

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2001

	Notes	The Group		The Company	
		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Revenue	3	594,172	531,274	50,204	40,543
Cost of sales		(459,379)	(419,436)	(7,466)	(5,244)
Gross profit		134,793	111,838	42,738	35,299
Other operating income	4	3,528	2,902	132	73
Distribution expenses		(30,919)	(24,110)	(375)	(273)
Administrative expenses		(64,634)	(58,607)	(7,474)	(7,123)
Other operating expenses		(998)	(635)	(6)	-
Profit from operations		41,770	31,388	35,015	27,976
Finance costs		(21,289)	(12,884)	(16,307)	(10,553)
Profit before exceptional items	5	20,481	18,504	18,708	17,423
Exceptional items	6	71	-	-	-
Profit before share of results of associates		20,552	18,504	18,708	17,423
Share of results of associates		8,329	6,991	-	-
Profit before income tax		28,881	25,495	18,708	17,423
Income tax	7	(3,210)	(2,447)	(100)	(100)
Profit after income tax		25,671	23,048	18,608	17,323
Minority interests		(633)	(922)	-	-
Profit before extraordinary item		25,038	22,126	18,608	17,323
Extraordinary item	8	-	(2,317)	-	-
Profit attributable to shareholders		25,038	19,809	18,608	17,323
Earnings per share (cents)	10				
Before extraordinary item					
- Basic		24.20	21.38		
- Diluted		24.07	21.38		
After extraordinary item					
- Basic		24.20	19.15		
- Diluted		24.07	19.14		

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BALANCE SHEETS

As at 31 March 2001

	Notes	The Group		The Company	
		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Non-current assets:					
Fixed assets	11	251,875	234,790	8,589	8,435
Interest in subsidiaries	12	-	-	418,006	393,664
Interest in associates	13	29,655	25,549	11,453	11,453
Other investments	14	13,954	11,791	-	-
Deferred expenditure	15	54,661	58,020	2,976	3,133
		350,145	330,150	441,024	416,685
Current assets:					
Stocks and work in progress	16	158,665	140,058	4,029	3,097
Debtors	17	131,279	149,503	72,052	50,448
Short-term investments, at market value		409	841	-	-
Deposits and prepayments		17,040	8,567	1,321	1,561
Bank balances, deposits and cash	18	31,201	25,357	2,049	1,574
		338,594	324,326	79,451	56,680
Current liabilities:					
Creditors and accrued charges	19	77,641	89,785	13,318	18,228
Obligations under finance leases	20	-	20	-	3
Income tax payable		1,513	3,077	576	491
Proposed dividends		6,208	6,725	6,208	6,725
Bank loans and overdrafts	21	152,677	128,995	109,186	77,082
Bonds	22	-	59,892	-	59,892
		238,039	288,494	129,288	162,421
Net current assets (liabilities)		100,555	35,832	(49,837)	(105,741)
Non-current liabilities:					
Bank loans	23	17,809	59,865	11,114	47,465
Floating Rate Notes	24	108,333	-	108,333	-
Obligations under finance leases	20	-	32	-	1
Deferred income tax	25	3,364	3,682	275	275
		129,506	63,579	119,722	47,741
		321,194	302,403	271,465	263,203
Represented by:					
Share capital	26	82,771	82,769	82,771	82,769
Reserves		199,302	195,774	188,694	180,434
Shareholders' funds		282,073	278,543	271,465	263,203
Minority interests		39,121	23,860	-	-
		321,194	302,403	271,465	263,203

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 March 2001

	Share capital S\$'000	Share premium S\$'000	Capital reserve S\$'000	Legal surplus S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Property revaluation reserve S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Group								
At 1 April 1999	82,769	135,617	(21,261)	933	(18,016)	2,093	83,119	265,254
Arising from:								
- revaluation of long-term foreign currency monetary balances	-	-	-	-	(668)	-	-	(668)
- translation of foreign currency financial statements	-	-	-	-	3,460	-	-	3,460
Transfer to (from) reserves	-	-	-	3	-	-	(3)	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,809	19,809
Dividends (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,312)	(9,312)
At 31 March 2000	82,769	135,617	(21,261)	936	(15,224)	2,093	93,613	278,543
Issue of shares	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Premium arising from issue of shares net of expenses	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Goodwill arising from acquisition of associates	-	-	(9,848)	-	-	-	-	(9,848)
Arising from:								
- revaluation of long-term foreign currency monetary balances	-	-	-	-	(254)	-	-	(254)
- translation of foreign currency financial statements	-	-	-	-	(966)	-	-	(966)
Transfer to (from) reserves	-	-	359	(273)	-	-	(86)	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,038	25,038
Dividends (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,450)	(10,450)
At 31 March 2001	82,771	135,625	(30,750)	663	(16,444)	2,093	108,115	282,073

	Share capital S\$'000	Share premium S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Company					
At 1 April 1999	82,769	135,617	(8,689)	46,223	255,920
Arising from revaluation of long-term foreign currency monetary balances	-	-	(728)	-	(728)
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	17,323	17,323
Dividends (Note 9)	-	-	-	(9,312)	(9,312)
At 31 March 2000	82,769	135,617	(9,417)	54,234	263,203
Issue of shares	2	-	-	-	2
Premium arising from issue of shares net of expenses	-	8	-	-	8
Arising from revaluation of long-term foreign currency monetary balances	-	-	94	-	94
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	18,608	18,608
Dividends (Note 9)	-	-	-	(10,450)	(10,450)
At 31 March 2001	82,771	135,625	(9,323)	62,392	271,465

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2001

	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Profit before income tax and share of results of associates but after extraordinary item	20,552	16,187
Add (Less) items not involving cash flows:		
Amortisation of bond premium	(210)	(360)
Amortisation of product development expenditure	7,066	-
Amortisation of technical knowhow	292	851
Depreciation of fixed assets	26,035	20,157
Interest expense	21,289	12,884
Interest income	(2,472)	(1,731)
Diminution in value of short-term investments	388	-
Net loss on disposal of fixed assets	503	416
Provision for other investments	-	230
Technical knowhow written off	-	272
Cash flows provided by operations before changes in working capital	73,443	48,906
Working capital changes, excluding changes relating to cash:		
Stocks and work in progress	(18,607)	(24,983)
Debtors	18,224	(23,859)
Deposits and prepayments	(8,473)	(1,178)
Creditors and accrued charges	(11,934)	31,957
Cash generated from operations	52,653	30,843
Interest received	2,472	1,731
Interest paid	(21,289)	(12,884)
Income tax paid	(4,183)	(791)
Net cash from operating activities	29,653	18,899
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends received from associates	3,424	1,062
Increase in other investments	(1,652)	-
Increase in short-term investments	-	(283)
Investment in associates	(10,092)	(89)
Payments for product development expenditure	(383)	(8,047)
Payments for technical knowhow	(93)	(20)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	2,107	2,230
Proceeds from sale of other investments	-	149
Purchase of fixed assets	(37,042)	(46,499)
Net cash used in investing activities	(43,731)	(51,497)

