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## **Corporate Information**

#### **Board of Directors**

Quek Leng Chan – *Executive Chairman* Kwek Leng Hai – *President, CEO* Sat Pal Khattar \*\* Kwek Leng San\* Tan Lim Heng James Eng, Jr. Harry Richard Wilkinson \*\* Volker Stoeckel \*\*

\* Non-executive director

\*\* Independent non-executive director

#### **Board Audit Committee**

Harry Richard Wilkinson – *Committee Chairman* Sat Pal Khattar Volker Stoeckel

#### **Board Remuneration Committee**

Quek Leng Chan – *Committee Chairman* Harry Richard Wilkinson Volker Stoeckel

#### **Qualified Accountant**

Allan Tsang Cho Tai

#### **Company Secretary**

Stella Lo Sze Man

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#### **Financial Calendar**

Annual results announcement Closure of Register of Members Annual General Meeting Final dividend of HK\$3.00 per share and special dividend of HK\$1.00 per share payable on

Interim results announcement Closure of Register of Members Interim dividend of HK\$1.00 per share paid on 15 September 200611 October 2006 to 16 October 200616 October 2006

23 October 2006

10 February 2006 28 February 2006 to 3 March 2006 6 March 2006

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## **Corporate Profile**



Proprietary Asset Management



Guoco Group Limited ("Guoco") (Stock Code: 53), isted on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, is an investment holding and investment management company with the vision of achieving long term sustainable returns for its shareholders and creating prime capital value.



Guoco's operating subsidiary companies and investment activities are principally located in Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Guoco has four core businesses, namely, Proprietary Asset Management; Property Development and Investment; Hospitality and Leisure Business; and Financial Services.



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#### **Proprietary Asset Management**

Our portfolio and strategic investments cover global capital markets, and we invest in core business and industries in sectors and areas where our management knowledge and competencies can enhance creation of capital value in alignment with Guoco's vision to achieve superior long-term sustainable returns for shareholders.

We have over the last five years progressively built our Proprietary Asset Management into a core business. Besides having recruited a team of well-trained and experienced investment professionals, ongoing resources are allocated to enhance our investment infrastructure. This includes synergistic analytical tools, risk management system, as well as management information system to facilitate the growth of our Proprietary Asset Management activities.



#### **Property Development and Investment**

GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") is the Group's property arm listed in Singapore. This 64% owned subsidiary is a major property development and investment company based in Singapore with operations in the key geograhical markets of Singapore, China and Malaysia. GLL had developed and sold 23 residential projects in Singapore, producing more than 7,200 apartments and houses. In China, GLL has established a strong presence and built a solid portfolio of quality assets with a land bank of 1 million square metres in the major cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing .

In Malaysia, GLL has established an embedded property operation via its Malaysia listed subsidiary, GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM"). The property portfolio held by the GLM Group and its associated companies includes prime office properties and approximately 12,000 acres of land for residential and township development.



#### **Hospitality and Leisure Business**

BIL International Limited ("BIL") is the Group's 51% subsidiary in the Hospitality and Leisure Business. It is primarily listed on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited with secondary listings on the London and New Zealand Exchanges. BIL's core operating assets include Thistle Hotels Group in the United Kingdom and other investment projects including development properties of approximately 65,000 acres of land on the island of Molokai in Hawaii; and resort and development properties of approximately 600 acres in Denarau, Fiji.

Thistle Hotels Group owns, leases or manages 49 hotels (10,400 rooms) in the United Kingdom. It is also the largest full service hotel operator in London with approximately 6,000 bedrooms and 228 meeting rooms in the capital.



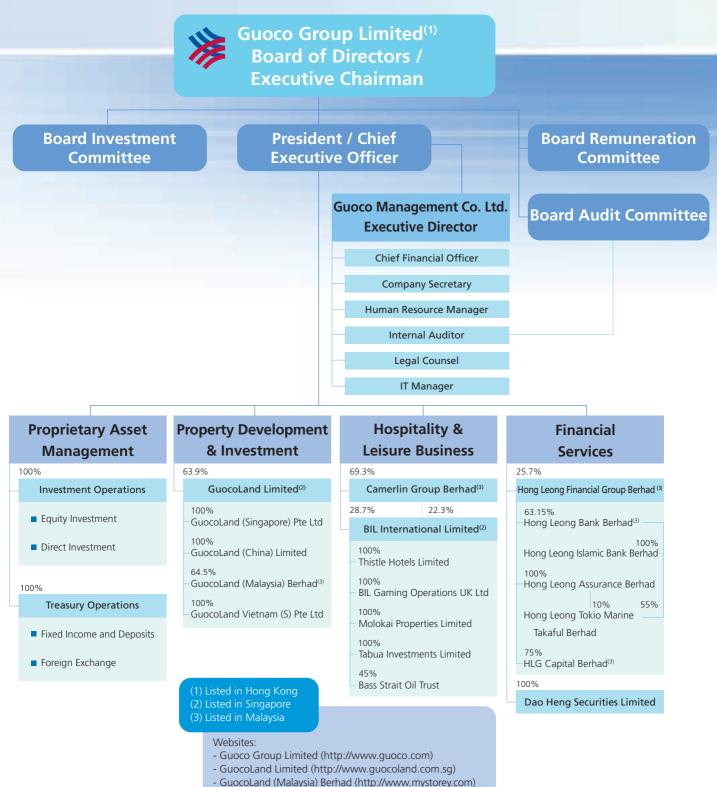
#### **Financial Services**

Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("HLFG", formerly known as Hong Leong Credit Berhad), the Group's associated company, is an integrated financial services group listed in Malaysia. Its businesses cover commercial and consumer banking, investment banking, insurance broking, life and general insurance, fund management, corporate advisory services and stockbroking. HLFG's main subsidiaries comprise Hong Leong Bank Berhad (listed in Malaysia) and Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad with over 180 branches in Malaysia, and overseas branch in Singapore and Hong Kong; Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (a long established life and general insurance company) and HLG Capital Berhad (a stockbroking, futures, corporate advisory and asset management group listed in Malaysia). Currently, the HLFG Group employs over 6,000 employees to deliver quality and competitive financial products and services to customers in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The Group also operates stock and futures broking and corporate advisory business in Hong Kong through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Dao Heng Securities Limited and Dao Heng Commodities Limited.

## **Management Organisation Chart**

(As at 15 September 2006)



- BIL International Limited (http://www.bilgroup.com)
- Thistle Hotels Limited (http://www.thistlehotels.com)
- Molokai Properties Limited (http://www.molokairanch.com)
- Hong Leong Bank Berhad (http://www.hlb.com.my)
- Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad (http://www.hlib.com.my) - Hong Leong Assurance Berhad (http://www.hla.com.my)
- HLG Capital Berhad (http://www.hlgcap.com.my)
- Dao Heng Securities Limited (http://www.dhsec.com)

## **Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management**

Quek Leng Chan, aged 63, has been the Executive Chairman of Guoco Group Limited ("Guoco") since 1990. Mr Quek is the Chairman & Chief Executive Officer and a shareholder of Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"), the ultimate holding company of Guoco, and he sits on the Boards of Directors of the major public listed companies of HLCM. Mr Quek qualified as a Barrister-at-Law from Middle Temple, United Kingdom and has extensive business experience in various business sectors including financial services, manufacturing and real estate. Mr Quek is also the Chairman of HL Holdings Sdn Bhd, a substantial shareholder of Guoco. He is a brother of Messrs Kwek Leng Hai and Kwek Leng San.

Kwek Leng Hai, aged 53, is the President and CEO of Guoco and has been an Executive Director of Guoco since 1990. He is also a director of the Group's key subsidiaries and associated companies including GuocoLand Limited ("GLL"), Camerlin Group Berhad, Hong Leong Bank Berhad and BIL International Limited. Mr Kwek is a qualified chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Mr Kwek is also a director of HLCM. He is a brother of Messrs Quek Leng Chan and Kwek Leng San.

**Sat Pal Khattar**, aged 63, has been an Independent Nonexecutive Director of Guoco since 1991. Mr Khattar obtained a LLM degree and a LLB (Hons) degree from the University of Singapore. He was a consultant of KhattarWong in Singapore. He is also the Chairman of GLL, a subsidiary of Guoco in Singapore, and holds directorships in other public and private companies in Singapore and elsewhere.

**Kwek Leng San**, aged 51, has been a Non-executive Director of Guoco since 1990. He is the President and CEO of Hong Leong Industries Berhad, a member of the Hong Leong Group Malaysia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and a Master of Science degree in finance. Mr Kwek is also a director of HLCM. He is a brother of Messrs Quek Leng Chan and Kwek Leng Hai.

**Tan Lim Heng**, aged 58, joined Dao Heng Securities Limited and Dao Heng Commodities Limited, wholly owned subsidiaries of Guoco, as the Managing Director in 1990, and has been an Executive Director of Guoco since 1996. He also serves as a non-executive director of Lam Soon (Hong Kong) Limited. Mr Tan holds a Bachelor of Science first class honours degree in engineering from University of Surrey and a Master of Science degree in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He had also previously worked in Geneva in 1974 with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Prior to joining Guoco, he had served in the Singapore Civil Service as a Colombo Plan Scholar 1975-1978 before coming to work in Hong Kong with a financial services company and a major U.S. bank. Mr Tan has extensive experience in property investment, financial and investment management services.

James Eng, Jr., aged 64, has been an Executive Director of Guoco since 2001 and is responsible for all Group staff support functions for Guoco. He joined Guoco Management Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Guoco, in 1994 as an executive director. Prior to joining Guoco, Mr Eng worked with Hiram Walker, a Division of Allied-Lyons. Postings included New York, Miami, London, Hong Kong and Windsor Canada. During his time with Brout, Issacs & Co., Certified Public Accountants in New York City, he was responsible for the Management Services Division and was a Management Consultant in New York for Computer Methods Corporation.

Harry Richard Wilkinson, aged 63, has been an Independent Non-executive Director of Guoco since 1997. He was previously a director and Chief Financial Officer of Orient Overseas (International) Limited. Prior to joining Orient Overseas (International) Limited, he was previously the Managing Director and Regional Manager of Chemical Bank for Hong Kong, China and Taiwan and has considerable experience in shipping and banking. His career began at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company in New York in 1975, where he held various positions. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company was the predecessor of Chemical Bank, which was absorbed by merger in 1992. Mr Wilkinson was a US Navy Officer for five years and was awarded three Military awards. He holds three master degrees from Horace H Rackham School of Graduate Studies, The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, MI. He was previously on the Banking Advisory Committee to the Government and is currently on Auburn University's College of Business Advisory Council.

**Volker Stoeckel**, aged 61, has been an Independent Nonexecutive Director of Guoco since 2004. He was a banker in various senior banking positions in Asia for over 25 years. In 2006, he took up a position as Vice Chairman for Rambold Industries China Limited, a subsidiary of Wolf Group Germany. Before that he was Chairman, CEO of German Centre for Industry and Trade in Shanghai and Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Asia Pacific of Bayerische Landesbank in Hong Kong. Mr Stoeckel has wide experience in Asia relating to capital market transactions, corporate finance, project finance, mergers and acquisitions, treasury and securities business and planning and management of real estate projects in China. He graduated from the University of Munich in economics and holds a diploma in banking.

## **Financial Highlights**

Financial highlights of Guoco Group for the year ended 30 June 2006

	For the year ended 30 June 2006 <i>HK\$'M</i>	For the year ended 30 June 2005 (Restated) <i>HK\$'M</i>	Increase
Turnover Profit from operations before finance cost Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company	43,951 5,299 5,637	14,806 2,865 3,229	197% 85% 75%
Earnings per share	НК\$ 17.22	НК\$ 9.82	75%
Dividend per share: Interim Proposed final Proposed special	1.00 3.00 1.00	0.80 3.00 -	
Total Equity per share attributable to shareholders of the Company	5.00	3.80	32%

	As at 30 June 2006 <i>HK\$'M</i>	As at 30 June 2005 (Restated) HK\$'M	Increase
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	36,918	32,612	13%
Total assets Total liabilities	58,012 13,592	40,345 5,093	44% 167%

## **Ten Year Summary**

#### US\$'000

			Equity attributable to shareholders	Profit attributable to shareholders	
	Total	Total	of the	of the	Dividend
Years	assets	liabilities	Company	Company	per share
1997	19,428,627	16,548,548	1,753,233	277,268	0.11
1998	18,565,159	16,157,183	1,419,147	49,448	0.09
1999	19,338,881	16,956,281	1,403,985	78,928	0.08
2000	20,299,446	18,014,260	1,489,778	88,341	0.09
2001	5,937,223	1,571,996	4,116,828	2,726,259	0.10
2002	4,713,770	927,884	3,577,730	202,656	0.14
2003	4,620,094	703,573	3,702,501	157,193	0.14
2004	4,858,457	680,891	3,933,605	312,805	0.38
2005	5,191,012	655,282	4,196,126	415,476	0.49
2006	7,470,726	1,750,335	4,754,347	725,876	0.64

#### HK\$'000

Years	Total assets	Total liabilities	Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	Profit attributable to shareholders of the Company	Dividend per share
1997	150,523,286	128,209,879	13,583,168	2,148,134	0.85
1998	143,852,134	125,193,932	10,996,260	383,148	0.70
1999	150,021,371	131,538,351	10,891,414	612,283	0.60
2000	158,244,331	140,430,165	11,613,563	688,662	0.70
2001	46,308,855	12,261,175	32,110,229	21,264,139	0.80
2002	36,766,935	7,237,402	27,905,937	1,580,695	1.10
2003	36,027,500	5,486,464	28,872,108	1,225,789	1.10
2004	37,895,963	5,310,949	30,682,119	2,439,881	3.00
2005	40,344,545	5,092,852	32,612,290	3,229,080	3.80
2006	58,011,681	13,591,701	36,918,455	5,636,572	5.00

Notes:

(a) The figures for 1997 to 2000 were before transfer to general reserve by banking subsidiaries.

(b) The figures for 2000, 2003 and 2005 were restated due to change in accounting policies.

(c) The figures for 2001 to 2006 were after the disposal of the banking subsidiaries.

## **Chairman's Statement**

I am pleased to report that the Group had completed another good year. Last financial year was the fifth year in which the Group was transformed into an investment holding and proprietary asset management company. The Group now has four main businesses, namely Proprietary Asset Management, Property Development and Investment, Hospitality and Leisure and Financial Services. It is our intention to focus on these companies and to grow their respective businesses. We will also continue to identify core businesses to acquire in sectors where the Group has competency to manage and create synergistic value.

