at the date of this report, the Remuneration Committee comprised Messrs. Cui Shu Ming and Huang Shenglan, the Independent Non-Executive Directors, and Mr. Sit Hoi Tung, an Executive Director and the Deputy General Manager of the Company. Mr. Cui Shu Ming is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee. As stipulated in its terms of reference, the Remuneration Committee will meet at least once a year to determine the policy for the remuneration of Directors and the senior management, and consider and review the terms of service contract of the Directors and the senior management.

Prior to the setting up of the Remuneration Committee during the year, a committee comprising the Chairman, two Executive Directors and the Head of Personnel Department (the "Committee") had been responsible for determining and reviewing the Group's overall remuneration policy and structure for the remuneration of the Directors, but no Director will be involved in deciding his own remuneration.

In determining the emolument payable to Directors, the Committee took into consideration factors such as time commitment and responsibilities of the Directors, performance and contribution of the Directors to the Group, the performance and profitability of the Group, the remuneration benchmark in the industry, the prevailing market/employment conditions and the desirability of performance-based remuneration.

During the year under review, one Committee meeting was held. Details of the attendance of the Directors in the Committee meeting are as follows:

## 董事薪酬

於二零零六年九月十二日·本公司成立具有 特定成文權責範圍的之薪酬委員會。於執 告日期·薪酬委員會成員由兩位獨立非執行 董事崔書明先生及黃勝藍先生及執行事 華副總經理薛海東先生組成。崔書明先生 薪酬委員會主席。根據其權責範圍所定 薪酬委員會將每年最少舉行一次會議以 董事及高級管理人員服務合約之條款 閱董事及高級管理人員服務合約之條款

於成立薪酬委員會前,本公司一直透過由主席、兩位執行董事及人事部主管組成之委員會(「委員會」)負責決定及審閱本集團之整體薪酬策略及董事薪酬架構,惟概無董事參與決定其個人薪酬。

在釐定董事薪酬時,委員會考慮多項因素,例如董事付出的時間及其職務、董事之表現及對集團之貢獻、集團之業績表現及盈利能力,以及業界薪酬基準、當時市場狀況/招聘情況及按表現發放酬金之可行性等因素而釐定。

於年度內,委員會曾舉行一次會議,董事於委員會會議之出席記錄詳情如下:

# Directors' Attendance 董事出席次數

Mr. Chan Shing (Chairman) 陳城先生(主席) Ms. Lau Ting (Executive Director) 劉婷女士(執行董事) Mr. Kwok Wai Lam (Executive Director) 郭偉霖先生(執行董事) 1/1

1/1

1/1

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#### NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The Board is responsible for considering the suitability of a candidate to act as a director, and approving and terminating the appointment of a director. During the year under review, the Company had not established a nomination committee with specific written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. The Chairman is mainly responsible for identifying suitable candidates for members of the Board when there is a vacancy or an additional director is considered necessary. The Chairman will propose the appointment of such candidates to the Board for consideration and the Board will review the qualifications of the relevant candidates for determining the suitability to the Group on the basis of his qualifications, experience and background.

During the year under review, no meeting was held by the Board for nomination of new director.

#### **AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

During the year under review, the Group's former external auditors Messrs. PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PWC") resigned on 18 December 2006 and Messrs. HLB Hodgson Impey Cheng ("HLB") was appointed as auditors of the Group on the same date. The following are the services provided and fees charged by the auditors:

# 董事提名

董事局負責考慮出任董事合適人選以及批准及終止董事委任事宜。於年度內,本責度內,本責實面明確界定職權及職責董事園的提名委員會。主席主要負責於色大選加入董事局。主席將向董事局建議、經驗人選,董事局將按候選人之資歷、經驗內背景審閱有關人選之資格,決定是否適合加入本集團。

於年度內,董事局並無就提名新董事舉行會議。

#### 核數師酬金

於年度內,本集團前外聘核數師羅兵咸永道 會計師事務所(「羅兵咸永道」)於二零零六 年十二月十八日辭任,並於同日委任國衛會 計師事務所(「國衛」)為本集團核數師。外 聘核數師所提供之服務及收取費用分別如 下:

> Fee Charged for the year ended 31 December 收取費用

	截至十二	月三十一日
		年度
	2006	2005
	HK\$	HK\$
	港元	港元
服務類別		
羅兵咸永道:		
集團審計	_	1,230,000
非審計服務一税務服務	152,952	114,330
國衛:		
集團審計	750,000	N/A不適用
非審計服務一税務服務	_	N/A不適用

Non-audit services – taxation services

Non-audit services – taxation services

Types of Services

Audit for the Group

Audit for the Group

PWC:

HLB:

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee was established in 2001 and provides the Board with advice and recommendations. As at the date of this report, the Audit Committee comprised three members, Messrs. Cui Shu Ming, Song Yufang and Huang Shenglan. All of them are Independent Non-Executive Directors. Mr. Cui Shu Ming is the chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board considers that each Audit Committee member has broad commercial experience and there is a suitable mix of expertise in business, legal, accounting and financial management in the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's functions includes:

- to review and monitor financial reporting and the reporting judgement contained in them; and
- to review financial and internal controls, accounting policies and practices with management, internal and external auditors.