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS (cont'd)

Year ended 31 March 2001

	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Bank loans	(21,240)	20,542
Dividends paid	(10,967)	(9,001)
Issue of Floating Rate Notes	108,333	-
Issue of shares, net of expenses	10	-
Minority interests contribution less dividend paid	15,425	148
Obligations under finance leases	(52)	11
Repayment of bonds	(59,892)	-
Net cash from financing activities	31,617	11,700
Net effect of exchange rate changes in consolidating subsidiaries	(11,375)	3,091
Increase (Decrease) in cash	6,164	(17,807)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	24,461	42,268
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	30,625	24,461
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year comprise:		
Bank balances, deposits and cash (Note 18)	31,201	25,357
Bank overdrafts (Note 21)	(576)	(896)
	30,625	24,461

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2001

1 General

The Company is incorporated in the Republic of Singapore with its registered office and principal place of business at 50 Gul Crescent Singapore 629543. The Company is listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. The financial statements are expressed in Singapore dollars.

The principal activities of the Company are those of investment holding and the carrying out of functions as the regional headquarters of the Group.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are mainly those of development, manufacture, distribution and trading of batteries and battery related products.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act and Singapore Statements of Accounting Standard.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31 March each year. Certain subsidiaries, being companies incorporated in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), have adopted 31 December as their financial year-ends in compliance with the local statutory requirements. Adjustments have been made for the effects of any significant transactions that have occurred between the accounting year-end date of these subsidiaries and 31 March.

The results of subsidiaries acquired during the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss statement from their respective dates of their acquisitions and the results of those disposed of during the year are included up to their respective dates of disposals.

All significant inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

Goodwill arising on consolidation representing the excess of the cost of investment in subsidiaries over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiaries acquired at the date of acquisition, is adjusted against capital reserve in the year of acquisition.

Capital reserve arising on consolidation, which represents the excess of fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiaries acquired over the cost of investment in subsidiaries at the date of acquisition, is dealt with in reserves in the year of acquisition. To the extent that the excess of fair value of the net assets are charged to the profit and loss statements of these companies after the acquisition, the corresponding amount of capital reserve is amortised and taken to the profit and loss statements.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Revenue recognition

- a) Revenue from the sale of products is recognised when significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer and the amounts of revenue and the costs of the transaction (including future costs) can be measured reliably.
- b) Management fee income is recognised when the management services are rendered.
- c) Dividend income is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive the dividend is legally established.

Fixed assets and depreciation

- a) Properties including land and buildings are stated at historical cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of the properties over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- freehold land and leasehold land with a lease term of more than 50 years (i.e. long-term leases) are not depreciated;
- other leasehold land with a lease term of between 20 and 50 years (i.e. medium-term leases) are depreciated over their respective term of leases on a straight-line basis;
- buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives at 2% to 5% per annum on a straight-line basis; and
- leasehold improvements are depreciated over the remaining period of their respective leases ranging from 3 to 10 years on a straight-line basis.

- b) Other fixed assets are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the reducing balance method to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates per annum:

Machinery, moulds and equipment	-	10% to 30%
Motor vehicles	-	10% to 25%
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	-	10% to 25%

- c) Machinery under construction are not depreciated until they are put into effective use.
- d) Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or, where shorter, the terms of the leases.
- e) Fully depreciated assets still in use are retained in the financial statements.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)*Deferred expenditure*

Deferred expenditure comprises product development expenditure and technical knowhow. Product development expenditure incurred on projects in developing new products is capitalised and deferred when the project is clearly defined, the expenditure is separately identifiable and there is reasonable certainty that the project is technically feasible and the outcome will be of commercial value. Product development expenditure is amortised, using the straight-line method, over a period of ten years commencing in the year when the product is put into commercial use.

Technical knowhow represents the cost of acquiring the right of technical knowhow for the production of new products. The cost is amortised, using the straight-line method, over a period of three to five years from the date of acquisition.

Research expenditure is charged to the profit and loss statement in the financial year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Singapore dollars at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, recorded monetary balances and balances carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are reported at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange adjustment gains and losses are dealt with in the profit and loss statements except that exchange adjustment differences arising on inter-company monetary items that are in effect an extension of the Company's net investment in a foreign subsidiary are taken to translation reserve until disposal of the net investment.

Translation of foreign currency financial statements

The assets, liabilities and results of foreign subsidiaries are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the adjustments arising on translation of the net assets of foreign subsidiaries at the beginning of the financial year are taken directly to reserves.

Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, associates and other investments held on long-term basis are stated at cost in the financial statements of the Company. Provision is made for any impairment in value of investment which is other than temporary. Investments held on short-term basis are stated at the lower of cost and market value.

Associates

An associate is a company, other than a subsidiary, in which the Group holds a substantial percentage of the equity voting capital as a long-term investment and over which the Group is in a position to exercise a significant influence, including participation in financial and operating policy decisions.

The results of associates are accounted for by the Group using the equity method of accounting.

The Group's share of results of associates is included in the profit and loss statement of the Group, and the share of post-acquisition retained profits and reserves of associates is added to the carrying value of investments in the balance sheet of the Group.

When there is an acquisition of associate, the difference between the cost of the Group's investment over the Group's share of the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the associate at the date of acquisition is accounted for as goodwill adjusted against capital reserve in the year of acquisition.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) and net realisable value. Costs include costs of direct materials and where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks and work in progress to its present location and condition. Net realisable value is computed based on actual or estimated selling price less all further costs of production and related costs of marketing, selling and distribution.

Leased assets

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased assets to the Group. Assets under finance leases are capitalised at their fair values or, if lower, at the present value of the lease payments based on the interest rate implicit in the lease, at their respective dates of acquisition. The corresponding lease commitments are shown as obligations to the lessors. The finance costs which represent the difference between the total lease commitments and the fair value of the leased assets acquired are charged to the profit and loss statements over the period of the respective leases using an actuarial method.

All other leases are classified as operating leases and the annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss statements on a straight-line method over the terms of the respective leases.

Bond premium

Bond premium represents the excess of the issue price of the bonds cum warrants over the par value of the bond and the expenses incurred on the bond issue. This premium is amortised over the life of the bond of five years using a straight-line basis.

Income tax

Tax expense is determined on the basis of tax effect accounting, using the liability method applied to all significant timing differences other than those which are not expected to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Deferred taxation based on the liability method has been provided on the amount by which the book values of those fixed assets which qualify for tax allowances exceed their written down values for tax purposes and on other differences arising from the recognition of income and expenditure for taxation purposes in periods different from those for accounting purposes. Deferred tax benefits are recognised only to the extent of any deferred tax liability or where such benefits are expected to be realisable in the near future.