The Group achieved an average annual return of 10% on shareholders' funds for the last five years. Last year was an exceptional year. The performance had shown improvement year on year over the period. However, I would like to caution shareholders not to expect the same growth annually as the very nature of our Proprietary Asset Management business is dependent on market conditions and forces, and will be volatile from year to year, and even from period to period. Nevertheless, I am pleased to say that the progress in our core businesses are shaping up well as pillars for future growth and expansion.

#### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The consolidated profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 30 June 2006, after taxation and minority interests amounted to HK\$5,637 million, representing an increase of 75% over that of last year. Earnings per share rose 75% to HK\$17.22.

The directors will recommend a final dividend of HK\$3.00 per share and a special dividend of HK\$1.00 per share at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. This special dividend payment to be paid is a recognition of shareholders' support and patience giving us adequate time to transform our businesses successfully to achieve creditable profit growth and capital value over the past five years.

These final and special dividend distributions together with the interim dividend of HK\$1.00 per share already paid make a total dividend for the year amounting to HK\$5.00 per share, representing an extraordinary increase of 32% compared to that paid last year.

#### **VALUE CREATION**

In the fifth year of transformation into an investment and proprietary asset management company, we had stayed steadfastly on course with a clear vision to achieve superior, long-term sustainable returns for shareholders. The results have been encouraging as we move ahead in this direction.

Notable was the astute and timely share buy-back in November 2001 of 107 million Guoco shares for HK\$5.35 billion which had the effect of increasing the net asset value per share as at 30 June 2001 by HK\$8.3 to HK\$83.5. Since then with yearly profit generation and asset appreciation, our net asset value per share reached HK\$112 as at 30 June 2006.

Shareholders funds increased 38% from HK\$26.7 billion as at 30 June 2001, as adjusted for the share buy-back to HK\$36.9 billion as at 30 June 2006, even after taking into account of the stream of annual dividend distribution totalling HK\$3.5 billion paid out of an aggregate profit of HK\$14.1 billion earned over the last five years. Dividend distributions were made in line with our aim to maintain a balanced and steady growth bearing in mind the new accounting standards and the inherent volatility in market conditions.

It is gratifying to note our share price had doubled increasing 101% over the last five years from HK\$45.7 per share as at 30 June 2001 to HK\$91.90 as at 30 June 2006 outperforming the Hang Seng Index by over 76% in the same period.

Our market capitalisation had grown in tandem from HK\$19.5 billion to HK\$30.2 billion as at 30 June 2006, an increase of 55% over five years versus the corresponding 25% increase of the Hang Seng Index or expressed in another way, a CAGR of 9% over five years compared to the corresponding 4.5% growth of the Hang Seng Index.

#### STRATEGIC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

While Proprietary Asset Management had made substantial contributions to our bottom line, the other three core businesses had been streamlined and restructured to enhance their respective profitability and capital value creation, and they had done well too.

Our Proprietary Asset Management is conducted by the Company while the other core businesses in Property Development and Investment, Hospitality and Leisure are undertaken by our subsidiaries GuocoLand Limited and BIL International Limited respectively. As for Financial Services it is undertaken in our associate company Hong Leong Credit Berhad (now name changed to Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad to reflect its current scope of business and activities).

#### **Proprietary Asset Management**

We have devoted much effort and resources to build and hone over time the software system, investment infrastructure and synergistic analytical tools needed to develop an unique systematic investment process covering risk, control and timely processing of information for our Proprietary Asset Management. Our investment management team with varied training, discipline and experience in local and various major overseas, and currency markets had performed ably to optimise returns both for the short and long term balanced against timing and risk.

#### Property Development and Investment – GuocoLand Limited ("GLL")

Property Development and Investment under our subsidiary GLL continues to be an important core business contributing to the underlying creation of capital value for Guoco. Various re-structuring initiatives had been undertaken to strengthen GLL towards transforming it into a premier Asian property company with commensurate global high standards and quality. GLL has now embedded property businesses and established strong branding recognition in Singapore, China, Malaysia and Vietnam.

GLL significantly increased its land bank in China to one million sq.m. currently in the strategic cities Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing for signature project investments and developments aimed at making more prominent our brand name. GLL had in the past year acquired GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM") through a mandatory general offer and successfully made it a subsidiary of GLL. With this new strategic direction, GLM will be transformed into a significant property developer in Malaysia.

#### Hospitality and Leisure Business – BIL International Limited ("BIL")

Through a successful corporate exercise during the year, we had acquired control of BIL to add its Hospitality and Leisure operations covering 10,400 Thistle hotel rooms throughout the UK as a new core business for Guoco. The BIL wholly-owned Thistle Hotels Group owns, leases and manages 49 hotels in the UK with 20 of them comprising 6,000 rooms located in London where several large Thistle hotels are landmarks in the capital. Thistle is the largest full service hotel operator in London.

A significant milestone was attained in February this year when BIL was granted licences under The Gaming Act 1968 by the Gambling Commission of Great Britain enabling us to own and operate casinos in selected Thistle Hotels and other sites in sixteen locations.

Planning for setting up and operating these gaming and entertainment centres is now in progress. This is an exciting development programme on the horizon and when it is rolled out would add a new dimension to our business in a growing industry for gaming, entertainment and leisure.

#### Financial Services – Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("HLFG")

Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad is the re-named modern entity of the former Hong Leong Credit Berhad. This is much more than a cosmetic change in name for our financial services core business. HLFG has embarked on various coordinated implementation programmes to realise its vision to transform into an information technology aided, cost-effective and efficient integrated financial services provider. This revamp is now on and is progressing well.

The granting of two prized financial services licences to us is most encouraging for our financial business scope expansion. Hong Leong Bank Berhad ("HLB") was granted the Islamic banking licence in 2005 and had set up Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad. It is well positioned to tap into the fast growing global Islamic financial sector. Also, with the granting of a Takaful licence by Bank Negara, Hong Leong Assurance and HLB via a joint venture set up with Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co. Ltd can make further inroads into the Takaful business in Malaysia and overseas.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Besides adopting the Code of Corporate Governance Practices which provides guidelines for our corporate governance principles, we have also made efforts to review and enhance our Group's internal controls to instill best practices. Management and staff clearly understand the need to maintain high standards of corporate governance practices. This management approach is apparent in the processes and structure by which our business and the affairs of the Company are directed and managed. This, we believe will go towards improving corporate performance and accountability and thereby enhances long term shareholder value for the benefit of all shareholders.

#### **OUTLOOK**

Changing macroeconomic conditions and geopolitical situations continue to pose new challenges to investors. Sentiment had swung from optimism to pessimism towards the close of our financial year in June 2006 and investors were uncertain as to whether we were just facing a correction within a bull market, or in fact confronting the beginning of a cyclical downturn following a global multi-year bull market. With interest rates rising in the US and Europe and about to start rising in Japan then, the investment environment became uncertain and volatility in the coming year is likely to stay high.

We have captured the bulk of the profits in our equity investments in the last upturn and have taken a more defensive stance in our portfolio at the moment. Our investment teams will continue using our, by now, welldefined fundamental investment approach to look for solid and long-term investment opportunities for the Group.

Meanwhile, we are closely tuned to market conditions to look for opportunistic value stock picking for short-term, and accumulation of equity positions where we believe sustainable long term returns can be achieved.

For our other three core businesses, we are cautiously optimistic on the property sector in our embedded markets in Singapore and Malaysia, and believe there are pockets of opportunities in the PRC and Vietnam for land bank acquisitions while India and Indonesia could have attractions to merit our attention.

For the hospitality and leisure sector, we are in a good position in the UK with refreshed mandates for management there to take BIL to the next level especially with our new gaming licences in hand and the prospect of positioning our large hotel holdings for the longer term towards the 2012 London Olympics. Our financial services pursued through HLFG has the potential and the appropriate platform to grow into a premier integrated banking, insurance and financial services conglomerate on home ground in Malaysia.

On balance, we reckon the coming year to be challenging but not without its windows of opportunities even though we are now at the higher end of market valuation with increased volatilities. Under the circumstance, we will remain nimble and continue to work diligently on areas and products that we know well bearing in mind always the longer term objective of creating capital value for shareholders.

#### **APPRECIATION**

I thank my fellow directors for their wise counsel and support throughout the year. I express my appreciation for the hard work and commitment of our management and staff team whose efforts and dedication to performance excellence are indispensable in the transformation of the Group to what it is today. I would like to thank also our customers, bankers and shareholders whose confidence in us has provided great support for our next stage of development.

Furthermore, I am pleased to note besides achieving good results this year and keeping up our performance record, the Company and its staff in Hong Kong has joined hands to participate and contribute to fund-raising activities for the less fortunate in society and their efforts were honoured with the Platinum and the prestigious President's Award by The Community Chest.

**Quek Leng Chan** *Executive Chairman* 

15 September 2006

## **Review of Operations**

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#### **Financial Results**

The consolidated profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 30 June 2006, after taxation and minority interests amounted to HK\$5,637 million, representing an increase of 74.6% over that of last year. Earnings per share rose 75.4% to HK\$17.22.

The major profit contributions (before finance cost and taxation) arose from the following:

- total realised and unrealised gains on investments of HK\$4,038 million;
- total interest income of HK\$796 million;
- dividend income of HK\$252 million;
- property development and investment income of HK\$182 million;
- revaluation gains on properties of HK\$304 million; and
- contributions from associates and jointly controlled entity of HK\$689 million.

Overall turnover increased by HK\$29.1 billion or 197% to HK\$44.0 billion, mainly attributable to the increase of HK\$28.0 billion in turnover from Proprietary Asset Management and the first-time consolidation of turnover for hotel operations of HK\$1.9 billion since the acquisition of BIL in October 2005.

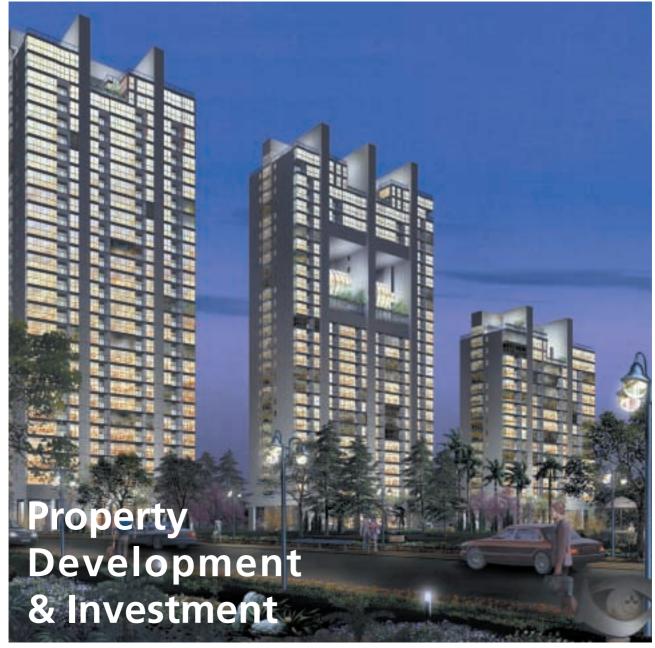
#### **Proprietary Asset Management**

Global financial markets recorded another year of solid performance, underpinned by continued economic and earnings growth. While interest rates were on the rise, the pace was gradual and liquidity remained abundant. Taking advantage of this favourable environment, our investment teams actively pursued investment activities in selected equity markets. We were particularly attracted by the economic recovery and corporate restructuring opportunities in Japan after its multi-year downturn. A decision was then taken to invest in this market which had proven to be rewarding. While we remained a believer in the long-term potential of this market, we realised profits from most of our positions to benefit from their stellar performance amidst rising market uncertainty from the likelihood of rising interest rate later in the year. This turned out to be a timely move as Nikkei index recorded a double digits correction as at our financial year end from its recent peak in April 2006.

Besides Japan, our investment teams were also active in other major markets. To capture the growth potential in China, we invested in a number of listed PRC companies. Within ASEAN, our investment teams concentrated on stock picking using our expertise and in-depth knowledge in this region. In the US and Europe, our focus was mainly in stocks that were trading at attractive valuations.

In supporting our expanding activities, more resources have been added including manpower for treasury and equity management. The development of our new management information system is making good progress and has been partially rolled out in phases. Its full implementation in coming months will provide further support to our investment activities via enhanced reporting in a more timely and efficient manner.

Macroeconomic conditions have become more uncertain. Rising oil prices, geopolitical tensions as well as continued rate hikes will together pose many challenges to the financial markets. We have responded by taking a more defensive stance in our portfolio and accordingly we have revised downwards our exposure to equity markets.



Central Park, Shanghai



The Stellar, Singapore

#### **Property Development and Investment**

# GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") – 63.9% controlled by Guoco

For the financial year ended 30 June 2006, the GLL Group reported a net profit of \$\$155.6 million compared to \$\$82.7 million in the previous corresponding year. The GLL Group's net asset value per ordinary share increased from \$\$1.67 as at 30 June 2005 to \$\$1.83 as at 30 June 2006.

The GLL Group's revenue decreased by 14% to S\$361.3 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2006. The decrease was mainly due to lower revenue from Central Park in Shanghai as a significant portion had already been recognised in the previous year. This decrease in revenue was partially offset by the revenue recognised from the sale of property development projects in Singapore and from the sale of the remaining area in Corporate Square in Beijing. For the financial year ended 30 June 2006, 65% of the revenue was from Singapore and the balance from China.

The GLL Group's cost of sales decreased by 8% to \$\$318.8 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2006. The decrease was mainly due to lower cost of sales from Central Park in Shanghai and a writeback of provision for foreseeable losses on the GLL Group's residential projects in Singapore, in particular from Paterson Residence, and from Corporate Square. This decrease in cost of sales was partially offset by the cost of sales recognised from the sale of property development projects in Singapore and from Corporate Square. The GLL Group's gross profit decreased by 42% to \$\$42.6 million as a significant portion of Central Park's profit had already been recognised in the previous year.

Other operating income increased from S\$46.5 million to S\$146.9 million mainly due to the profit of S\$40.1 million arising from the sale of the GLL Group's long-term investment in Hotel Properties Limited, a total gain of S\$32.0 million arising from the revaluation of the GLL Group's investment properties and negative goodwill of S\$32.0 million arising from the acquisition of additional interest in GuocoLand Malaysia Berhad ("GLM").

Finance costs increased by 70% to S\$22.8 million due to increase in bank borrowings to finance the GLL Group's land acquisitions in China during the financial year.

