

# **CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31 December 1998

	Notes	1998 HK\$'000	1997 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22(a)	10,378	30,121
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		3,611	4,209
Interest paid		(12,893)	(7,946)
Interest element of finance lease rental payments		—	(75)
Dividends paid		(20,655)	(42,522)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(29,937)	(46,334)
TAXATION			
Taxes paid in Hong Kong		—	(1,022)
Taxes paid outside Hong Kong		(1,385)	—
		(1,385)	(1,022)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of fixed assets		(44,432)	(51,716)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		11,915	750
Increase in deferred development costs		(1,229)	(7,987)
Investment in jointly controlled entities		(25,114)	—
Proceeds from disposal of branch operations	22(c)	19,449	—
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(39,411)	(58,953)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(60,355)	(76,188)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	22(b)		
New bank loans		17,552	28,587
Repayment of bank loans		(38,906)	(9,239)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(21,354)	19,348
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(81,709)	(56,840)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		358,419	415,822
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		575	(563)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		277,285	358,419
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances		281,863	358,563
Bank overdrafts		(4,578)	(144)
		277,285	358,419