Cash

Cash for the cash flow statements includes cash and cash equivalents less bank overdrafts.

3 Revenue

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Sales of products	594,172	531,274	10,434	7,250
Management fee income	-	-	14,931	13,452
Dividend income	-	-	24,839	19,841
	594,172	531,274	50,204	40,543

4 Other operating income

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Interest Income	2,472	1,731	91	32
Rental Income	376	440	41	41
Gain on sales of fixed assets	23	22	-	-
Sub-contracting income	123	709	-	-
Dividend income from investment in securities	534	-	-	-
	3,528	2,902	132	73

5 Profit before exceptional items

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
This has been arrived at after charging:				
Amortisation:				
- product development expenditure	1,252	-	157	-
- technical knowhow	292	851	-	-
Auditors' remuneration:				
Payable to auditors of the Company				
- Audit services	70	66	55	55
- Non-audit services	21	18	19	18
Payable to other auditors				
- Audit services:				
- Current year	558	549	-	-
- Underprovision in prior year	17	-	-	-
- Non-audit services	143	84	-	-
Bad trade debts written off	530	201	-	-
Depreciation expenses	26,035	20,157	698	609
Diminution in value of short-term investments	388	-	-	-
Directors' remuneration:				
Directors of the Company:				
- Fees	120	105	120	105
- Other emoluments	2,789	2,234	453	446
Foreign exchange adjustment loss	-	3,910	62	167
Interest expense on:				
- Bank loans and overdrafts	16,157	11,537	11,179	9,211
- Bonds	736	1,341	736	1,341
- Floating Rate Notes	4,391	-	4,391	-
- Finance leases	5	6	1	1
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	526	438	136	20
Pre-operating expenditure written off	599	567	-	130
Provision for doubtful trade debts	463	160	-	-
Provision for diminution in value of other investments	-	230	-	-
Provision for stock obsolescence	731	616	-	-
Staff costs	93,042	84,917	4,844	3,686

5 Profit before exceptional items

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
And after crediting:				
Amortisation of bond premium	210	360	210	360
Dividend income from:				
Subsidiaries	-	-	21,978	19,297
Associates	-	-	2,861	544
Others	534	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustment gain	3,076	-	-	-
Interest income from non-related companies	2,472	1,731	91	32
Management fees received from subsidiaries	-	-	14,931	13,452
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	23	22	-	-
Write-back of provision for stock obsolescence	-	-	-	328

The average number of employees in the Group and the Company for the year were 7,000 (2000 : 7,000) and 145 (2000: 143) respectively.

6 Exceptional items

This represents gain on dilution of interest in a subsidiary amounting to S\$5,885,000 (2000 : S\$nil) and the writing off of certain development expenditure amounting to S\$5,814,000 (Note 15) (2000 : S\$nil).

7 Income tax

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Current income tax:				
Provision for tax in respect of profit for the year	116	128	100	100
Foreign tax charged on profits of subsidiaries arising outside Singapore	2,245	1,067	-	-
Under (Over) provision in prior year	139	(37)	-	-
	2,500	1,158	100	100
(Reversal of) Deferred income tax (Note 25)	(498)	40	-	-
Share of income tax of associates:				
Overseas taxation	1,208	1,249	-	-
	3,210	2,447	100	100

The Company has been awarded Operational Headquarters (“OHQ”) status by the Economic Development Board for a period of five years with effect from 1 July 1990. It has since been granted extension of the OHQ status for a further period of 6 years commencing 1 July 1996. Under this scheme, the dividend income received from approved qualifying corporations within the Group is tax-exempt and certain types of income received from approved qualifying corporations are taxed at a concessionary rate of 10%.

The Company

The income tax expense for 2001 and 2000 are less than the amount of income tax expense determined by applying the Singapore tax rate of 24.5% (2000 : 25.5%) to profit before income tax as a result of dividend income received from approved qualifying corporations within the Group which is tax-exempt and certain types of income received from approved qualifying corporations which are taxed at a concessionary rate of 10% (2000 : 10%).

The Group

The income tax expense for 2001 and 2000 are less than the amount of income tax expense determined by applying the Singapore tax rate of 24.5% (2000 : 25.5%) to profit before income tax as a result of lower tax rates applicable to certain overseas subsidiaries and associates, certain overseas subsidiaries and associates not subject to income tax and non-deductible items.

8 Extraordinary item

This represents restructuring costs incurred by a subsidiary in connection with the discontinued operations of its button rechargeable batteries in Hong Kong in 2000.

9 Dividends

	The Group and The Company	
	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Interim tax-exempt dividend paid of 4.1 (2000 : 2.5) Singapore cents per ordinary share	4,242	2,587
Final tax-exempt dividend proposed of 6.0 (2000 : 6.5) Singapore cents per ordinary share	6,208	6,725
	10,450	9,312

10 Earnings per share

	The Group	
	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<i>Earnings</i>		
Earnings before extraordinary item	25,038	22,126
Extraordinary item	-	(2,317)
Earnings after extraordinary item	25,038	19,809

	The Group	
	2001	2000
<i>Number of shares</i>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	103,462,331	103,461,168
Dilution adjustment for share options	560,211	30,980
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares	104,022,542	103,492,148

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd)

11 Fixed assets

	Freehold land S\$'000	Leasehold land S\$'000	Buildings S\$'000	Leasehold improvement S\$'000	Machinery, moulds and equipment S\$'000	Machinery under construction S\$'000	Motor vehicles S\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Group									
Cost/Valuation:									
At 1 April 2000	10,004	5,305	47,587	5,098	265,651	1,662	3,977	30,091	369,375
Currency realignment	289	201	1,820	199	8,062	75	115	1,354	12,115
Additions	-	105	1,667	1,057	23,604	4,654	955	5,000	37,042
Disposals	-	-	(369)	(293)	(5,422)	-	(369)	(1,252)	(7,705)
At 31 March 2001	10,293	5,611	50,705	6,061	291,895	6,391	4,678	35,193	410,827
Represented by:									
Cost	5,556	5,611	46,416	6,061	291,895	6,391	4,678	35,193	401,801
Valuation	4,737	-	4,289	-	-	-	-	-	9,026
Total	10,293	5,611	50,705	6,061	291,895	6,391	4,678	35,193	410,827
Accumulated depreciation:									
At 1 April 2000	-	980	8,020	2,321	104,497	-	2,410	16,357	134,585
Currency realignment	-	36	234	93	1,274	-	70	677	2,384
Depreciation for the year	-	304	1,691	568	21,110	-	505	2,900	27,078
Disposals	-	-	-	(283)	(3,619)	-	(232)	(961)	(5,095)
At 31 March 2001	-	1,320	9,945	2,699	123,262	-	2,753	18,973	158,952
Depreciation for last year	-	275	1,543	352	15,715	-	481	2,512	20,878
Net book value:									
At 31 March 2001	10,293	4,291	40,760	3,362	168,633	6,391	1,925	16,220	251,875
At 31 March 2000	10,004	4,325	39,567	2,777	161,154	1,662	1,567	13,734	234,790

