

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Year ended 31 December 1999

	Notes	1999 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	25(a)	(161,546)	10,378
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE			
Interest received		4,412	3,611
Interest paid		(9,552)	(12,893)
Dividends paid		—	(20,655)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(5,140)	(29,937)
TAXATION			
Overseas taxes paid		(571)	(1,385)
PRC taxes refunded		1,193	—
Net taxes refunded/(paid)		622	(1,385)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of fixed assets		(26,728)	(44,432)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		9,938	11,915
Increase in deferred development costs		—	(1,229)
Additional investment in jointly-controlled entities		(7,776)	(25,114)
Increase in amounts due to a jointly-controlled entity		8,553	—
Acquisition of a subsidiary	25(c)	35,240	—
Proceeds from disposal of branch operations	25(d)	—	19,449
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		19,227	(39,411)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(146,837)	(60,355)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	25(b)		
Proceeds from issue of share capital		71,763	—
Share issue expenses		(65)	—
New bank loans		238,010	17,552
Repayment of bank loans		(97,828)	(38,906)
Capital contributions by minority shareholders		2,683	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		214,563	(21,354)

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Year ended 31 December 1999

	1999 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	67,726	(81,709)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	277,285	358,419
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	<u>899</u>	<u>575</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u><b>345,910</b></u>	<u><b>277,285</b></u>
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and bank balances	251,975	281,863
Time deposits	54,237	—
Pledged time deposits	40,000	—
Bank overdrafts	<u>(302)</u>	<u>(4,578)</u>
	<u><b>345,910</b></u>	<u><b>277,285</b></u>