The contribution from the GLL Group's associates to profit after tax decreased by 13% to S\$13.6 million due to lower profit contribution from GLM which became a subsidiary during the financial year, but offset by higher profit contribution from the GLL Group's 40% associates, Razgrad Pte Ltd (which owns The Ladyhill) and Crawforn Pte Ltd (which owns The Boulevard Residence).

The GLL Group currently has ten launched developments on the market in Singapore: Sanctuary Green, The Gardens at Bishan, Bishan Point, Le Crescendo, Leonie Studio, Paterson Residence, The Stellar, The Quartz, The Ladyhill and The Boulevard Residence.

In April 2006, the GLL Group entered into a conditional collective sale and purchase agreement to acquire the freehold Casa Rosita condominium at the Newton/Scotts area with the intention of redeveloping the site. This acquisition will upon completion, add a saleable area of approximately 46,000 square metres (494,000 square feet) to the GLL Group's existing landbank.

In June 2006, the GLL Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement to sell its investment property, Robinson Centre for a consideration of S\$145.0 million. The sale has resulted in a revaluation gain of S\$17.0 million for the financial year. The sale was completed on 31 July 2006. On completion, there will be no further gain recognised in the financial year ending 30 June 2007 as the investment property was valued at the net selling price on 30 June 2006.

In Beijing, the GLL Group sold the remaining area in Corporate Square for a consideration of approximately US\$48.6 million (S\$79.8 million) during the financial year. In July 2006, the GLL Group soft launched West End Point, an 814-unit development located within the Second Ring Road in Feng Sheng, Xicheng District in Beijing upon obtaining the sale permits.

Resettlement in three development sites in the Xuanwu District of Nanjing, in the Putuo District of Shanghai and in the Qixia District of Nanjing is currently in progress. The GLL Group's landbank in China, in terms of saleable area, is approximately 978,000 square metres (10.5 million square feet).



In December 2005, the GLL Group entered into a conditional agreement with Vietnam Singapore Industrial Park JV Co. Ltd. to acquire a land parcel of approximately 174,935 square metres forming part of the Vietnam Singapore Industrial Park in Binh Duong Province. This site can be developed into an integrated residential, office, commercial cum hotel development.

In April 2006, the GLL Group launched a successful mandatory general offer on GLM at RM0.78 per share. Together with market purchases, the GLL Group's shareholding in GLM has increased to 64.5% as at 24 August 2006. GLM is now a subsidiary of the GLL Group.

In view of the strong economic growth of 9.4% for Singapore in the first half of 2006, the official GDP growth forecast for 2006 for Singapore has been revised upwards from its previous forecast of between 5% to 7% to between 6.5% to 7.5%. The latest official statistics indicate that the residential property market is recovering with prices of private residential properties posting a 1.8% gain in the second quarter of 2006, compared with the 1.5% increase in the previous quarter. Strong economic growth and the positive sentiment for the residential property market should translate into stable demand for private homes. The GLL Group intends to launch The View @ Meyer, a 45-unit development, in the second half of 2006.

In China, new regulations on the restriction of foreign investment in real estate were recently introduced as part of the government's overall measures to cool the fastgrowing economy. Despite these new measures, the GLL Group is of the view that domestic demand for quality residential housing in China will remain satisfactory because of China's strong economic growth and rapid urbanisation. The GLL Group has focused and positioned its development properties to meet domestic demand with its landbank in key cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing.

In Malaysia, the economy is expected to expand 6% in 2006, compared to 5.2% in the previous year. The huge expenditure under the 9th Malaysian Plan to revitalise private sector investment and build infrastructure projects, coupled with a young demographic profile will help to sustain demand for quality residential housing in the short and medium term. The GLL Group stands to benefit from this demand through its 64.5% shareholding in GLM.



Nanjing

Left: Hillview Regency, Gujiaying

*Right: Ascott Park, Maqun* 

# Hospitality & Leisure Business

The Tower – a Guoman Hotel

#### **Hospitality and Leisure Business**

# BIL International Limited ("BIL") – 50.9% controlled by Guoco

The Group's conditional mandatory general offer on BIL was successful, resulting in the acquisition of a controlling interest in BIL. The Group consolidated the results of BIL from the date of its acquisition in October 2005.

BIL recorded a profit of US\$38.9 million for the full year ended 30 June 2006 compared to a profit of US\$86.9 million for the previous year. It is difficult to compare the profitability year on year as both years contained a number of one-off events that had skewed profitability. Included in the last year's results was a profit of US\$52.7 million from the sale and leaseback of 6 Thistle hotels in April 2005.





The Royal Horseguards

The net profit for the year ended 30 June 2006 included the release of tax provisions of US\$56.5 million. On the other hand, the operating results for the Thistle Hotel Group had been affected by the London bombings in July 2005, higher operating costs due to higher energy costs and distribution costs as well as continued internal restructuring.

During the financial year a number of major projects in Fiji had commenced. However, revenue for the property development segment had declined for the year under review due to the timing of project settlements.

The oil and gas segment showed improvement year on year due to oil price and foreign exchange movements.

In February 2006, the Gambling Commission of Great Britain ("Gambling Commission") approved BIL Gaming Operations UK Ltd ("BIL Gaming"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BIL, to be a licensed operator of casinos under The Gaming Act 1968. Additionally, the Gambling Commission has granted Certificates of Consent ("COC") for 16 specific casino license applications. These applications are now going through planning approvals and licensing with the local magistrates. In April 2006, a further 14 COCs applications were made.

On 25 August 2006, BIL announced that it had signed a sale and purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Clermont Club casino business in London from Rank Group Plc for an all cash consideration of £31 million. Along with Clermont, BIL intends to expand progressively its casino operations in United Kingdom.

#### *Camerlin Group Berhad ("CGB") – 69.1% controlled by Guoco*

CGB recorded a pre-tax profit of RM45.31 million for the financial period from 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2006. The profit was mainly due to its share of profits of RM47.88 million from BIL International Limited ("BIL"), of which CGB holds 22.3% interests.



Right: Molokai Ranch







#### **Financial Services**

#### Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("HLFG", formerly known as Hong Leong Credit Berhad) – 25.7% owned by Guoco

The HLFG Group achieved profit before tax of RM859.3 million for the year ended 30 June 2006 as compared to RM800.7 million in the previous year, an increase of RM58.6 million or 7.3%. This was mainly due to higher profits from the banking division and the stockbroking and asset management division.

The banking division recorded a profit before tax of RM764.2 million, an increase of RM50.8 million as compared to RM713.4 million in the previous financial year. Net interest income grew by RM40.1 million, while income from Islamic operations and non-interest income also grew by RM15.6 million and RM119.7 million respectively. However, Ioan loss provision increased by RM83.0 million due to higher specific provision made during the year.

The insurance division registered a profit before tax of RM91.9 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 as compared to RM96.8 million for the previous financial year. The decrease of RM4.9 million was mainly contributed by lower underwriting profit as a result of higher claims incurred during the financial year.

The stockbroking and asset management division registered a profit before tax of RM27.8 million compared to RM16.9 million in the previous financial year, an increase of RM10.9 million. The higher profit before tax for the current financial year was mainly attributable to the profit from the disposal of shares of Bursa Malaysia Berhad which resulted in a realised gain of RM7.9 million.

#### **Financial Commentary**

#### **Capital and Finance**

- The Group's consolidated total equity (including minority interests) as at 30 June 2006 amounted to HK\$44.4 billion, an increase of 26% comparing to the total equity as at 30 June 2005.
- The Group's consolidated total equity attributable to shareholders of the Company as at 30 June 2006 amounted to HK\$36.9 billion, an increase of HK\$4.3 billion comparing to the figure as at 30 June 2005.

#### Total Cash and Liquid Funds

As at 30 June 2006, the Group has net liquid funds of HK\$20.9 billion, comprising total cash balance of HK\$26.6 billion and marketable securities of HK\$4.0 billion and after netting off the total borrowings of HK\$9.7 billion.

#### **Total Borrowings**

The increase in total borrowings from HK\$3.8 billion as at 30 June 2005 was primarily due to consolidating the borrowings of BIL. The Group's total borrowings are mainly denominated in Singapore dollar (41%), British Pound (40%) and US dollar (16%).

The Group's bank loans and other borrowings are repayable as follows:

	Bank Ioans HK\$'M	Mortgage debenture stock HK\$'M	Other borrowings HK\$'M	<b>Total</b> HK\$'M
On demand or within 1 year	1,123		809	1,932_
After 1 year but within 2 years After 2 years but	454	-	11	465
within 5 years After 5 years	2,450 16	_ 3,868	1,003	3,453 3,884
	2,920_	3,868	1,014	7,802
	4,043	3,868	1,823	9,734

The loans are secured by the following:

- legal mortgages on investment properties with an aggregate book value of HK\$226 million;
- legal mortgages on development properties with an aggregate book value of HK\$2,855 million;
- legal mortgages on property, plant and equipment with an aggregate book value of HK\$7,491 million; and
- legal mortgages on assets held for sale with aggregate carrying value of HK\$685 million.

Committed borrowing facilities available to Group companies and not yet drawn as at 30 June 2006 amounted to approximately HK\$2,231 million.

#### Interest Rate Exposure

As at 30 June 2006, approximately 42% of the Group's borrowings were at floating rates and the remaining 58% were at fixed rates. The Group manages its interest rate exposure with a focus on reducing the Group's overall cost of debt and exposure to changes in interest rates. When considered appropriate, the Group may use interest rate swap contracts to manage the interest rate exposure.

#### Foreign Currency Exposure

The Group may, from time to time, enter into foreign exchange rate related contracts for the purpose of hedging the foreign currency exposures. The Group may also raise foreign currency loans to hedge our foreign currency investments.

#### **Contingent Liabilities**

A subsidiary of the Group, BIL, had contingent liabilities of approximately HK\$69 million (2005: Nil) in relation to the guarantees of investment performance. In addition, BIL has given a guarantee to the owner of the 28 hotel businesses sold in 2002 that the aggregate Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) of the business will not be less than HK\$465 million (2005: Nil) per calendar year (or pro-rata amount) thereafter until 4 April 2012. The maximum liability on any one year under the guarantee was HK\$465 million (2005: Nil) and the maximum aggregate liability under the guarantee was approximately HK\$931 million (2005: Nil). BIL's expectation is that the future annual EBITDA will be in excess of the guaranteed amount.

#### **Human Resources and Training**

With the acquisitions of BIL and GLM groups during the year, the total number of employees of the Group, including its subsidiaries in Hong Kong and overseas, increased substantially to approximately 2,700 as at 30 June 2006. The Group continued to follow a measured approach towards achieving an optimal and efficient size of its workforce and is committed to providing its staff with ongoing development programmes to enhance productivity and work quality.

The remuneration policy for the Group's employees is reviewed by management on a regular basis. Remuneration packages are structured to take into account the level and composition of pay and general market conditions in the respective countries and businesses in which the Group operates. Bonus and other merit payments are linked to the financial performance of the Group and individual achievement as incentives to optimise performance. Share options may also be granted in accordance with the approved share option schemes or plans adopted by the Company and its subsidiaries to eligible employees to reward their contribution and foster loyalty towards the Group.

The Board has adopted the Code of Corporate Governance Practices (the "CGP Code") which provides guidelines to reinforce our corporate governance principles. Continuous efforts are made to review and enhance the Group's internal controls and procedures in light of local and international developments to instill best practices. To us, maintaining high standards of corporate governance practices is not just complying with the letter of the provisions but also the intent of the regulations to enhance corporate performance and accountability.

The Company had complied throughout the year with the CGP Code adopted by the Company based on the principles set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, save the following:

- the non-executive directors were not appointed for a specific term. However, they are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company. As such, the Company considers that such provisions are sufficient to meet the underlying objectives of the relevant provisions of the CGP Code; and
- pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company, the directors of the Company (save those holding the office as Chairman, President or Managing Director) are subject to retirement by rotation. According to the Private Act of the Company enacted in 1990 (the "Act"), directors holding the office of executive chairman or managing director shall not be subject to retirement by rotation. As the Company is bound by the provisions of the Act, the Bye-Laws of the Company cannot be amended to align with the relevant provision of the CGP Code in this respect. However, in order for the Company to comply with the CGP Code, the Executive Chairman and the President of the Company have confirmed that they are willing to be subject to the retirement by rotation provisions as set out in the Bye-Laws of the Company.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board meets regularly and members of the Board receive information between meetings about the developments in the Company's business. The Board is responsible for devising and implementing the overall group strategy, acquisition and divestment policy, and the approval of major capital expenditure projects and consideration of significant financing matters. It regularly reviews the financial performance and business of the Group.

Day-to-day management and operations functions of the Group are being delegated to the management.

The Board comprises the following members:

#### **Executive Directors**

- Quek Leng Chan (Executive Chairman)
- Kwek Leng Hai (President, CEO)
- Tan Lim Heng
- James Eng, Jr.

#### Board of Directors (Cont'd)

#### Non-executive Directors

- Kwek Leng San
- Sat Pal Khattar\*
- Harry Richard Wilkinson\*
- Volker Stoeckel\*

#### (\* independent)

During the financial year, four board meetings were held. Messrs Quek Leng Chan, Kwek Leng Hai, Sat Pal Khattar, Kwek Leng San, Tan Lim Heng, Harry Richard Wilkinson and James Eng, Jr. attended all the four board meetings while Mr Volker Stoeckel attended three meetings.

The Company received confirmation from each of the independent non-executive directors of independence for the year ended 30 June 2006 pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Up to and as at the date of this report, the Company still considers the independent non-executive directors to be independent.

The family relationship among the members of the Board are disclosed under "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" on page 5 of this Annual Report.

#### Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO")

The posts of Chairman and CEO are held separately by Mr Quek Leng Chan and Mr Kwek Leng Hai respectively. Their roles are segregated. The primary responsibility of Chairman is to ensure the efficient functioning of the Board which focuses on the Group's broad strategic direction and macro oversight of the management. The CEO is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with the strategies approved by the Board.

#### **Non-executive Directors**

The non-executive directors are not appointed for a specific term but their terms of office are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company.

#### **Directors' Securities Transactions**

The Company had adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as the code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

Having made specific enquiry of all directors of the Company, they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code for the year.

#### **Board Remuneration Committee ("BRC")**

The BRC was established on 1 July 2005 with written terms of reference made pursuant to the relevant provisions of the CGP Code. The terms of reference which have been adopted by the Board are available on the Company's website (www.guoco.com).