	Freehold land S\$'000	Leasehold land S\$'000	Buildings S\$'000	Leasehold improvement S\$'000	Machinery and equipment S\$'000	Motor vehicles S\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Company								
Cost:								
At 1 April 2000	-	536	1,466	3,305	260	4,775	369	11,751
Additions	-	-	-	7	7	904	-	1,033
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(353)	-	(389)
At 31 March 2001	-	536	1,466	3,312	267	5,326	369	12,395
Accumulated depreciation:								
At 1 April 2000	-	-	197	318	61	1,722	317	3,316
Depreciation for the year	-	-	26	66	27	482	13	698
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(190)	-	(208)
At 31 March 2001	-	-	223	384	88	2,014	330	3,806
Depreciation for last year	-	-	25	56	19	441	18	638
Net book value:								
At 31 March 2001	-	536	1,243	2,928	179	3,312	39	8,589
At 31 March 2000	-	536	1,269	2,987	199	3,053	52	8,435

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The net book value of fixed assets includes an amount of S\$60,000 (2000 : S\$90,000) for the Group and S\$nil (2000 : S\$13,000) for the Company in respect of assets held under finance leases.

Land and buildings with a total net book value of S\$6,438,000 (2000 : S\$6,403,000) for the Group has been pledged to banks as securities for banking facilities granted (Note 23).

The freehold land and leasehold land and buildings stated at valuation were revalued by an independent professional valuer, Vigers (JB) Sdn Bhd, in March 1994 based on the open market value on a willing buyer and willing seller basis for existing use. Revaluation is performed when required and there is no fixed policy on the frequency of revaluation. The resulting revaluation surpluses have been credited to the revaluation reserve and the balance as at year end amounted to S\$2,093,000 (2000 : S\$2,093,000) for the Group. If the cost method had been used, the net book value of the freehold land and leasehold land and buildings would have been S\$57,036,000 (2000 : S\$55,082,000).

Of the total depreciation charge for the year, an amount of S\$1,043,000 (2000 : S\$721,000) for the Group and S\$nil (2000 : S\$29,000) for the Company have been capitalised as product development expenditure.

Particulars of the properties included in freehold land, leasehold land and buildings are as follows:

Location	Description	Tenure
SINGAPORE		
No. 50, Gul Crescent, Singapore	A 2-storey factory building with built-up area of 2,615 square metres	Long-term lease
Symphony Heights, 37 Hume Avenue, #06-04, Singapore	One unit of residential condominium of approximately 155 square metres	Freehold
TAIWAN		
No. 211 Chung Cheng Road, Section 2 Hukow, Hsin-chu 30302, Taiwan	A 2-storey factory building with built-up area of 6,654 square metres and a warehouse with built-up area of 169 square metres	Freehold
Room 1011 and 1200, International Trade Building, No. 205 Tun Hua South Section 1, Taipei 10647, Taiwan	Office space of 500 square metres	Freehold
Lots 98-86 to 98-96 and Lot 98-182 Chung Pei Shih, Sub-Section Shan Pei Shih Section, Hukow Hsiang, Hsin-chu County, Taiwan	A 2,108-square metre plot of land	Freehold
207, 208 & 209, Mei Chih Cheng Hukow Hsiang, Hsin-chu County, Taiwan	Three 2-storey residential buildings of approximately 255 square metres	Freehold

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Location	Description	Tenure
MALAYSIA		
No. 5, Jalan Tampoi Tujuh Kawasan Perindustrian Tampoi 81200 Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia	A 19,652-square metre plot of land with a 3-storey factory building with a built-up area of 6,000 square metres	Freehold
	A 18,110-square metre plot of land with a warehouse with built-up area of 1,200 square metres	
Units No. A3-03, A3-04, TF-03 & TF-04 Putri Indah, Jalan Indra Putra Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia	Four units of residential condominium of approximately 516 square metres	Freehold
Lot 6975, Mukim of Senai-Kulai, Johor, Malaysia	A 39,885-square metre plot of land for factory building	Freehold
#18-00 and #19-00 Pacific Mall, Johor Bahru, Johor Malaysia	Two storeys of office buildings of approximately 2,582 square metres	Freehold
CHINA		
Land Lot No. 9 Development District Upper Lung Fung Terrace Huizhou City Guangdong, China	A 2,892-square metre plot of land with a 7-storey staff quarters with a built-up area of 6,239 square metres	Medium-term lease
No. 1-2, First Hong Ye Dong Road Hong Ye Industrial Area Tang Xia, Dong Guan, Guangdong, China	A 3-storey factory building with built-up area of 4,119 square metres	Medium-term lease
Road 12, Hong Ye Road Hong Ye Industrial Area (138) Tang Xia, Dong Guan, Guangdong, China	A 30,821-square metre plot of land with a 3-storey factory building and 7-storey staff quarters with built-up area of 9,840 square metres and 13,269 square metres respectively	Medium-term lease
3-603, 66, Yu Jian Lou Tang Xin Jie, Tang Xia, Dong Guan, Guangdong, China	A 73-square metre staff quarters	Medium-term lease

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Location	Description	Tenure
CHINA		
Block No 43 Wen Hua Xin Cun Tang Xia, Dong Guan, Guangdong, China	A 1,988-square metre staff quarters	Medium-term lease
Block No 41 Hong Ye Da Dao Hong Ye Industrial Area Tang Xia, Dong Guan, Guangdong, China	A 1,465-square metre staff quarters	Medium-term lease
Lou Fang Yuan, Xin Xiu Cun Lou Fang Lu Huang Bei Ling, Lou Wu Shenzhen, China	A 4,179-square metre staff quarters	Medium-term lease
No. 1, 5 Long and No. 2, 193 Long Yong Ye Road Zhang Qiao Zhen Pu Dong Area Shanghai, China	A 2,362-square metre staff quarters	Medium-term lease
Room 1 25/F, Block F, Peace Garden, Yang Pu District, 2200 Kong Jiang Lu Shanghai, China	One unit of residential flat with built-up area of 64 square metres	Long-term lease
Gu Tang Au Industrial Development District, Huizhou City, Guangdong China	A 13,034-square metre plot of land with a 3-storey factory building and staff quarters with built-up area of 11,149 square metres A 2,008-square metre plot of land with a 7-storey staff quarters with built-up area of 4,484 square metres A 6,162-square metre plot of land for industrial use A 14,024-square metre plot of land with a 2-storey factory building and a 3-storey staff quarters with built-up area of 4,581 square metres	Medium-term lease