The Audit Committee held three meetings during the year under review, two of which were attended by the former external auditors, Messrs. PricewaterhouseCoopers. Details of the attendance of the Audit Committee meetings are as follows:

## 審核委員會

審核委員會於二零零一年成立,為董事局提供意見及建議。於本報告日期,審核委員會由三名成員組成,分別為崔書明先生、宋充生及黃勝藍先生,全部均為獨立非執行董事。審核委員會主席為崔書明先生。並制為各審核委員會成員均具有廣泛經、務經驗,而委員會內適當地融合了營運、為企業、會計及財務管理等方面的專業知識。

#### 審核委員會的功能包括:

- 審議及監察財務報告,以及報告所包含 的申報判斷;及
- 與管理層、內部及外聘核數師審議財務、內部監控及會計政策及常規。

審核委員會於年度內共舉行三次會議,前外聘核數師羅兵咸永道會計師事務所曾出席其中兩次會議。審核委員會會議之出席記錄詳情如下:

Members' Attendance 委員出席次數

Mr. Cui Shu Ming	崔書明先生	3/3
Mr. Song Yufang	宋玉芳先生	2/3
Mr. Huang Shenglan	黃勝藍先生	3/3

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE** (continued)

Among these three Audit Committee meetings, one of which was held to discuss the change of auditors of the Company. The Audit Committee had made a recommendation to the Board for appointment of HLB as auditors to fill the casual vacancy by the resignation of PWC. The Board had approved such recommendation and HLB was appointed as external auditors of the Group in place of PWC with effect from 18 December 2006.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters. The audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2006 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

# DIRECTORS' AND AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACCOUNTS

The Directors' responsibilities for the accounts and the responsibilities of the external auditors to the shareholders are set out on pages 40 and 41.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL**

During the year under review, the Board has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the internal controls system of the Group.

The internal controls system of the Group is designed to facilitate effective and efficient operations, to ensure reliability of financial reporting and compliance with applicable laws and regulations, to identify and manage potential risk. The Board is committed to implementing an effective and sound internal control system to safeguard the interests of shareholders and the assets of the Group. The Board has delegated to the management the implementation of the system of internal controls and reviewing of all relevant financial, operational, compliance controls and risk management functions.

#### 審核委員會(續)

在年內舉行之審核委員會會議當中,其中一次是討論本公司外聘核數師變更事宜。審核委員會向董事局建議委任國衛為本公司核數師以填補因羅兵咸永道呈辭核數師職務之空缺。董事局已批准此建議,並於二零零六年十二月十八日委任國衛為本公司外聘核數師。

審核委員會已與管理層審閱及討論本集團 採用之會計政策及慣例,以及審計、內部監 控及財務申報事宜。截至二零零六年十二月 三十一日止年度之經審核財務報表已經審 核委員會審閱。

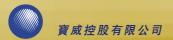
## 董事及核數師對帳目之責任

董事對帳目之責任及外聘核數師對股東之責任載於第40頁及第41頁。

## 內部監控

董事局於年度內已對本集團內部監控系統 之有效性作出檢討。

本集團內部監控制度的設計能使公司更有效地和有效率地運作,並確保財務報告的可靠性及遵守適用法例和規條,識別和管理潛在性的風險。董事局致力落實有效及良好的內部監控制度,以保障股東投資及集團資產。董事局已委派管理層落實內部監控系統及檢討所有相關財務、營運、規管監控及風險管理的效能。



#### **INVESTORS RELATIONS**

The Company is committed to maintain an open and effective investors relations policy and to update investors on relevant information/developments in a timely manner, subject to relevant regulatory requirements. Briefings and meetings with institutional investors and analysts are conducted from time to time. The Company also replied the enquiries from shareholders timely. The Directors host the annual general meeting each year to meet the shareholders and answer their enquiries.

The chairman of the board should attend the annual general meeting as is stipulated in Code provision E.1.2. Mr. Chan Shing, the Chairman of the Board, was unable to attend the Company's annual general meeting held on 30 May 2006 as he was on business trip. Nevertheless, he had arranged for Mr. Sit Hoi Tung, an Executive Director and the Deputy General Manager of the Company, to take the chair of the meeting and answer shareholders' guestions.

The corporate website of the Company has provided a communication platform via which the public and investor community can access to up-to-date information regarding the Group.

## 投資者關係

本公司致力按照有關監管規定,維持公開及 有效的投資者關係政策,並適時向投資者提 供最新的業務資料/發展。本公司不時與機 構投資者及分析員會面及簡報,亦及時回應 股東查詢。董事每年主持股東週年大會,會 見股東及回應彼等之提問。

守則條文第E.1.2條訂明·董事會主席應出席 股東週年大會。本公司主席陳城先生因商務 出差未能出席於二零零六年五月三十日舉 行之股東週年大會。然而,陳先生已安排本 公司執行董事兼副總經理薛海東先生主持 大會及回答股東問題。

本公司的公司網址亦提供了溝通平台,為公眾和投資者提供渠道查閱的最新集團訊息。