The BRC comprises Messrs Quek Leng Chan (Chairman), Harry Richard Wilkinson and Volker Stoeckel, the latter two are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

The principal role of the BRC is to make recommendations to the Board on the policy and structure for the remuneration of directors and senior management, and to determine the specific remuneration packages of all executive directors and senior management, including benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payment, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment, and making recommendations to the Board of the remuneration of non-executive directors. The BRC would also consider factors such as salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities of the directors, employment conditions elsewhere in the Group and desirability of performance-based remuneration.

The BRC held one meeting during the financial year which was attended by all members. During the meeting, the BRC adopted the remuneration policy for directors and senior management and reviewed the remuneration package of executive directors of the Company for the financial year.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board is responsible for the selection and recommendation of candidates for directorship of the Company. All new nominations received are assessed and approved by the Board in line with its policy of ensuring that nominees are persons of high calibre and ample experience.

#### Board Audit Committee ("BAC")

The BAC was established in 1998 with written terms of reference. During the year, the terms of reference have been revised to align with the requirements under the CGP Code. The terms of reference are available on the Company's website (www.guoco.com).

The BAC comprises Messrs Harry Richard Wilkinson (Chairman), Sat Pal Khattar and Volker Stoeckel, all of whom are independent non-executive directors of the Company.

The BAC oversees the financial process and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's system of internal controls. The BAC meets with the Company's external auditors and the internal auditors, and reviews the audit plans, the internal audit programmes, the results of their examinations and their evaluations of the system of internal controls. It also reviews interests in contracts and connected transactions. The BAC reviews the financial statements of the Company and the consolidated financial statements of the Group and the Auditors' Report thereon and submits its views to the Board.

#### Board Audit Committee ("BAC") (Cont'd)

The BAC held four meetings during the financial year. Messrs Harry Richard Wilkinson and Sat Pal Khattar attended four meetings while Mr Volker Stoeckel attended three meetings.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the BAC during the year:

- reviewed and approved the Group's internal audit policy;
- reviewed audit plans and internal audit programme;
- reviewed the Interim Report and the interim results announcement for the six months ended 31 December 2005;
- reviewed the audited accounts and final results announcement for the year ended 30 June 2006;
- reviewed and recommended to the Board on the approval of the external audit fee proposal;
- reviewed the internal control and risk management framework; and
- considered and recommended to the Board for the adoption of new accounting standards.

A statement by the auditors about their reporting responsibilities is included in the Auditors' Report on page 54 of this Annual Report.

Directors have acknowledged their responsibility for preparing accounts.

#### **Auditors' Remuneration**

During the year, the fees charged by the Group's external auditors for annual audit services amounted to HK\$5,987,000 (2005: HK\$2,994,000) and for non-audit related activities amounted to HK\$1,906,000 (2005: HK\$343,000) comprising taxation services fees of HK\$1,220,000 (2005: HK\$224,000), a mandatory general offer exercise on a listed company by the Group of HK\$599,000 and other miscellaneous items of HK\$87,000 (2005: HK\$119,000).

#### **Internal Controls**

The Board, recognising its responsibilities in ensuring sound internal controls, has developed a risk management framework for the Group to assist in:

- identifying the significant risks faced by the Group in the operating environment as well as evaluating the impact of such risks identified;
- developing the necessary measures for managing these risks; and
- monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness of such measures.

#### Internal Controls (Cont'd)

The Board has entrusted the Board Audit Committee ("BAC") with the responsibility to oversee the implementation of the risk management framework of the Group. In discharging this responsibility, the BAC, assisted by the Group Internal Audit Department:

- periodically evaluates identified risks for their continuing relevance in the operating environment and inclusion in the risk management framework;
- assesses adequacy of action plans and control systems developed to manage these risks; and
- monitors the performance of management in executing the action plans and operating the control systems.

These on-going processes have been in place for the year under review, and reviewed periodically by the BAC.

The controls built into the risk management framework are intended to manage and not expected to eliminate all risks of failure to achieve business objectives but to provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement of management and financial information or against financial losses and fraud.

In the associated and jointly controlled companies, the Board ensures that directors including common directors take a proactive stance in assessing the performance of the entity with the goal of safeguarding the investment of the Group. Where practical, the Group may request functional, financial and operating information as well as assurance that such information have been prepared in accordance with reporting standards and have been derived from control environments acceptable to the Group.

The Board, through the BAC, has conducted an annual review on the Group's system of internal controls and considers that it is adequate and effective. The Board is satisfied that the Group has fully complied with the code provisions on internal controls as set out in the CGP Code.

#### **Investor Relations**

The Company encourages two-way communication with both its institutional and private investors. Extensive information about the Company's activities is provided in the Annual Report and the Interim Report which are sent to shareholders. There are regular dialogues with institutional investors. Enquiries from individuals on matters relating to their shareholdings and the business of the Company are welcome and are dealt with in an informative and timely manner.

In order to promote effective communication, the Company maintains its website on which financial including Annual and Interim Reports and other information relating to the Group and its businesses is disclosed.

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The directors of the Company have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2006.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries which materially affected the results or assets of the Group during the year include proprietary asset management, property development and investment, hospitality and leisure business, stock and commodity broking and investment advisory. The principal activities of the associates which materially affected the results of the Group during the year include banking and financing, insurance, fund management and stockbroking, property development as well as merchant banking.

The analysis of the principal activities and locations of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries during the year is set out in Note 19 on the financial statements.

#### **SUBSIDIARIES**

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries of the Company are set out in Note 19 on the financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated net profit of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2006 and the state of the Company's and the Group's affairs at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 55 to 144.

#### DIVIDENDS

An interim dividend of HK\$1.00 (2005: HK\$0.80) per share totalling HK\$329,051,000 (2005: HK\$263,241,000) was paid on 6 March 2006. The directors are recommending payment of a final dividend of HK\$3.00 (2005: HK\$3.00) per share and a special dividend of HK\$1.00 (2005: Nil) per share in respect of the year ended 30 June 2006 totalling HK\$1,316,205,000 (2005:HK\$987,154,000).

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11 October 2006 to 16 October 2006, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfers will be registered.

To qualify for the final dividend and the special dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Branch Share Registrars in Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on 10 October 2006.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

During the year, the five largest customers of the Group accounted for less than 30% of the total turnover of the Group. The information in respect of the Group's purchases attributable to the major suppliers during the year is as follows:

 
 Percentage of the Group's total purchases

 The largest supplier
 10.1%

 Five largest suppliers in aggregate
 34.8%

At no time during the year have the directors, their associates or any shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had any interest in these major suppliers.

#### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Donations made by the Group during the year amounted to US\$320,000 (2005: US\$162,000).

#### SHARE CAPITAL, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES AND WARRANTS

The Company did not issue any new shares during the year. Details of the share capital of the Company during the year are shown in Note 37 on the financial statements.

#### GuocoLand Limited ("GLL", 63.9% controlled by the Company)

On 29 November 2002, GLL issued 101,671,676 4.5% Non-Redeemable Convertible Cumulative Preference Shares ("NCCPS 2005") which are convertible into ordinary shares of GLL based on one ordinary share for every one NCCPS 2005 held.

During the year, GLL issued 30,188 ordinary shares upon the conversion of 30,188 NCCPS 2005. On 29 November 2005, the mandatory conversion date of the NCCPS 2005, all the 78,127 outstanding NCCPS 2005 were automatically converted into ordinary shares of GLL.

#### GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM", 64.5% controlled by the Company)

On 7 September 1995, GLM issued 70,045,522 detachable warrants in conjunction with its issue of redeemable bank guaranteed bonds which had since expired in October 2000. The warrants are constituted by a deed poll and entitle the registered holder to subscribe for one ordinary share in GLM at an exercise price of RM3.05 per share for every warrant held. The original exercise period of the warrants which expired on 1 April 2000 was extended for a further 5.5 years.

During the year, GLM issued 100 ordinary shares pursuant to the exercise of 100 warrants. All remaining warrants had expired on 3 October 2005.

#### Camerlin Group Behard ("CGB", 69.1% controlled by the Company)

The irredeemable convertible unsecured loan stocks ("ICULS") issued by CGB in July 2002 have a maturity date of 15 July 2007 and carry a coupon rate of 5.5% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears each year. The ICULS are convertible into new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in CGB at any time from the date of issuance. The conversion price of the ICULS is RM1.16 per ordinary share to be satisfied by surrendering for cancellation the equivalent nominal value of ICULS or a combination of ICULS and cash, provided that at least RM1.00 nominal value of ICULS must be surrendered for every one share.

During the year, a total of 2,747,400 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each were issued as a result of the conversion of RM2,747,400 nominal value of ICULS. There were RM29,671,000 ICULS outstanding as at 30 June 2006.

CGB had, on 25 July 1997, issued 59,162,371 detachable warrants pertaining to the US\$105 million Five-year Secured Floating Rate Notes 1997/2002. Each warrant entitles its registered holder to subscribe for one new ordinary share of RM1.00 each in CGB at the subscription price per share of RM2.00 which was adjusted to RM1.90 effective on 4 June 2002 in accordance with the provisions of the deed polls. The warrants may be exercised at any time commencing from 25 July 1997 but not later than 25 January 2002 (both dates inclusive). The subscription period for the outstanding warrants was subsequently extended for a further period of 5.5 years from the previous expiry date of 25 January 2002 to 25 July 2007.

No warrants had been converted into new ordinary shares during the year. There were 43,745,371 warrants outstanding as at 30 June 2006. Any warrants which have not been exercised at the date of maturity will lapse and cease to be valid for any purpose.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the year, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as the trustee for a trust (the "Trust") set up for the purpose of acquiring existing shares of the Company to satisfy the exercise of options which may be granted under the share option plan adopted by the Company on 16 December 2002, purchased an aggregate of 3,006,862 shares of the Company (the "Relevant Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") at a total consideration of HK\$239,813,000. And, a subsidiary of the Company disposed of 2,261,862 shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange at a total consideration of HK\$176,799,000.

Save as above, during the year the Company had not redeemed any of its listed securities and neither the Company nor any of its other subsidiaries purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

#### **TRANSFER TO RESERVES**

Profit for the year, before dividend, of US\$778.9 million (2005 (restated): US\$443.2 million) has been transferred to reserves. Movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in Note 37 on the financial statements.

#### **INTEREST CAPITALISED**

Interest capitalised during the year by the Group in respect of development properties amounted to approximately US\$12.0 million (2005: approximately US\$6.9 million).

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in Note 16 on the financial statements.

#### **PROPERTIES**

Particulars of the major development properties, properties held for sale and investment properties of the Group are shown on pages 145 to 148.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-Laws or the laws in Bermuda.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors during the year and up to the date of this report are:

Quek Leng Chan – *Executive Chairman* Kwek Leng Hai – *President, CEO* Sat Pal Khattar\*\* Kwek Leng San\* Tan Lim Heng Harry Richard Wilkinson\*\* James Eng, Jr. Volker Stoeckel\*\*

\* Non-executive director

\*\* Independent non-executive director

#### **DIRECTORS** (Cont'd)

Pursuant to the Code of Corporate Governance Practices (the "CGP Code") under Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, all directors should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. However, according to the Private Act of the Company enacted in 1990 (the "Act"), directors holding the office of executive chairman or managing director shall not be subject to retirement by rotation and the Bye-Laws also provide for the same. As the Company is bound by the provisions of the Act, the Bye-Laws cannot be amended to reflect the requirements of the CGP Code. In order for the Company to comply with the relevant provisions of the CGP Code, Messrs Quek Leng Chan (the Executive Chairman) and Kwek Leng Hai (the President and CEO) are willing to be subject to the retirement by rotation provisions as set out in the Bye-Laws.

Messrs Quek Leng Chan and Kwek Leng Hai will retire from office at the Annual General Meeting voluntarily and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

And, Mr Harry Richard Wilkinson will retire from office at the Annual General Meeting pursuant to Bye-Law 99 but he would not offer himself for re-election due to personal reason.

None of the directors has a service contract which is not determinable by the Company or any of its subsidiaries within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

The Company received confirmation from each of the independent non-executive directors of independence for the year ended 30 June 2006 pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Up to and as at the date of this report, the Company considers the independent non-executive directors to be independent.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2006, the interests and short positions of the directors of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of the Company ("Model Code") were disclosed as follows in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"):

#### (A) The Company

	N	Number of *shares/underlying shares (Long Position)					
					Approx. % of the issued		
	Personal	Corporate	Total		share capital		
Director	interests	interests	interests		of the Company		
Quek Leng Chan	1,656,325	227,465,157	229,121,482	Note	69.63%		
Kwek Leng Hai	3,670,775	-	3,670,775		1.12%		
Sat Pal Khattar	691,125	-	691,125		0.21%		
Kwek Leng San	209,120	-	209,120		0.06%		
Tan Lim Heng	559,230	-	559,230		0.17%		
James Eng, Jr.	565,443	-	565,443		0.17%		
Harry Richard Wilkinson	5,000	-	5,000		0.00%		

\* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified in the Note

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

#### (A) The Company (Cont'd)

#### Note:

The total interests of 229,121,482 shares/underlying shares comprised 221,262,634 ordinary shares of the Company and 7,858,848 underlying shares of other unlisted derivatives.

The corporate interests of 227,465,157 shares/underlying shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

#### Number of shares/underlying shares

GuoLine Overseas Limited ("GOL")	217,013,295
Guoinvest International Limited ("Guoinvest")	6,425,000
Asian Financial Common Wealth Limited ("AFCW")	4,026,862

AFCW was wholly owned by the Company which was in turn 65.52% owned by GOL. GOL and Guoinvest were wholly owned by GuoLine Capital Assets Limited which was in turn wholly owned by Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"). HLCM was 49.11% owned by Mr Quek Leng Chan (2.43%) and HL Holdings Sdn Bhd (46.68%) which was in turn wholly owned by Mr Quek Leng Chan.

### (B) Associated Corporations

#### a) Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM")

		Number of *shares (Long Position)					
Director	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Total interests		Approx. % of the issued share capital of HLCM		
Quek Leng Chan Kwek Leng Hai Kwek Leng San	390,000 420,500 117,500	7,487,100 _ _	7,877,100 420,500 117,500	Note	49.11% 2.62% 0.73%		

\* Ordinary shares

Note:

The corporate interests of 7,487,100 shares were held by HL Holdings Sdn Bhd which was in turn wholly owned by Mr Quek Leng Chan.