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Location	Description	Tenure
CHINA		
Lot No. 22 and No. 48 Peng Nam Industrial District Huizhou City Guangdong China	A 8,752-square metre plot of land with a 3-storey factory building and 5-storey staff quarters with built up area of 3,078 square metres and 1,224 square metres respectively	Medium-term lease
CANADA		
Suite 7, 7780 Woodbine Avenue Markham, Ontario L3R 2N7, Canada	A 500-square metre office and warehouse	Freehold
USA		
11225, 11235 and 11245 West Bernardo Court San Diego, CA 92127-1638, USA	Three industrial buildings	Freehold
DENMARK		
Tigervej 1, 7700 Thisted, Denmark	A 17,483-square metre plot of land with a factory building with built-up area of 6,489 square metres	Freehold
	A 14,345-square metre plot of land for industrial use	Freehold
POLAND		
ul. Zielona 22 PL 83-200 Starogard Gd.	A 19,736-square metre plot of land with a factory building and warehouse with built up area of 3,060 square metres	Long-term lease
	A plot of land of 5,911 square metres for industrial use	Freehold

12 Interest in subsidiaries

	The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Unquoted equity shares, at cost	106,242	106,062
Amounts due from subsidiaries- non-trade	315,804	301,829
Amounts due to subsidiaries- non-trade	(4,040)	(14,227)
	418,006	393,664

Particulars of the subsidiaries at 31 March 2001 are set out in Note 30 to the financial statements. The amounts due to and from subsidiaries are non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.

13 Interest in associates

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Unquoted equity shares, at cost	33,530	23,438	11,453	11,453
Goodwill on acquisition	(18,512)	(8,664)	-	-
Share of post-acquisition profits	14,766	11,069	-	-
Share of post-acquisition translation difference	(129)	(294)	-	-
	29,655	25,549	11,453	11,453

Particulars of the associates are set out in Note 31 to the financial statements.

14 Other investments

	The Group	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Quoted equity securities, at cost	12,256	12,763
Less: Provision for diminution in value	-	(1,015)
	12,256	11,748
Unquoted equity securities, at cost	1,698	43
	13,954	11,791
Quoted equity securities, at market value	5,157	3,849
Movement in provision:		
At beginning of financial year	1,015	797
Currency realignment	54	(12)
Provision made during the year	-	230
Provision utilised	(1,069)	-
At end of financial year	-	1,015

15 Deferred expenditure

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
<i>Product development expenditure</i>				
Cost:				
At beginning of financial year	57,552	49,115	3,133	2,678
Currency realignment	2,475	390	-	-
Additions	1,426	8,047	-	455
At end of financial year (i)	61,453	57,552	3,133	3,133
Accumulated amortisation:				
Amortisation for the year and balance at end of financial year (ii)	7,066	-	157	-
Net	54,387	57,552	2,976	3,133

(i) Included in product development expenditure is depreciation on fixed assets amounting to S\$2,740,000 (2000 : S\$1,697,000) for the Group and S\$290,000 (2000 : S\$290,000) for the Company.

(ii) Included in the amortisation for the Group is S\$5,814,000 (2000 : S\$nil) that has been charged to exceptional items (Note 6) during the year.

15 Deferred expenditure (cont'd)

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
<i>Technical knowhow</i>				
Cost:				
At beginning of financial year	8,559	9,133	-	-
Currency realignment	436	(594)	-	-
Additions	93	20	-	-
At end of financial year	9,088	8,559	-	-
Accumulated amortisation:				
At beginning of financial year	8,091	7,355	-	-
Currency realignment	431	(115)	-	-
Amortisation for the year	292	851	-	-
At end of financial year	8,814	8,091	-	-
Net	274	468	-	-
Total deferred expenditure at end of financial year	54,661	58,020	2,976	3,133

16 Stocks and work in progress

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Raw materials, at cost	68,348	52,300	2,006	1,485
Work in progress, at cost	14,993	18,460	1,416	1,188
Finished goods, at cost less the following provision	75,324	69,298	607	424
	158,665	140,058	4,029	3,097
Movement in provision:				
At beginning of financial year	2,616	2,562	-	328
Currency realignment	108	(38)	-	-
Provision made (Written-back) during the year	731	616	-	(328)
Provision utilised	(424)	(524)	-	-
At end of financial year	3,031	2,616	-	-

17 Debtors

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
a) Trade:				
Trade debtors	102,883	119,223	-	-
Less provision for doubtful debts	(2,485)	(2,153)	-	-
	100,398	117,070	-	-
Amount due from associates	-	-	-	108
Amount due from subsidiaries	-	-	65,880	43,912
Amount due from related parties (Note 17(b))	2,710	-	288	-
	103,108	117,070	66,168	44,020
Non-trade:				
Amount due from associates	7,001	6,650	5,475	5,495
Amount due from related parties	52	141	-	17
Other debtors	21,118	25,642	409	916
	28,171	32,433	5,884	6,428
	131,279	149,503	72,052	50,448

	The Group	
	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Movement in provision:		
At beginning of financial year	2,153	2,278
Currency realignment	86	(40)
Provision made during the year	463	160
Provision utilised	(217)	(245)
At end of financial year	2,485	2,153

- b) Related parties in the financial statements refer to entities owned or controlled directly or indirectly by Gold Peak Industries (Holdings) Limited ("GPIH") which has significant influence over the Company.

GPIH, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, is the Company's major shareholder. GPIH invests in the Company through a subsidiary, GP Industries Limited, a company incorporated in Singapore and listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

The amount due from or to related parties bears no interest and has no fixed terms of repayment.

18 Bank balances, deposits and cash

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Fixed deposits	13,403	3,886	110	285
Bank balances and cash	17,798	21,471	1,939	1,289
	31,201	25,357	2,049	1,574

19 Creditors and accrued charges

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Trade:				
Trade creditors	46,920	63,144	11,789	16,310
Amount due to associates	11,595	8,962	-	-
Amount due to related parties (Note 17(b))	-	207	-	-
Accrued charges	18,679	17,466	1,448	1,860
	77,194	89,779	13,237	18,170
Non-trade:				
Amount due to related parties (Note 17(b))	447	6	81	58
	77,641	89,785	13,318	18,228

20 Obligations under finance leases

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Minimum lease payment:				
Within one year	-	21	-	4
In the second to fifth year inclusive	-	32	-	1
Total finance lease obligations payable	-	53	-	5
Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	-	(1)	-	(1)
Present value of finance lease obligations	-	52	-	4
Less: Amounts due within one year as shown under current liabilities	-	(20)	-	(3)
Amount due in the second to fifth year inclusive	-	32	-	1

Interest rates on finance leases range from 3.6% to 5.5% (2000 : 3.6% to 5.5%) per annum.

