

# CORPORATE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2002

### May

- The Company signed an agreement with DBS Bank Ltd to establish a S\$500 million Multi-currency Debt Issuance Programme.
- GP Batteries (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd received QS9000 accreditation.<sup>(1)</sup>

### August

- The Group incorporated GP Lithium Batteries (Asia) Limited in Hong Kong for marketing and trading of Lithium Ion batteries.

### November

- GP Batteries acquired 75% of the issued capital of Zhongyin (Ningbo) Battery Co., Ltd. ("Ningbo Batteries"), China's second largest alkaline battery manufacturer. Ningbo Batteries owns the "Pairdeer" brand which was named "China Top Brand (battery category)" by China authorities in September 2002.<sup>(2)</sup>



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## 2003

### January

- AC Nielsen's survey report in Hong Kong indicated that GP Batteries achieved the fastest growth in sales volume and value in the alkaline segment among other brands in Year 2002.<sup>(3)</sup>

### February

- GPI International Ltd was awarded the "Manufacturer of the Year" and "Outstanding Quality Manufacturer of the Year" by RadioShack Corporation of the USA for GP Batteries' product quality and good performance in 2002.

### March

- The production facility of Huizhou Modern Battery Limited, which manufactures alkaline cylindrical batteries in Huizhou, China, was relocated to and consolidated with Ningbo Batteries to further improve production efficiency.
- The Thin Metal Film ("TMF") Lead Acid battery facility in Singapore commenced commercial production. The Group acquired the assets and intellectual properties from Bolder Technologies Corporation in the USA in December 2001 and then transferred the production facilities to Singapore.



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