### b) GuocoLand Limited ("GLL")

	Number of *shares (Long Position)					
					Approx. % of the issued	
	Personal	Corporate	Total		share capital	
Director	interests	interests	interests	Notes	of GLL	
Quek Leng Chan	15,047,224	469,407,229	484,454,453	1	72.78%	
Kwek Leng Hai	19,851,140	-	19,851,140		2.98%	
Sat Pal Khattar	5,000,000	5,392,362	10,392,362	2	1.56%	
Tan Lim Heng	1,000,000	-	1,000,000		0.15%	
Volker Stoeckel	822,000	-	822,000		0.12%	
James Eng, Jr.	200,000	-	200,000		0.03%	

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

### (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

b) GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") (Cont'd)

Notes:

1. The corporate interests of 469,407,229 shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

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Number of shares/underlying shares

Hong Leong Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd ("HLCS")	44,045,989
Guoco Investment Pte Ltd ("GIPL")	425,361,240

GIPL was wholly owned by the Company. HLCS was wholly owned by HLCM Capital Sdn Bhd which was in turn wholly owned by Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"). The respective controlling shareholders of the Company and HLCM as well as their respective percentage controls are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

- 2. The corporate interests of 5,392,362 shares were directly held by Khattar Holdings Pte Ltd which was 0.61% owned by Mr Sat Pal Khattar and was accustomed to act according to his directions.
- c) Hong Leong Credit Berhad ("HLC") (now renamed as "Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad")

#### Number of \*shares/underlying shares (Long Position)

	Personal	Corporate	Total		Approx. % of the issued share capital
Director	interests	interests	interests	Notes	of HLC
Quek Leng Chan	4,989,600	827,540,998	832,530,598	1	80.00%
Kwek Leng Hai	2,316,800	-	2,316,800	2	0.22%
Kwek Leng San	600,000	-	600,000		0.06%
Tan Lim Heng	245,700	-	245,700		N/A

\* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified in the Notes

#### Notes:

1. The total interests of 832,530,598 shares/underlying shares comprised 824,813,898 ordinary shares of HLC and 7,716,700 underlying shares of other unlisted derivatives.

The corporate interests of 827,540,998 shares/underlying shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

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Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM")	546,476,568
HLCM Capital Sdn Bhd ("HLCM Capital")	207,184
Hong Leong Share Registration Services Sdn Bhd ("HLSRS")	3,600
(formerly known as Hong Leong Nominees Sendirian Berhad)	
Guoinvest International Limited ("Guoinvest")	7,716,700
Guoco Assets Sdn Bhd ("GAS")	267,079,946
Soft Portfolio Sdn Bhd ("SPS")	6,057,000

GAS was wholly owned by the Company. HLSRS was wholly owned by HLCM Capital.

The respective controlling shareholders of the Company, HLCM and Guoinvest as well as their respective percentage controls are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

The controlling shareholder of HLCM Capital and its percentage control are shown in the Note 1 under Part (B)(b) above.

SPS was 99% owned by Mr Quek Leng Chan.

2. The total interests of 2,316,800 shares/underlying shares comprised 2,156,000 ordinary shares of HLC and 160,800 underlying shares of listed physically settled options issued by HLC.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

### (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

d) GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM")

	Number of *shares/underlying shares (Long Position)				
	Personal	Corporate	Total		Approx. % of the issued share capital
Director	Interests	interests	interests		of GLM
Quek Leng Chan	3,266,280	458,480,676	461,746,956	Note	65.92%
Kwek Leng Hai	226,800	-	226,800		0.03%
Sat Pal Khattar	152,700	-	152,700		0.02%
Tan Lim Heng	73,710	-	73,710		0.01%

\* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified in the Note

Note:

Based on the additional information disclosed under the SFO subsequent to the year end date, the total interests of 461,746,956 shares/underlying shares comprised 460,086,996 ordinary shares of GLM and 1,659,960 underlying shares of other unlisted derivatives.

The corporate interests of 458,480,676 shares/underlying shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

	Number of shares/underlying shares
Guoinvest International Limited ("Guoinvest")	1,659,960
GLL (Malaysia) Pte Ltd ("GLLM")	451,564,220
HLCM Capital Sdn Bhd ("HLCM Capital")	62,723
Hume Plastics (Malaysia) Sdn Berhad ("HPM")	3,005,273
Hong Leong Industries Berhad ("HLI")	2,188,500

GLLM was wholly owned by GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") which was in turn 63.90% owned by Guoco Investment Pte Ltd ("GIPL"). GIPL was wholly owned by the Company. HLI was 60.86% owned by Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"). HPM was wholly owned by Hume Industries (Malaysia) Berhad which was in turn 64.56% owned by HLCM.

The respective controlling shareholders of the Company, Guoinvest and HLCM as well as their respective percentage controls are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

The controlling shareholder of HLCM Capital and its percentage control are shown in the Note 1 under Part (B)(b) above.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

## (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

e) Hong Leong Industries Berhad ("HLI")

	Num	Number of *shares/underlying shares (Long Position)/ Amount of Debentures					
Director	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Total interests	Notes	Approx. % of the issued share capital of HLI		
Kwek Leng Hai	215,312	_	215,312	1	0.10%		
	RM165,000	-	RM165,000	2	N/A		
Sat Pal Khattar	208,580	-	208,580	3	0.10%		
	RM171,000	_	RM171,000	2	N/A		
Kwek Leng San	2,220,000	-	2,220,000	4	1.02%		
	RM2,604,000	-	RM2,604,000	2	N/A		

\* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified in the Notes

#### Notes:

- 1. The total interests of 215,312 shares/underlying shares comprised 163,200 ordinary shares of HLI and 52,112 underlying shares of listed physically settled options issued by HLI.
- 2. These debentures were freely transferable and convertible into shares of HLI.
- 3. The total interests of 208,580 shares/underlying shares comprised 171,000 ordinary shares of HLI and 37,580 underlying shares of listed physically settled options issued by HLI.
- 4. The total interests of 2,220,000 shares/underlying shares comprised 1,800,000 ordinary shares of HLI and 420,000 underlying shares of listed physically settled options issued by HLI.

#### f) Hong Leong Bank Berhad ("HLB")

		Number of *shares (Long Position)					
				Approx. % of the issued			
	Personal	Corporate	Total	share capital			
Director	interests	interests	interests	of HLB			
Kwek Leng Hai	3,955,700	-	3,955,700	0.26%			
Sat Pal Khattar	294,000	-	294,000	0.02%			
Kwek Leng San	385,000	-	385,000	0.03%			

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

## (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

g) HLG Capital Berhad ("HLGC")

	Number of *shares (Long Position)					
	Personal	Corporate	Total	Approx. % of the issued share capital		
Director	interests	interests	interests	of HLGC		
Kwek Leng Hai	500,000	-	500,000	0.41%		
Kwek Leng San	119,000	-	119,000	0.10%		

\* Ordinary shares

## h) Malaysian Pacific Industries Berhad ("MPI")

	N	Number of *shares (Long Position)				
Director	Personal	Corporate	Total	Approx. % of the issued share capital		
Director	interests	interests	interests	of MPI		
Sat Pal Khattar Kwek Leng San	210,000 315,000	-	210,000 315,000	0.11% 0.16%		

\* Ordinary shares

i) Hume Industries (Malaysia) Berhad ("HIM")

		Number			
Director	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Total interests		Approx. % of the issued share capital of HIM
Quek Leng Chan Sat Pal Khattar	2,000,000 200,000	120,144,828 _	122,144,828 200,000	Note	66.77% 0.11%

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

### (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

i) Hume Industries (Malaysia) Berhad ("HIM") (Cont'd)

#### Note:

The corporate interests of 120,144,828 shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

	Number of shares
Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM")	116,937,027
HLCM Capital Sdn Bhd ("HLCM Capital")	19,401
Hong Leong Assurance Berhad ("HLA")	1,154,400
Soft Portfolio Sdn Bhd ("SPS")	2,034,000

HLA was wholly owned by Hong Leong Credit Berhad (now renamed as "Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad") which was in turn wholly owned by HLCM.

The controlling shareholders of HLCM and their percentage controls are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

The controlling shareholder of HLCM Capital and its percentage control are shown in the Note 1 under Part (B)(b) above.

The controlling shareholder of SPS and its percentage control are shown in the Note 1 under Part (B)(c) above.

#### j) Narra Industries Berhad ("NI")

		Number of *shares (Long Position)				
					Approx. % of the issued	
Director	Personal interests	Corporate interests	Total interests		share capital of NI	
Quek Leng Chan	8,170,200	38,304,000	46,474,200	Note	74.73%	

\* Ordinary shares

#### Note:

The corporate interests of 38,304,000 shares were directly held by Hume Industries (Malaysia) Berhad ("HIM"). The controlling shareholder of HIM and its percentage control are shown in the Note under Part (B)(d) above.

#### k) Lam Soon (Hong Kong) Limited ("LSHK")

	Number of *shares (Long Position)				
				Approx. % of	
		- · ·		the issued	
	Personal	Corporate	Total	share capital	
Director	interests	interests	interests	of LSHK	
Kwek Leng Hai	2,300,000	-	2,300,000	0.95%	
Tan Lim Heng	274,000	-	274,000	0.11%	
James Eng, Jr.	619,000	-	619,000	0.25%	

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

### (B) Associated Corporations (Cont'd)

*I)* BIL International Limited ("BIL")

	Number o	Number of *shares/underlying shares (Long Position)				
	Personal	Corporate	Total	Approx. % of the issued share capital		
Director	interests	interests	interests	of BIL		
Quek Leng Chan	150,000	830,739,543	830,889,543	60.73%		

\* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified in the Note

#### Note:

The total interests of 830,889,543 shares/underlying shares comprised 697,042,043 ordinary shares of BIL, 75,000,000 underlying shares of unlisted cash settled options issued by BIL and 58,847,500 underlying shares of other unlisted derivatives.

The corporate interests of 830,739,543 shares/underlying shares comprised the respective direct interests held by:

#### Number of shares/underlying shares

Guoinvest International Limited ("Guoinvest")	11,027,000
GuoLine Overseas Limited ("GOL")	47,820,500
Checkenden Limited ("Checkenden")	25,000,000
First Capital Assets (BVI) Ltd ("FCA(BVI)")	75,000,000
Camerlin Group Berhad ("CGB")	31,845,810
Camerlin Holdings Sdn Bhd ("CHS")	269,742,547
Camerlin Investments Limited ("CIL")	2,972,850
High Glory Investments Limited ("HGIL")	367,330,836

The respective controlling shareholders of Guoinvest and GOL as well as their respective percentage controls are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

Checkenden and FCA(BVI) were wholly owned by GuocoLand Limited ("GLL"). The controlling shareholder of GLL and its percentage control are shown in the Note under Part (B)(d) above.

CHS and CIL were wholly owned by CGB. CGB was 69.12% owned by Brightspring Holdings Limited which was in turn wholly owned by the Company. HGIL was wholly owned by the Company. The controlling shareholder of the Company and its percentage control are shown in the Note under Part (A) above.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES (Cont'd)

## (C) Others

Associated Corporations in which Mr Quek Leng Chan was deemed to be interested solely through his deemed controlling interest in HLCM and/or its subsidiaries:

Guoman Hotel & Resort Holdings Sdn Bhd Luck Hock Venture Holdings, Inc. Hong Leong Industries Berhad Hong Leong Bank Berhad Malaysian Pacific Industries Berhad Carsem (M) Sdn Bhd Carter Realty Sdn Bhd Guolene Packaging Industries Berhad Guocera Tile Industries (Meru) Sdn Bhd Guocera Tile Industries (Labuan) Sdn Bhd Hong Leong Fund Management Sdn Bhd Hong Leong Yamaha Distributors Sdn Bhd MEHY Sdn Bhd RZA Logistics Sdn Bhd Lam Soon (Hong Kong) Limited LS Golden Oils & Fats Limited Kwok Wah Hong Flour Company Limited M.C. Packaging Offshore Limited Lam Soon Ball Yamamura Incorporation Camerlin Group Berhad HLG Capital Berhad Global Roaming Communications Sdn Bhd Hong Leong Tokio Marine Takaful Berhad Guangzhou Lam Soon Food Products Limited Shenzhen Lam Soon Edible Oils Company Limited

The Company applied for and the Stock Exchange granted a waiver from full compliance with the disclosure requirements in respect of details of the deemed interests of Mr Quek Leng Chan in the above associated corporations under Rule 13 of Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules.

Certain directors hold qualifying shares in certain subsidiaries in trust for other subsidiaries of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2006, none of the directors of the Company had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or otherwise notified by the Company pursuant to the Model Code required to be disclosed in accordance with the Listing Rules.

## **SHARE OPTIONS**

#### The Company

#### Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") was adopted by the Company on 29 November 2001 for the purpose of providing the employees or directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associated companies (the "Eligible Employees") the opportunity of participating in the growth and success of the Group.

The number of shares that may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed 32,905,137 which represents 10% of the shares in issue of the Company on the date of this report. The maximum entitlement for any Eligible Employee in respect of the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of options granted and to be granted in any 12 months period up to the date of the latest grant does not exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any date of grant.

The option price per share payable upon exercise of any share option will be determined by the directors upon the grant of the share option. It will not be less than the greatest of (a) the average closing price of a share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the day of offer of such a share option; (b) the closing price of a share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the day of offer of such a share option; and (c) the nominal value of a share.

## SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

### The Company (Cont'd)

#### Share Option Scheme (Cont'd)

A nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the share option within 21 days inclusive of, and from the date of making such offer. The exercise period of the share option shall fall within the period from the date of grant and ending on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant in respect of such offer. No share option may be granted more than ten years after 29 November 2001, the date on which the Share Option Scheme was adopted by the Company.

No option has ever been granted to any Eligible Employee pursuant to the Share Option Scheme up to 30 June 2006.

#### Share Option Plan

On 16 December 2002, the Company adopted a share option plan (the "Share Option Plan") for the purpose of motivating the employees and directors of the group companies and the employees of associated companies (the "Participants") and allowing them to participate in the growth of the Company through the grant of options over existing shares.

Unlike a traditional employee share option scheme, the Share Option Plan does not involve options over newly issued shares of the Company and thereby avoids the uncertainty for the shareholders of potential dilutionary effect on the Company's issued share capital from time to time. A trust (the "Trust") has been set up for the purpose of acquiring existing shares of the Company from time to time to satisfy the exercise of options which may be granted under the Share Option Plan while a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company as the trustee is responsible for administering the Trust.

The number of shares that may be transferred upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the Share Option Plan shall not in aggregate exceed 32,905,137 which represents 10% of the shares in issue of the Company as at the date of this report. The maximum entitlement for any Participant in respect to the total number of shares transferred and to be transferred upon exercise of options granted and to be granted in any 12 months period up to the date of the latest grant will not exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any date of grant.