21 Bank loans and overdrafts

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Current portion of bank loans (Note 23)	45,352	17,613	38,968	11,264
Short-term bank loans - unsecured	96,347	85,524	69,216	60,400
Bank overdrafts - unsecured	576	896	5	102
Import loans - unsecured	10,402	24,962	997	5,316
	152,677	128,995	109,186	77,082

Interest rates on short-term loans range from 1.0% to 9.0% (2000 : 0.6% to 10.5%) per annum.

22 Bonds

In October 1995, the Company entered into an agreement with Citicorp Investment Bank (Singapore) Limited to issue 19,940,562 detachable warrants to subscribe for 19,940,562 new ordinary shares of S\$0.80 each in the capital of the Company in conjunction with the issue of US\$35 million (S\$59,892,000) unsecured bonds due 2000 at a coupon rate of 2.25 per cent per annum.

The Company has adopted the accounting practice of recording the bonds at its face value with no value attributed to the warrants.

In June 1995, the International Accounting Standards Committee issued IAS 32 which specifies the preferred accounting presentation and disclosure on the above financial instrument. Under the preferred accounting treatment in IAS 32 a value would be ascribed to the discount implicit in the terms of such an issue and the value attributed to the warrants would be credited to a capital reserve account. The balance of the proceeds of the issue will be allocated to the bond, thus resulting in the recording of the bond at a discount. This discount will be amortised and charged to the profit and loss statement over the life of the bond. The carrying amount of the bond in the balance sheet will therefore increase by a corresponding amount as and when the bond discount is amortised. Singapore has adopted SAS 32 "*Financial Instruments : Disclosure and Presentation*" and SAS 33 "*Financial Instruments : Recognition and Measurement*" effective for financial statements covering periods beginning on or after 1 October 2000 and 1 July 2001 respectively.

Effect on Earnings

If the accounting treatment under IAS 32 was adopted by the Company, the profit before taxation for the year ended 31 March 2001 would have been reduced by approximately S\$1,756,000 (2000 : S\$2,904,000).

Effect on Net Tangible Assets

Had IAS 32 been adopted, the net tangible assets of the Group and the Company as at 31 March 2001 would have increased by S\$699,000 (2000 : S\$2,455,000).

The above unsecured bonds were fully repaid on 15 November 2000. The repayment was financed by a US\$60,000,000 Floating Rate Notes due 2003 that were issued by the Company on 8 September 2000 (see Note 24).

23 Bank loans

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Bank loans				
Secured	2,787	3,177	-	-
Unsecured	60,374	74,301	50,082	58,729
	63,161	77,478	50,082	58,729
Less: Amounts due within one year (Note 21)				
Secured	(606)	(531)	-	-
Unsecured	(44,746)	(17,082)	(38,968)	(11,264)
Current portion of bank loans	(45,352)	(17,613)	(38,968)	(11,264)
Long-term portion of bank loans	17,809	59,865	11,114	47,465

The above bank loans comprise the following:

- a) Bank loan amounting to S\$2,787,000 (2000 : S\$3,177,000) is secured by mortgage over two storeys of office building of a subsidiary. It bears interests at 8.2% (2000 : 8.2% to 9.0%) per annum.
- b) The other bank loans bear interests at between 5.7% to 8.2% (2000 : 6.7% to 7.6%) per annum.

The long-term portions of bank loans are repayable as follows:

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
More than one year but not exceeding two years	16,286	42,984	11,114	36,932
More than two years but not exceeding five years	1,523	16,849	-	10,533
More than five years	-	32	-	-
	17,809	59,865	11,114	47,465

24 Floating rate notes

On 8 September 2000, the Company issued US\$60,000,000 (S\$108,333,000) unsecured Floating Rate Notes ("FRN") due 2003 to re-finance the US\$35,000,000 unsecured bonds due 2000 and other short term bank borrowings. The FRN is unsecured and bears interest at 1.1875% over Singapore Inter-bank US Dollar Offered Rates.

25 Deferred income tax

	The Group		The Company	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Deferred taxation liability on:				
Timing difference for recognition of deferred expenditure	3,089	3,407	-	-
Excess of capital allowances over depreciation	275	275	275	275
	3,364	3,682	275	275

No deferred taxation has been provided on other timing differences as it is not expected that these timing differences will reverse in the foreseeable future. At the end of the financial year, the full potential deferred taxation liability for the Group not recognised is as follows:

	The Group	
	2001	2000
	S\$'000	S\$'000
On excess of capital allowances over depreciation	6,959	6,217
On other timing differences	(230)	(33)
On tax losses	(4,850)	(4,737)
	1,879	1,447

26 Share capital

	The Group and The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Authorised:		
156,250,000 ordinary shares of S\$0.80 each	125,000	125,000
Issued and fully paid:		
103,464,168 (2000 : 103,461,168) ordinary shares of S\$0.80 each	82,771	82,769

During the financial year, the Company issued 3,000 new ordinary shares of S\$0.80 each at US\$2.10 per share for cash pursuant to the exercise of warrants by warrant holders.

Details of outstanding share options of the Company are set out in paragraph 20 of the Directors' Report.

27 Directors' remuneration

Number of directors of the Company within each of the remuneration bands is as follows:

	Number of Directors	
	2001	2000
S\$500,000 and above	3	1
S\$250,000 to S\$499,999	2	4
Below S\$250,000	4	4
Total	9	9

28 Commitments

As at the balance sheet date, commitments of the Company and of the Group which have not been provided for in the financial statements are as follows:

a) Operating lease commitments

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Within 1 year	4,224	2,862	65	61
After 1 year and within 5 years	4,275	4,100	259	269
After 5 years	1,341	1,771	1,005	1,042
	9,840	8,733	1,329	1,372

b) Capital expenditure commitments

	The Group	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for	2,817	6,889
Capital expenditure authorised but not contracted for	3,645	3,841
	6,462	10,730

c) As at year end date, the Company has outstanding interest rate agreements from floating rates into fixed of 5.85% to 5.95% for notional principal amount of US\$11,400,000 (2000 : US\$17,100,000). Such agreements were entered into as part of the Company's interest rate risk management measure.

29 Contingent liabilities - unsecured

	The Group		The Company	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Guarantees given in respect of banking and other facilities granted to:				
Subsidiaries	-	-	164,385	168,492
Associates	13,442	12,743	13,442	12,743
Export bills discounted with recourse	10,075	10,126	-	-
	23,517	22,869	177,827	181,235

30 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries of the Company as at 31 March 2001 are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
AB Ejendomsaktieselskabet Thisted*, #	Denmark	100	100	Property investment	-	-
Advance Battery Technology International Limited@,#	Hong Kong	100	100	Trading in batteries and battery materials	-	-
Advanced Battery Technology Limited#	British Virgin Islands	75	84	Intellectual property	-	-
Alkaline Batteries A/S*, #	Denmark	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Alkaline Batteries Limited@, # [formerly known as GP Battery Technology (BVI) Limited]	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
Alkaline Batteries (L) Bhd@, #	Malaysia	100	-	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
Allied Brilliant Trading Ltd+, #	Taiwan	75	-	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
Bestasi Sdn Bhd+, #	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment	-	-

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Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Champion World Limited@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
Danish Polish Batteries Sp. z.o.o*, #	Poland	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Dongguan Yinfea Battery Products Co Ltd*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Dongguan Chao Ba Batteries Co Ltd*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Douza Investments Ltd@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
Energy Pack Netherlands Holdings B.V. @	Netherlands	100	100	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	185	185
EVB Technology Limited@	Bermuda	100	-	Investment holding	180	-
EVB Technology (HK) Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	-	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
EVB Technology Pte Ltd	Singapore	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Geewin Industrial (S) Pte Ltd	Singapore	80	80	Investment holding	80	80
Geewin Industrial Limited*, #	Hong Kong	80	80	Provision of logistic support	-	-
Gold Peak Industries (Taiwan) Limited+	Taiwan	75	84	Manufacturing of batteries	95,105	95,105
Gold Peak Industries (North America) Inc@, #	United States of America	75	84	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
Gold Won Electrochemical Company Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	-	-
Golden State Financial Group Inc*, #	United States of America	100	-	Provision of logistic support	-	-
GP Batteries (China) Limited*, #	PRC	85	85	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
GP Batteries (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd+	Malaysia	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	5,799	5,799

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Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
GP Batteries (U.K.) Limited*, #	United Kingdom	51	51	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Batteries (USA) Inc*, #	United States of America	100	100	Manufacturing and marketing of batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Europe) S.A., #	France	80	80	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (H.K.) Limited+, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing Inc.*, #	Canada	75	75	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (BC) Inc@, #	Canada	75	75	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (China) Ltd*, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Latin America) Inc.*, #	United States of America	51	51	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Singapore) Pte Ltd	Singapore	100	100	Marketing and trading in batteries	800	800
GP Battery Marketing (Taiwan) Limited*, #	Taiwan	80	80	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery (Poland) Sp. z.o.o.*, #	Poland	100	100	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Specialist Inc., #	Canada	75	75	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
GP Battery Technology (HK) Limited+	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
GP Battery Technologies LLC@, #	United States of America	75	84	Research and development	-	-
GPI Advertising Co Limited+, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Provision of advertising agency services	-	-
GPI International Limited+, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-

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Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
GP Lithium Batteries Limited@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
GP Lithium Batteries LLC@, #	United States of America	100	100	Manufacturing and marketing of batteries	-	-
GP Lithium Batteries (S) Pte Ltd #	Singapore	100	100	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	-	-
Hayle Limited@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Trading in batteries and battery materials	-	-
Huizhou Chao Ba Batteries Co Ltd*, #	PRC	90	90	Marketing and trading in batteries	-	-
Huizhou Gold Won Electrochemical Company Limited*, #	PRC	85	85	Manufacturing of battery parts	-	-
Huizhou Modern Battery Limited*, #	PRC	68	68	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Huizhou Power Pack Co Ltd*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Lehman Overseas Limited@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Trading in batteries and battery materials	-	-
North America Land Holdings Inc*, #	United States of America	100	-	Property investment	-	-
Power Era Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	-	Investment holding	-	-
Powerbank Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Praisewell International Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
Shanghai Bi Ba Batteries Co Ltd*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Shenzhen Sylva Electrochemical Ltd*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-
Shenzhen Jetpower Batteries Limited*, #	PRC	100	100	Manufacturing of battery parts	-	-

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Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Surplus Enterprise Limited*, #	Hong Kong	100	-	Investment holding	-	-
Sylva Development Limited@, #	British Virgin Islands	100	100	Property investment	-	-
Sylva Industries (China) Limited+, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding	-	-
Sylva Industries Limited+	Hong Kong	100	100	Manufacturing of batteries	4,093	4,093
Sylva Property Investment Limited@, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Property investment	-	-
Whitehill Electrochemical Company Limited+, #	Hong Kong	100	100	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	-	-
					106,242	106,062

Held by subsidiaries of the Company

+ Audited by member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

* Audited by other accounting firms.

@ The financial statements of these subsidiaries are not audited as there are no such statutory requirements in their countries of incorporation.

Other than as disclosed above, all the subsidiaries are audited by Deloitte & Touche, Singapore.

31 Associates

Associates of the Group as at 31 March 2001 are as follows:

Name of associates	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment (Group)		Cost of investment (Company)	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Advance Technology Co Ltd #	Taiwan	50	50	Manufacturing of battery parts	11,161	11,161	-	-
Asia Pacific Hitec Company Limited #	South Korea	50	50	Marketing and trading in batteries	194	194	-	-
Gold Yi Industries Co Ltd #	Hong Kong	45	-	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	6,481	-	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Germany) GmbH #	Germany	35	35	Marketing and trading in batteries	59	59	-	-
GP Battery Marketing Italy S.r.l. #	Italy	40	40	Marketing and trading in batteries	66	66	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd #	Malaysia	30	30	Marketing and trading in batteries	14	14	-	-
GP Battery Marketing (Thailand) Co Ltd #	Thailand	49	49	Marketing and trading in batteries	89	89	-	-
Huizhou Gold Yi Industries Co Ltd @	PRC	38.3	-	Manufacturing of battery parts	-	-	-	-
Huizhou Long Tek Industries Co Ltd @	PRC	42.5	-	Manufacturing of battery parts	-	-	-	-
Long Tek Industries Co Ltd #	Hong Kong	50	-	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	3,611	-	-	-
Shanghai Jin Jiang Battery Co Ltd #	PRC	35	35	Manufacturing of batteries	402	402	-	-

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Name of associates	Country of incorporation and operation	Percentage of paid-up capital beneficially owned by the Group		Principal activities	Cost of investment (Group)		Cost of investment (Company)	
		2001 %	2000 %		2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
T.G. Battery Co (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong	50	50	Investment holding and provision of logistic support	11,453	11,453	11,453	11,453
T. G. Battery Co (China) Ltd @	PRC	42.5	42.5	Manufacturing of batteries	-	-	-	-
					33,530	23,438	11,453	11,453

Held by subsidiaries of the Company

@ Held by associates of the Company

32 Related party transactions

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group has transactions with related parties on normal commercial terms as agreed between the parties as follows:

	The Group	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Sales to related parties	2,578	862
Rental income from related parties	8	12
Rental paid to related parties	2,224	2,154
	4,810	3,028

33 Segment information

The Group's activities are primarily based in People's Republic of China including Hong Kong and others Asian countries. The dominant source and nature of the Group's risk and returns are based on the geographical areas where its production facilities and assets are located. Therefore, the primary segment is geographical segments by location of assets.