The exercise price per share of an option for the purchase of a share will not be less than the greatest of (a) the average closing price of a share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the day of offer of such a share option; (b) the closing price of a share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the day of offer of such a share option, which must be a business day; and (c) the nominal value of a share.

A nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the share option within 21 days from the date of making such offer. The exercise period of the share option shall fall within the period from the date of grant and ending on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant of such option. No share option may be granted more than ten years after 16 December 2002, the date on which the Share Option Plan was adopted by the Company.

No option has ever been granted to any Participant pursuant to the Share Option Plan up to 30 June 2006.

### GuocoLand Limited ("GLL")

The GuocoLand Limited Executives' Share Option Scheme (the "ESOS") was approved by the shareholders of GLL on 31 December 1998 and further approved by the shareholders of the Company on 1 February 1999.

In October 2004, the approvals of shareholders of GLL and the Company were sought to effect various amendments to the rules of the ESOS (the "Rules") to, inter alia, allow grant of options over both newly issued and existing shares of GLL and to align the Rules with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules (the "Modified ESOS").

The Modified ESOS provides an opportunity for the employees of the GLL Group who have contributed to the growth and development of the GLL Group to participate in the equity of GLL.

## SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

## GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") (Cont'd)

A committee (the "ESOS Committee") comprising directors of GLL who are presently not participants of the Modified ESOS shall select confirmed employees of the GLL Group and the executive directors of GLL ("GLL Employees") to become participants in the Modified ESOS.

The aggregate number of GLL shares over which the ESOS Committee may grant options under the Modified ESOS on any date shall not exceed 5% of the issued share capital of GLL on the day preceding that date, provided that the maximum aggregate number of GLL shares over which the ESOS Committee may grant shall not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of GLL as at 29 October 2004, i.e. 66,552,415. Accordingly, the total number of GLL shares over which options under the Modified ESOS may be granted is 66,552,415 which represents approximately 10% of the issued share capital of GLL at the date of this report.

The maximum entitlement of any GLL Employee shall not exceed 1% of the share capital of GLL in issue in respect of the total number of GLL shares issued or to be issued upon the exercise of options granted in any 12-month period. The grant of option to a GLL Employee shall be accepted within 30 days from the date on which an option is granted accompanied by a payment of S\$1 as consideration. The Modified ESOS shall continue to be in force at the discretion of the ESOS Committee, subject to a maximum period of 10 years commencing on 31 December 1998.

The exercise price per GLL share shall be the average of the closing prices of GLL shares on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited for each of the last five market days immediately prior to the date of grant of the option or the nominal value of the GLL shares, whichever is the higher. An option shall be exercisable on the date after (a) the second anniversary of the date of grant (for GLL Employees who have been employed for less than one year) and (b) the first anniversary of the date of grant (for all other GLL Employees) and to end on a date not later than 10 years after the date of grant.

As at 1 July 2005, there were 18,500,000 outstanding options granted to selected key executives of GLL pursuant to the Modified ESOS, particulars of which are as follows:

Date of Grant	No. of GLL Shares comprised in Options	Exercise Price per GLL Share	Notes
1 November 2004	12,500,000	S\$1.19	1
30 May 2005	6,000,000	S\$1.32	2

Notes:

- 1. Subject to certain financial and performance targets being met by the grantees during the performance period for the financial years 2004/05 to 2006/07, the grantees may, at any time after 1 July 2007 or, at such other time as may be prescribed by the ESOS Committee at its sole discretion, be notified ("Date of Notification") of the vesting of the options and the number of GLL shares comprised in the vested options. Thereafter, the grantees shall have an exercise period of up to two years from the Date of Notification, or such other period as may be prescribed by the ESOS Committee at its sole discretion, to exercise the vested options in accordance with the terms of their grant.
- 2. Under the terms of the grant, a first tranche of 2,000,000 GLL shares may be exercised at any time within one year from the first anniversary of the date of grant, i.e. 30 May 2006. Subject to certain financial and performance targets being met by the grantee during the performance period for the financial years 2005/06 to 2006/07, the grantee shall have an exercise period of up to two years from the date of vesting, or such other period as may be prescribed by the ESOS Committee at its sole discretion, to exercise the vested option of up to the remaining 4,000,000 GLL shares in accordance with the terms of the grant.

During the year, no options were vested or exercised nor had lapsed, and no new options were granted pursuant to the Modified ESOS. Accordingly, the number of outstanding options remained at 18,500,000 as at 30 June 2006.

## SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

### BIL International Limited ("BIL", subsidiary of the Company since 21 October 2005)

The BIL International Share Option Plan (the "BIL Plan")

The BIL Plan was approved by the shareholders of BIL in 2001 to allow the grant of options over newly issued shares of BIL to eligible participants including employees and executive and non-executive directors of BIL and its subsidiaries (the "BIL Group") who are not controlling shareholders of BIL.

There were no outstanding options pursuant to the BIL Plan as at 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006, and no option has been granted to any eligible participants pursuant to the BIL Plan during the year.

The BIL Value Creation Incentive Share Scheme (the "BIL Scheme")

The BIL Scheme is a share incentive scheme and was approved by the board of directors of BIL in 2003. Under the BIL Scheme, options over existing shares of BIL may be issued to eligible participants including employees and executive directors of the BIL Group.

As at 1 July 2005, 7,600,000 options at an exercise price of S\$0.47 per BIL share were outstanding (the "Relevant Options"), which were granted on 12 May 2003. Out of the Relevant Options, 1,250,000 options lapsed during the year. Details of the balancing 6,350,000 Relevant Options are as follows:

		No. of options exercised		Weighted average closing price immediately before the date
No. of options	Exercise period	during the year	Exercise date	of exercise
				S\$
2,550,000	6 September 2005	2,550,000	13 September 2005	1.24
	to 5 September 2006			
2,280,000	29 October 2005	2,220,000	13 September 2005*	1.24
	to 28 October 2006	60,000	29 October 2005	1.27
1,520,000	28 April 2006	1,480,000	13 September 2005*	1.24
	to 27 April 2007	40,000	28 April 2006	1.24

\* A resolution was passed by the remuneration committee of BIL on 6 September 2005 to allow exercise of all remaining vested options for a director.

During the year, a total of 6,350,000 options were exercised. No new options were granted pursuant to the BIL Scheme during the year and there were no outstanding options as at 30 June 2006.

## GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM", subsidiary of the Company since 3 May 2006)

### Executive Share Option Scheme (the "GLM ESOS")

The GLM ESOS as approved by the shareholders of GLM, was established in January 2006. Under the GLM ESOS, options over both newly issued and existing shares of GLM may be granted to eligible participants being executives or directors (executive or non-executive) of GLM and its subsidiaries.

Since the establishment up to 30 June 2006, no options had been granted pursuant to the GLM ESOS.

## SHARE OPTIONS (Cont'd)

## GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM", subsidiary of the Company since 3 May 2006) (Cont'd)

Executive Share Option Scheme (the "GLM ESOS") (Cont'd)

Save for above, certain other subsidiaries of Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad maintain share option schemes or plans which subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year, under which eligible directors of the Company may be granted share options for acquisition of shares of respective companies concerned. No person, being a director of the Company during the year, held shares acquired in pursuance of certain aforesaid share option schemes or plans.

Apart from the above, at no time during the year was the Company, its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

## DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2006, other than the interests and short positions of the directors of the Company disclosed above, the persons who had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of 5% or more in the Company's issued share capital as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO are as follows:

		Number of shares/underlying shares (Long		Approx. % of the issued
Shareholders	Capacity	Position)	Notes	share capital
Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	1	69.13%
HL Holdings Sdn Bhd ("HLH")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	2 & 3	69.13%
Hong Leong Investment Holdings Pte Ltd ("HLInvt")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	2 & 4	69.13%
Kwek Holdings Pte Ltd ("KH")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	2 & 5	69.13%
Davos Investment Holdings Private Limited ("Davos")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	2&6	69.13%
Kwek Leng Kee ("KLK")	Interest of controlled corporations	227,465,157	2 & 7	69.13%
Third Avenue Management LLC	Investment Manager	16,535,300		5.03%

## DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS (Cont'd)

#### Notes:

1. These interests comprised 219,606,309 ordinary shares of the Company and 7,858,848 underlying shares of unlisted cash settled derivatives.

These interests comprised the respective direct interests held by:

#### Number of shares/underlying shares

GuoLine Overseas Limited ("GOL")
Guoinvest International Limited ("Guoinvest")
Asian Financial Common Wealth Limited ("AFCW")

217,013,295 6,425,000 4,026,862

AFCW was wholly owned by the Company which was in turn 65.52% owned by GOL. GOL and Guoinvest were wholly owned by GuoLine Capital Assets Limited which was in turn wholly owned by HLCM.

- 2. The interests of HLCM, HLH, HLInvt, KH, Davos and KLK are duplicated.
- 3. HLH was deemed to be interested in these interests through its controlling interests in HLCM which was 49.11% owned by HLH (46.68%) and Mr Quek Leng Chan (2.43%).
- 4. HLInvt was deemed to be interested in these interests through its controlling interests of 34.49% in HLCM.
- 5. KH was deemed to be interested in these interests through its controlling interests of 49.00% in HLInvt.
- 6. Davos was deemed to be interested in these interests through its controlling interests of 33.59% in HLInvt.
- 7. KLK was deemed to be interested in these interests through his controlling interests of 41.92% in Davos.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2006, the Company had not been notified by any person (other than the directors of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company of 5% or more which would fall to be disclosed pursuant to the Part XV of the SFO or as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

#### **Services Agreements**

1. Services Agreement between the Company and GOMC Limited

On 21 August 2001, the Company entered into a services agreement (the "GOMC Services Agreement") with Hong Leong Overseas (H.K.) Limited, which was renamed as GOMC Limited ("GOMC"), for the provision of certain services by GOMC to the Company and its subsidiaries and associated companies from time to time. The services agreed to be provided under the GOMC Services Agreement include formulation of strategy and planning, overseeing investment and financial management, treasury and risk management services and technical assistance with respect to operating practices and procedures, accounting and other services. The consideration for the services provided was fixed at HK\$100,000 per month (or such other amount as may be agreed from time to time between GOMC and the Company) and an annual fee equal to 3% of the annual consolidated profits before tax of the Group for each financial year. The GOMC Services Agreement is for a term of one year and shall be automatically renewable, on the same terms, for additional, consecutive terms of one year each unless either party provides written notice of at least six months.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

### Services Agreements (Cont'd)

1. Services Agreement between the Company and GOMC Limited (Cont'd)

On 31 August 2005, the Company and GOMC entered into a supplemental services agreement (the "Supplemental GOMC Services Agreement") to amend and supplement the GOMC Services Agreement with effect from 1 July 2005. The Supplemental GOMC Services Agreement amended the duration of the GOMC Services Agreement to three years ending on 30 June 2008 and introduced an annual cap of HK\$224 million ("Annual Cap") to the consideration under the agreement for each of the financial years ending 30 June 2008. In the event that the consideration payable by the Company under the GOMC Services Agreement as amended together with the total fees otherwise paid or payable to the Hong Leong Group by any subsidiary of the Company in respect of similar services, if any, would exceed the Annual Cap for any of the three years of its term, the Company will seek the approval of independent shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules.

GOMC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"), the ultimate holding company of the Company and thus GOMC is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

As Mr Quek Leng Chan and his associate own 5% or more of the issued shares of HLCM, he is deemed materially interested in the GOMC Services Agreement pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company had reviewed the transactions under the GOMC Services Agreement as amended by the Supplemental GOMC Services Agreement (the "GOMC Transactions") during the year and confirmed that:

- a) the GOMC Transactions were entered into:
  - i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company;
  - ii) on terms no less favourable to the Company than the terms available from independent third parties;
  - iii) in accordance with the relevant agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole; and
- b) the aggregate amount of the GOMC Transactions paid and payable by the Company was approximately HK\$171,476,000 for the year ended 30 June 2006, which together with the total fees paid or payable to Hong Leong Group by any subsidiary of the Company in respect of similar services did not exceed the Annual Cap for the year.
- 2. Services Agreements between BIL International Limited and Thistle Hotels Limited with GIMC Limited

On 12 April 2004, BIL International Limited ("BIL") entered into a services agreement (the "BIL Services Agreement") with GIMC Limited ("GIMC") for the provision of certain services by GIMC to BIL and its subsidiaries and associated companies ("BIL Group") from time to time (excluding Thistle Hotels Limited ("Thistle") and its subsidiaries and associated companies ("Thistle Group")).

On the even day, Thistle (a wholly owned subsidiary of BIL) also entered into a services agreement (the "Thistle Services Agreement") with GIMC for the provision of certain services by GIMC to the Thistle Group.

The services agreed to be provided under both agreements include formulation of strategy and planning, overseeing investment and financial management, treasury and risk management services and technical assistance with respect to operating practices and procedures, accounting and other services.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

### Services Agreements (Cont'd)

2. Services Agreements between BIL International Limited and Thistle Hotels Limited with GIMC Limited (Cont'd)

The consideration for the services provided under the BIL Services Agreement was fixed at \$\$20,000 per month (or such other amount as may be agreed from time to time between BIL and GIMC) and an annual fee equal to 3% of the annual consolidated profits before tax of the BIL Group (excluding the profit before tax of the Thistle Group) for each financial year.

The consideration for the services provided under the Thistle Services Agreement was fixed at US\$20,000 per month (or such other amount as may be agreed from time to time between Thistle and GIMC) and an annual fee equal to 3% of the annual profits before tax of Thistle for each financial year.

GIMC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"), the ultimate holding company of the Company and thus GIMC is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

As Mr Quek Leng Chan and his associate own 5% or more of the issued shares of HLCM, he is deemed materially interested in both agreements pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

Further to the close of the mandatory general offer on the securities of BIL, BIL and thus Thistle have become subsidiaries of the Company since 21 October 2005. The BIL Services Agreement and the Thistle Services Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company.

During the period from 21 October 2005 up to 30 June 2006, the total fees paid and payable by BIL and Thistle under the aforesaid agreements were approximately HK\$9,840,000.

3. Services Agreement between GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad and HL Management Co Sdn Bhd

On 3 January 2005, GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM") entered into a services agreement (the "GLM Services Agreement") with HL Management Co Sdn Bhd ("HL Mgt") for the provision of certain services by HL Mgt to GLM from time to time.

The services agreed to be provided under the GLM Services Agreement include formulation of strategy and planning, overseeing investment and financial management, treasury and risk management services and technical assistance with respect to operating practices and procedures, accounting and other services.

The consideration for the services provided under the GLM Services Agreement comprises a monthly charge as may be agreed from time to time between GLM and HL Mgt (currently, RM10,000 per month) and an annual fee equal to 3% of the annual profits before tax of GLM for each financial year.

HL Mgt is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad ("HLCM"), the ultimate holding company of the Company and thus HL Mgt is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

### Services Agreements (Cont'd)

3. Services Agreement between GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad and HL Management Co Sdn Bhd (Cont'd)

As Mr Quek Leng Chan and his associate own 5% or more of the issued shares of HLCM, he is deemed materially interested in the agreement pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

GLM has become a subsidiary of the Company since 3 May 2006 and thus the GLM Services Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company since then.

During the period from 3 May 2006 to 30 June 2006, the total fees paid and payable by GLM under the agreement were approximately HK\$243,000.

The aggregate of (i) the service fees of approximately HK\$171,476,000 paid and payable by the Company under the GOMC Services Agreement for the year ended 30 June 2006 and (ii) the total service fees of approximately HK\$10,083,000 paid or payable to the Hong Leong Group by any subsidiary of GGL in respect of similar services, including service fees paid and payable by BIL and Thistle under the BIL Services Agreement and the Thistle Services Agreement in respect of the period from 21 October 2005 to 30 June 2006 and by GLM under the GLM Services Agreement in respect of the period from 3 May 2006 to 30 June 2006, amounted to approximately HK\$181,559,000 which did not exceed the annual cap of HK\$224 million.

4. Services Agreement between the Company and GuocoLand Limited

On 6 June 2003, the Company entered into a services agreement (the "GLL Services Agreement") with GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") for the provision of certain services by the Company to GLL and its subsidiaries and associated companies from time to time. The services agreed to be provided under the GLL Services Agreement include overseeing GLL's corporate strategies and planning and investment and financial management disciplines, treasury and risk management, human resource and management development, development of quality and productivity programmes and other operating practices and procedures. The consideration for the services provided was fixed at HK\$50,000 per month (or such other amount as may be agreed from time to time between GLL and the Company) and an annual fee equal to 3% of the annual consolidated profits before tax of GLL for each financial year. The GLL Services Agreement is for a term of six months up to 30 June 2003 and shall be automatically renewable, on the same terms, for additional, consecutive terms of one year each unless either party provides written notice of at least six months.

On 31 August 2005, the Company and GLL entered into a supplemental services agreement (the "Supplemental GLL Services Agreement") to amend and supplement the GLL Services Agreement with effect from 1 July 2005. The Supplemental GLL Services Agreement amends the duration of the GLL Services Agreement to three years ending on 30 June 2008 and introduced an annual cap of HK\$51 million (the "Annual Cap") to the consideration under the agreement for each of the financial year ending 30 June 2008. In the event that the consideration receivable by the Company under the GLL Services Agreement as amended would exceed the Annual Cap for any of the three years of its term, the Company will seek the approval of independent shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules. Save for the said changes, there are no further substantial amendments to the GLL Services Agreement.

GLL is an indirect 63.9% subsidiary of the Company. A subsidiary of HLCM and other directors of the Company together holds 10% or more interests in GLL and thus GLL is regarded as a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

As Mr Quek Leng Chan and his associate own 5% or more of the issued shares of GLL, he is deemed materially interested in the GLL Services Agreement pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

### Services Agreements (Cont'd)

4. Services Agreement between the Company and GuocoLand Limited (Cont'd)

The independent non-executive directors of the Company had reviewed the transactions under the GLL Services Agreement as amended by the Supplemental GLL Services Agreement (the "GLL Transactions") during the year and confirmed that:

- a) the GLL Transactions were entered into:
  - i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company;
  - ii) on terms no less favourable to the Company than the terms available to independent third parties;
  - iii) in accordance with the relevant agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole; and
- b) the aggregate amount of the GLL Transactions received and receivable by the Company was approximately HK\$24,910,000 for the year ended 30 June 2006, which did not exceed the Annual Cap for the year.

### **Share Option Plan**

1. Executives' Share Option Scheme of GuocoLand Limited

GuocoLand Limited ("GLL") obtained shareholders' approval in October 2004 to modify its Executives' Share Option Scheme (the "ESOS") to provide for the satisfaction of the exercise of options through issue of new GLL shares or transfer of existing GLL shares or both. A trust for the ESOS (the "ESOS Trust") was also established in October 2004 pursuant to a trust deed (the "Trust Deed") between GLL and a trustee of the Trust (the "Trustee" which is a trust company unrelated to GLL) to acquire existing GLL shares for the purpose of the ESOS. GLL or its subsidiaries will make loans to the ESOS Trust from time to time to enable the ESOS Trust to acquire the existing GLL shares for the purpose of the ESOS.

Participants of the ESOS include executive directors of GLL Group who are deemed to be connected persons of the Company under the Listing Rules.

The grant of options to connected persons pursuant to the ESOS and the grant of loans to the ESOS Trust from time to time (the "GLL ESOS Transactions") constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company had reviewed the GLL ESOS Transactions during the year and confirmed that:

- a) there was no further grant of options under the ESOS during the year and the total number of GLL shares over which options were granted to directors of GLL Group, being connected persons of the Company under the Listing Rules, remained as 18,500,000 as at 30 June 2006;
- b) GLL granted loans amounting to \$\$66,000,000 (approximately HK\$322,694,000) to the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2006 (the "Grant of Loans"). The maximum subsisting amount of loans outstanding during the year ended 30 June 2006 was \$\$86,440,000 (approximately HK\$422,632,000) which did not exceed the cap amount of HK\$926,000,000 or its equivalent amount in other currencies (i.e. less than 2.5% of the value of the total assets based on the published audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2004); and

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

## Share Option Plan (Cont'd)

- 1. Executives' Share Option Scheme of GuocoLand Limited (Cont'd)
  - c) the Grant of Loans were entered into:
    - i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company;
    - ii) on normal commercial terms; and
    - iii) in accordance with the relevant agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.
- 2. The BIL Value Creation Incentive Share Scheme (the "BIL Scheme") of BIL International Limited

The BIL Scheme is a share incentive scheme and was approved by the board of directors of BIL in 2003.

Under the BIL Scheme, options over existing shares of BIL may be issued to eligible participants including employees and executive directors of the BIL Group. The purpose of the BIL Scheme is to enable the participants to have an opportunity to have a personal equity interest in BIL and help to align their interests with that of the shareholders of BIL.

A trust for the BIL Scheme (the "BIL Trust") was established pursuant to a trust deed (the "BIL Trust Deed") between BIL and a trustee of the BIL Trust (the "BIL Trustee" which is a trust company unrelated to BIL) to acquire existing BIL shares for the purpose of the BIL Scheme. The BIL Group will provide finances to the BIL Trust from time to time to enable the BIL Trust to acquire existing BIL shares for the purpose of the BIL Scheme.

As BIL has become a subsidiary of the Company since 21 October 2005, participants of the BIL Scheme include executive directors of the BIL Group who are deemed to be connected persons of the Company under the Listing Rules. The grant of options to connected persons pursuant to the BIL Scheme and the provision of finances to the BIL Trust from time to time (the "BIL Scheme Transactions") constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. For the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules, a cap of S\$60 million was set as the maximum aggregate value of finances to be provided by the BIL Group for the purchase of BIL shares for the purpose of the BIL Scheme.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company had reviewed the BIL Scheme Transactions during the period from 21 October 2005 to 30 June 2006 (the "Period") and confirmed that:

- a) there was no grant of options under the BIL Scheme for the Period; and
- b) during the Period, provision of finances amounting to approximately \$\$22,035,000 was made by the BIL Group to the BIL Trust and the maximum subsisting amount of such finances was approximately \$\$28,173,000 which did not exceed the cap amount of \$\$60 million, the applicable percentage ratios of which are less than 2.5% under the Listing Rules. The provision of such finances were entered into:
  - i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Company;
  - ii) on normal commercial terms; and
  - iii) in accordance with the relevant agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

## INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

### Others

1. The Hong Leong Bank Berhad Group ("HLB Group") has, from time to time, provided services to the Group (including GLM in respect of the period from 3 May 2006 to 30 June 2006) in the ordinary course of its banking business including, inter alia, deposits, cheque clearing, remittance and the provision of account services in a variety of currencies. All services provided by HLB Group are in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

HLB is an indirect subsidiary of HLCM, the ultimate holding company of the Company and thus HLB is a connected person of the Company pursuant to the Listing Rules.

2. During the year, the Group (including GLM in respect of the period from 3 May 2006 to 30 June 2006) regularly conducts investment, insurance, stockbroking, nominee, custodian, share registration, lease of premises and other activities in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms with subsidiaries of, and companies related to, HLCM.

As Mr Quek Leng Chan and his associate own 5% or more of the issued shares of HLCM, he is deemed materially interested in the aforesaid transactions pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

Apart from the above, no contract of significance, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

Messrs Quek Leng Chan, Kwek Leng Hai and Kwek Leng San are directors of HLCM, a substantial shareholder of the Company, which is one of the largest conglomerates based in Malaysia and is engaged in a diverse range of business, including financial services, manufacturing, distribution and property development and investment.

Mr Tan Lim Heng is a non-executive director and a shareholder of Shanghai Land Holdings Limited, a former associated company of the Company, which once engaged in property development and investment in the PRC and is now in voluntary liquidation.

The above directors are considered as having interests in business apart from the Group's business, which is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the Group's business under paragraph 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

According to the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors, the Company maintained sufficient public float at all times during the year.

## **AUDITORS**

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

Kwek Leng Hai President, CEO

Hong Kong, 15 September 2006

## **Auditors' Report**



## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GUOCO GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 55 to 144 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently, that judgements and estimates are made which are prudent and reasonable and that the reasons for any significant departure from applicable accounting standards are stated.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

## **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's and the Group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## **OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 30 June 2006 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

**KPMG** *Certified Public Accountants* 

Hong Kong, 15 September 2006

# **Consolidated Income Statement**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	Note	2006 US\$'000	2005 (Restated) US\$'000	2006 HK\$′000 (Note 1(d))	2005 (Restated) HK\$'000 (Note 1(d))
Turnover Cost of sales Other attributable costs	6	5,660,014 (4,866,360) (9,587)	1,905,061 (1,603,759) (18,145)	43,951,141 (37,788,259) (74,445)	14,806,134 (12,464,415) (141,023)
		784,067	283,157	6,088,437	2,200,696
Other revenue Other net income Administrative and other operating expenses	7 (a) 7 (b)	18,005 47,388 (167,115)	2,736 89,201 (6,452)	139,812 367,977 (1,297,681)	21,264 693,270 (50,145)
Profit from operations before finance cost Finance cost	8 (a)	682,345 (49,270)	368,642 (8,841)	5,298,545 (382,591)	2,865,085 (68,712)
Profit from operations Impairment loss write back/(made) on properties Valuation gains on investment properties Profit on disposal of a subsidiary Provision write back on amount due from	15	633,075 16,186 22,912 –	359,801 (1,408) 10,355 1,133	4,915,954 125,688 177,916 –	2,796,373 (10,943) 80,479 8,806
a jointly controlled entity Net profit on disposal of investment properties Share of profits less losses of associates Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity	8 (c) 8 (c)	- 68,036 20,652	14,897 13,662 56,983 7,644	- 528,312 160,367	115,778 106,181 442,872 59,410
Profit for the year before taxation Taxation	8 9 (a)	760,861 18,016	463,067 (19,913)	5,908,237 139,898	3,598,956 (154,764)
Profit for the year		778,877	443,154	6,048,135	3,444,192
Attributable to: Shareholders of the Company Minority interests	12	725,876 53,001	415,476 27,678	5,636,572 411,563	3,229,080 215,112
Profit for the year		778,877	443,154	6,048,135	3,444,192
Appropriations: Final dividend paid in respect of 2004/05 Interim dividend paid in respect of 2005/06		(125,981) (41,961)	(109,836) (33,753)	(978,268) (325,836)	(853,908) (263,241)
	13	(167,942)	(143,589)	(1,304,104)	(1,117,149)
Earnings per share Basic	14	US\$ 2.22	US\$ 1.26	НК\$ 17.22	HK\$ 9.82
Diluted	14	2.21	1.26	17.19	9.82
Proposed final dividend	13	US\$'000 127,125	US\$'000 127,014	HK\$'000 987,154	HK\$'000 987,154
Proposed special dividend	13	42,375	_	329,051	_

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

As at 30 June 2006

		2006	2005	2006	2005
	Note	US\$'000	(Restated) US\$'000	HK\$'000	(Restated) HK\$'000
	NOLE	03\$ 000	030 000	(Note 1(d))	(Note 1(d))
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
<ul> <li>Investment properties</li> </ul>	16	194,326	218,680	1,508,980	1,699,581
– Other property, plant and equipment	16	1,439,961	11,412	11,181,585	88,694
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	18	118,305	_	918,662	-
Interest in associates	20	259,740	553,422	2,016,933	4,301,196
Interest in jointly controlled entities	21	109,775	12,651	852,425	98,323
Available-for-sale financial assets	23	15,278	-	118,636	-
Other non-current financial assets	24	-	70,184	_	545,470
Deferred tax assets	36	957	1,207	7,431	9,381
Goodwill	25	1,380	(7,868)	10,716	(61,150)
		2,139,722	859,688	16,615,368	6,681,495
CURRENT ASSETS					
Development properties	26	957,339	411,933	7,433,929	3,201,543
Properties held for sale	27	75,832	149,039	588,851	1,158,331
Trade and other receivables	28	278,611	131,172	2,163,470	1,019,469
Trading financial assets	29	509,337	-	3,955,104	-
Other investments in securities	30	-	606,569	_	4,714,254
Cash and short term funds	31	3,421,735	3,032,611	26,570,457	23,569,453
		5,242,854	4,331,324	40,711,811	33,663,050
Assets held for sale	17	88,150		684,502	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	32	287,278	125,176	2,230,771	972,868
Current portion of bank loans and other borrowings	34	248,857	148,120	1,932,424	1,151,189
Taxation	9 (c)	36,151	31,610	280,720	245,673
Provisions	33	2,892	-	22,457	-
		575,178	304,906	4,466,372	2,369,730