In previous years, the geographical segments were based on the locations of the Group's customers and other assets. Accordingly, the comparative numbers have been reclassified.

Primary segment information for the Group based on geographical segments by location of assets for the year ended 31 March 2001 are as follows:

	Asia S\$'000	North and South America S\$'000	Europe and Others S\$'000	Elimination S\$'000	Consolidated S\$'000
2001					
Revenue					
External sales	520,840	26,622	46,710	-	594,172
Inter-segment sales	946,533	42,419	17,972	(1,006,924)	-
Total revenue	<u>1,467,373</u>	<u>69,041</u>	<u>64,682</u>	<u>(1,006,924)</u>	<u>594,172</u>
Results					
Segment results	40,216	509	1,045		41,770
Finance costs					(21,289)
Profit before exceptional items					20,481
Exceptional items					71
Profit before share of results of associates					20,552
Share of results of associates	7,851	-	478		8,329
Profit before income tax					28,881
Taxation					(3,210)
Profit after income tax					25,671
Minority interests					(633)
Profit attributable to shareholders					<u>25,038</u>

33 Segment information (cont'd)

	Asia S\$'000	North and South America S\$'000	Europe and Others S\$'000	Consolidated S\$'000
2001				
Balance sheet				
Segments assets	538,370	79,783	40,500	658,653
Interest in associates	29,452	-	203	29,655
Unallocated assets				431
Consolidated total assets				<u>688,739</u>
Segments liabilities	64,287	3,635	9,719	77,641
Unallocated liabilities				289,904
Consolidated total liabilities				<u>367,545</u>
Other information				
Addition of:				
Capital expenditure	32,062	642	4,338	37,042
Deferred expenditure	895	624	-	1,519
Non cash expenses:				
Depreciation	23,815	643	1,577	26,035
Amortisation	1,575	5,783	-	7,358

33 Segment information (cont'd)

	Asia S\$'000	North and South America S\$'000	Europe and Others S\$'000	Elimination S\$'000	Consolidated S\$'000
2000					
Revenue					
External sales	458,425	25,727	47,122	-	531,274
Inter-segment sales	983,144	636	15,116	(998,896)	-
Total revenue	1,441,569	26,363	62,238	(998,896)	531,274
Results					
Segment results	29,285	977	1,126		31,388
Finance costs					(12,884)
Profit before share of results of associates					18,504
Share of results of associates	6,331	-	660		6,991
Profit before income tax					25,495
Taxation					(2,447)
Profit after income tax					23,048
Minority interests					(922)
Profit before extraordinary item					22,126
Extraordinary item					(2,317)
Profit attributable to shareholders					19,809

33 Segment information (cont'd)

	Asia S\$'000	North and South America S\$'000	Europe and Others S\$'000	Consolidated S\$'000
2000				
Balance sheet				
Segments assets	497,795	90,608	40,437	628,840
Interest in associates	25,348	-	201	25,549
Unallocated assets				87
Consolidated total assets				<u>654,476</u>
Segments liabilities	79,500	1,249	9,036	89,785
Unallocated liabilities				262,288
Consolidated total liabilities				<u>352,073</u>
Other information				
Addition of:				
Capital expenditure	39,478	4,443	2,578	46,499
Deferred expenditure	2,066	6,001	-	8,067
Non cash expenses:				
Depreciation	17,857	662	1,638	20,157
Amortisation	848	3	-	851

Revenue by location of customers

	The Group	
	2001 S\$'000	2000 S\$'000
Asia	341,451	286,585
North and South America	106,307	108,452
Europe and others	146,414	136,237
	594,172	531,274

The operations of the Group are in the development, manufacturing, distribution and trading in batteries and battery related products and most of the assets of the Group are deployed in these operations. Accordingly, the income and profits of the Group are derived substantially from this business segment.

34 Reclassifications and comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

As at 9 July 2001

Authorised share capital	:	S\$125,000,000
Issued and fully paid-up share capital	:	S\$82,776,134.40
Class of shares	:	Ordinary shares of S\$0.80 each
Voting rights	:	One vote per share

Distribution of shareholdings

Size of shareholdings	Number of shareholders		Number of shares	
		%		%
1 - 1,000	990	38.78	746,916	0.72
1,001 - 10,000	1,293	50.65	5,267,904	5.09
10,001 - 1,000,000	260	10.18	12,981,371	12.55
1,000,001 and above	10	0.39	84,473,977	81.64
Total	2,553	100.00	103,470,168	100.00

Substantial shareholdings

(as shown in the Register of Substantial Shareholders)

Name of substantial shareholders	Direct interest		Deemed interest	
	Number of shares	%	Number of shares	%
Gold Peak Industries (Holdings) Limited	-	-	46,524,096	44.96
GP Industries Limited	2,984,000	2.88	43,540,096	42.08
Deutsche Bank AG			6,857,000	6.63
Franklin Resources, Inc as Managers of Templeton Foreign Fund	-	-	6,240,398	6.03

TWENTY LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

As at 9 July 2001

Name	Number of shares	%
1 DBS Nominees Pte Ltd	48,545,302	46.92
2 Raffles Nominees Pte Ltd	9,806,600	9.48
3 United Overseas Bank Nominees Pte Ltd	6,197,498	5.99
4 HSBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd	5,722,168	5.53
5 DB Nominees (S) Pte Ltd	5,342,332	5.16
6 GP Industries Limited	2,984,000	2.88
7 OCBC Securities Private Ltd	2,285,096	2.21
8 Overseas-Chinese Bank Nominees Pte Ltd	1,424,970	1.38
9 Ong & Company Pte Ltd	1,148,132	1.11
10 Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd	1,017,879	0.98
11 Kim Eng Securities Pte Ltd	908,000	0.88
12 Overseas Union Bank Nominees Pte Ltd	632,000	0.61
13 Phillip Securities Pte Ltd	569,000	0.55
14 Friedrich Reimar Roland Tassilo	536,000	0.52
15 Vickers Ballas & Co Pte Ltd	494,566	0.48
16 G K Goh Stockbrokers Pte Ltd	457,662	0.44
17 Keppel Investment Hong Kong Limited	396,000	0.38
18 SingTel Investment Private Limited	350,000	0.34
19 Ng Shek Yam	230,000	0.22
20 Keppel bank Nominees Pte Ltd	229,000	0.22
Total	89,276,205	86.28