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

As at 30 June 2006

	2006	2005	2006	2005
		(Restated)		(Restated)
Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(Note 1(d))	(Note 1(d))
NET CURRENT ASSETS	4,755,826	4,026,418	36,929,941	31,293,320
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,895,548	4,886,106	53,545,309	37,974,815
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Non-current portion of bank loans and other borrowings 35	1,004,682	344,639	7,801,557	2,678,534
Provisions 33	34,804	-	270,260	-
Deferred tax liabilities 36	135,671	5,737	1,053,512	44,588
	1,175,157	350,376	9,125,329	2,723,122
NET ASSETS	5,720,391	4,535,730	44,419,980	35,251,693
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share capital 37	164,526	164,526	1,277,577	1,278,696
Reserves 37	4,589,821	4,031,600	35,640,878	31,333,594
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	4,754,347	4,196,126	36,918,455	32,612,290
Minority interests 37	966,044	339,604	7,501,525	2,639,403
TOTAL EQUITY	5,720,391	4,535,730	44,419,980	35,251,693

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## **Balance Sheet**

As at 30 June 2006

		2006	2005	2006	2005
			(Restated)		(Restated)
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
				(Note 1(d))	(Note 1(d))
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Interest in subsidiaries	19	915,762	1,000,831	7,111,075	7,778,459
Available-for-sale financial assets	23	203	-	1,576	-
Other non-current financial assets	24	-	203	-	1,578
		915,965	1,001,034	7,112,651	7,780,037
CURRENT ASSETS					
Trade and other receivables	28	10,205	7,124	79,244	55,367
Cash and short term funds	31	3,001,503	2,690,961	23,307,271	20,914,149
		3,011,708	2,698,085	23,386,515	20,969,516
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts due to subsidiaries		319,354	284,902	2,479,848	2,214,258
Trade and other payables	32	23,930	15,122	185,821	117,529
		343,284	300,024	2,665,669	2,331,787
Net current assets		2,668,424	2,398,061	20,720,846	18,637,729
NET ASSETS		3,584,389	3,399,095	27,833,497	26,417,766
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share capital	37	164,526	164,526	1,277,577	1,278,696
Reserves	37	3,419,863	3,234,569	26,555,920	25,139,070
TOTAL EQUITY		3,584,389	3,399,095	27,833,497	26,417,766

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Directors

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# **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005	2006	2005
		(Restated)		(Restated)
	US\$'000	US\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(Note 1(d))	(Note 1(d))
Total equity at 1 July				
Attributable to shareholders of the Company				
(as previously reported at 30 June)	4,196,018	3,933,605	32,611,451	30,682,119
Minority interests (as previously presented				
separately from liabilities and equity at 30 June)	331,574	243,961	2,576,994	1,902,895
As restated, before prior year and opening balance adjustments	4,527,592	4,177,566	35,188,445	32,585,014
Prior year adjustments arising from changes in				
accounting policies	8,138	-	63,248	-
	4,535,730	4,177,566	35,251,693	32,585,014
Exchange adjustment	-	-	(30,843)	(115,797)
As restated, after prior year adjustments	4,535,730	4,177,566	35,220,850	32,469,217
Opening balance adjustments arising from changes in accounting policies	EC 109		425 600	
	56,108		435,690	
At 1 July after prior year and opening balance adjustments	4,591,838	4,177,566	35,656,540	32,469,217
Net income for the year recognised directly in equity:				
Exchange difference on translation of the financial				
statements of foreign subsidiaries and associates	49,704	20,528	385,963	159,544
Changes in fair value and disposal of available-for-sale				
financial assets	(34,536)	-	(268,179)	-
Net income for the year recognised directly in				
equity (2005: as restated)	15,168	20,528	117,784	159,544
Net profit for the year:				
Attributable to shareholders of the Company (as previously reported)	725,876	11E CC0	E 626 E72	2 220 572
Minority interests (as previously presented	/25,8/0	415,668	5,636,572	3,230,572
separately in the income statement)	53,001	27,786	411,563	215,951
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	778,877	443,454	6,048,135	3,446,523
Prior year adjustments arising from changes in accounting policies		(200)		(2 2 2 1 )
		(300)	-	(2,331)
Net profit for the year (2005: as restated)	778,877	443,154	6,048,135	3,444,192
Total recognised income and expenses for the				
year (2005: as restated)	794,045	463,682	6,165,919	3,603,736
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## **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005	2006	2005
		(Restated)		(Restated)
	US\$'000	US\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
			(Note 1(d))	(Note 1(d))
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	734,137	425,164	5,700,721	3,304,374
Minority interests	59,908	38,518	465,198	299,362
	794,045	463,682	6,165,919	3,603,736
Minority interests on acquisition of subsidiaries	548,171	75,762	4,256,657	588,824
Dividend paid to minority interests	(24,269)	(9,427)	(188,454)	(73,267)
Capital contribution from minority interests	315	-	2,446	-
Share of new subsidiaries' reserves in relation to the interests				
previously acquired	37,097	(545)	288,066	(4,236)
Share of subsidiaries' and associates' capital and other reserves				
movement	(58,249)	(3,671)	(452,314)	(28,531)
Purchase of own shares for Share Option Plan	(30,892)	(10,132)	(239,883)	(78,746)
Increase in fair value of fixed assets and development				
properties shared by previously held interests in associates	28,124	-	218,388	-
Dilution of interest in a subsidiary arising from conversion of				
preference shares to ordinary shares	3,110	-	24,150	-
Exercise of ICULS issued by a subsidiary	(625)	-	(4,853)	-
Equity settled share-based transaction	(332)	300	(2,578)	2,332
Shares repurchased and cancelled by a subsidiary	-	(14,197)	-	(110,339)
Realised on disposal of a subsidiary	-	(30)	-	(233)
Issue of ordinary share capital of a subsidiary	-	11	_	85
Dividends paid	(167,942)	(143,589)	(1,304,104)	(1,117,149)
Total equity at 30 June	5,720,391	4,535,730	44,419,980	35,251,693

The notes on pages 63 to 144 form part of these financial statements.

## **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
		(Restated)
Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
Operating activities		
Profit for the year before taxation	760,861	463,067
Adjustments for:		
– Finance cost	49,270	8,841
– Interest income	(102,548)	(68,376)
– Dividend income	(32,396)	(33,378)
– Depreciation	21,117	1,569
<ul> <li>Amortisation of Bass Strait oil and gas royalty</li> </ul>	4,224	-
<ul> <li>Equity settled share-based payment expenses</li> </ul>	417	300
<ul> <li>Amortisation of negative goodwill</li> </ul>	-	(8,899)
- Recognition of negative goodwill	(37,226)	(28,251)
– Dilution loss on conversion of NCCPS	3,110	-
<ul> <li>Valuation gains on investment properties</li> </ul>	(22,912)	(10,355)
- Cash distribution of investments	(10,347)	-
<ul> <li>Impairment loss (write back)/made on properties</li> </ul>	(16,186)	1,408
<ul> <li>Provision write back on amount due from a jointly controlled entity</li> </ul>	-	(14,897)
<ul> <li>Profit on disposal of a subsidiary</li> </ul>	-	(1,133)
<ul> <li>Net profit on disposal of investment properties</li> </ul>	-	(13,662)
- Share of profits less losses of associates	(68,036)	(56,983)
<ul> <li>Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity</li> </ul>	(20,652)	(7,644)
– Net losses/(profits) on disposal of fixed assets	7,867	(59)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	536,563	231,548
Decrease in trade and other receivables	6,165	117,640
Decrease/(increase) in trading financial assets	26,638	(3,848)
Decrease/(increase) in available-for-sale financial assets	87,418	(396)
(Increase)/decrease in development properties	(228,405)	76,430
Decrease/(increase) in properties held for sale	79,143	(88,403)
Increase in trade and other payables	47,955	44,056
Increase in insurance funds	-	465
Cash generated from operations	555,477	377,492
Interest received	96,988	63,852
Dividend received on equity investments	36,263	28,664
Tax paid		
– Hong Kong Profits Tax paid	(4,184)	(501)
– Overseas tax paid	(24,311)	(4,328)
Net cash from operating activities	660,233	465,179

## **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 30 June 2006

		2006	2005
	N		(Restated)
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
Investing activities			
Purchase of interest in associates		(1,743)	(9,664)
Purchase of ICULS		-	(18,366)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	38 (b)	(204,720)	(64,366)
Net repayment from associates		10,123	2,797
Net repayment from jointly controlled entities		30,256	9,791
Purchase of fixed assets		(15,205)	(765)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		287	111
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties		-	39,420
Proceeds from disposal of interest in subsidiaries		-	6,471
Cash distribution of investments		10,347	-
Dividends received from associates		30,444	13,829
Settlement of equity swap		13,695	-
Purchase of additional shareholdings in subsidiaries		(25,024)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(151,540)	(20,742)
Financing activities			
Share issue/(buy back) by a subsidiary		247	(6,538)
Purchase of ordinary shares for Executives' Share Option Scheme			
by subsidiaries		(58,646)	(11,784)
Purchase of own shares for Share Option Plan		(30,892)	(10,132)
Contribution from/(repayment to) minority shareholders		21,827	(4,138)
Draw down/(repayment) of bank loans		129,135	(107,999)
Drawing of other borrowings		65,749	75
Interest paid		(69,738)	(16,259)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders		(24,269)	(9,427)
Dividend paid		(167,942)	(143,589)
Net cash used in financing activities		(134,529)	(309,791)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		374,164	134,646
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	31	3,032,611	2,896,654
Effect of foreign exchanges rates		14,960	1,311
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	31	3,421,735	3,032,611

The notes on pages 63 to 144 form part of these financial statements.

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### (a) Statement of compliance

Although not required to do so under the Bye-Laws of the Company, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (HKASs) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Group is set out below.

The HKICPA has issued a number of new and revised HKFRSs that are effective or available for early adoption for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005. Information on the changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these new and revised HKFRSs for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements is provided in note 4.

## (b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and all its subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities made up to 30 June each year. All material intra-group accounts and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation. The Group's results include, in respect of any subsidiaries acquired during the year, their results attributable to the periods since the dates of acquisition and, in the case of subsidiaries disposed of during the year, their results attributable to the periods up to the dates of disposal.

### (c) Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is historical cost modified by the revaluation of investment properties and the marking to market of certain financial instruments as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### (d) Hong Kong Dollar amounts

The Hong Kong dollar figures shown in the consolidated income statement and the balance sheet are for information only. The Company's functional currency is United States dollars. The Hong Kong dollar figures are translated from United States dollars at the rates ruling at the respective financial year ends.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Revenue recognition

Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and costs, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised in the income statement as follows:

- (i) Interest income
  - Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.
- (ii) Dividends
  - Dividend income from unlisted investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established.
  - Dividend income from listed investments is recognised when the share price of the investment goes exdividend.
- (*iii*) Revenue arising from pre-sale of properties is recognised in the financial statements upon completion of the development of the property. Provision for foreseeable loss is made in the year in which such loss is determined.
- *(iv)* Revenue arising from the disposal of other properties is recognised when substantially all the conditions of sales have been met and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyers.
- (v) Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the respective leases.
- (vi) Royalty income is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreements.
- (vii) Commission and brokerage income in respect of trading securities is recognised on a trade date basis when the relevant transactions are executed.

### (b) Investments

(i) Investments in debt and equity securities

The Group's and the Company's policies for investments in debt and equity securities, other than investments in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities, are as follows:

Investments in securities held for trading are classified as trading financial assets and are initially stated at fair value. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

Other investments in securities are classified as available-for-sale financial assets and are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity, except for impairment losses (see note 2(j)(i)) and, in the case of monetary items such as debt securities, foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised directly in profit or loss. Where these investments are interest– bearing, interest calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in profit or loss. When these investments are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised directly in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in equity securities that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are recognised in the balance sheet at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(j)(i)).

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Investments (Cont'd)

(i) Investments in debt and equity securities (Cont'd)

Investments are recognised/derecognised on the date the Group and/or the Company commits to purchase/sell the investments or they expire.

The fair value of financial instruments is based on their quoted market prices at the balance sheet date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices, while financial liabilities are priced at current asking prices.

If no publicly available latest traded price nor a quoted market price on a recognised stock exchange or a price from a broker/dealer for non-exchange-traded financial instruments, or if the market for it is not active, the fair value of the instrument is estimated using valuation techniques that provide a reliable estimate of prices which could be obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the balance sheet date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. Where other pricing models are used, inputs are based on market data at the balance sheet date.

### (ii) Interest in subsidiaries

A subsidiary is a company in which the Group, directly or indirectly, holds more than half of the issued share capital or controls more than half of the voting power or controls the composition of the board of directors. Subsidiaries are considered to be controlled if the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies, so as to obtain benefits from their activities.

An investment in a controlled subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Intra-group balances and transactions and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Minority interests at the balance sheet date, being the portion of the net assets of subsidiaries attributable to equity interests that are not owned by the Company, whether directly or indirectly through subsidiaries, are presented in the consolidated balance sheet and statement of changes in equity within equity, separately from equity attributable to shareholders of the Company. Minority interests in the results of the Group are presented on the face of the consolidated income statement as an allocation of the total profit or loss for the year between minority interests and shareholders of the Company.

Where losses applicable to the minority exceed the minority's interest in the equity of a subsidiary, the excess, and any further losses applicable to the minority, are charged against the Group's interest except to the extent that the minority has a binding obligation to, and is able to, make additional investment to cover the losses. If the subsidiary subsequently reports profits, the Group's interest is allocated all such profits until the minority's share of losses previously absorbed by the Group has been recovered.

In the Company's balance sheet, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(j)(ii)).

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

### (b) Investments (Cont'd)

(iii) Interest in associates and jointly controlled entities

An associate is an entity in which the Group or Company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

A jointly controlled entity is an entity which operates under a contractual arrangement between the Group or Company and other parties, where the contractual arrangement establishes that the Group or Company and one or more of the other parties share joint control over the economic activity of the entity.

An investment in an associate or a jointly controlled entity is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements under the equity method and is initially recorded at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's or the jointly controlled entity's net assets. The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition, post-tax results of the associates and jointly controlled entities for the year, including any impairment loss on goodwill relating to the investment in associates and jointly controlled entities recognised for the year (see notes 2(d) and 2(j)(ii)).

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in the associate or the jointly controlled entity, the Group's interest is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate or the jointly controlled entity. For this purpose, the Group's interest in the associate or the jointly controlled entity is the carrying amount of the investment under the equity method together with the Group's long-term interests that in substance form part of the Group's net investment in the associate or the jointly controlled entity.

Unrealised profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates and jointly controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associate or jointly controlled entity, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred, in which case they are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

In the Company's balance sheet, its investments in associates and jointly controlled entities are stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(j)(ii)).

## (c) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value. At each balance sheet date the fair value is remeasured. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is charged immediately to profit or loss.

### (d) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of a business combination or an investment in an associate or a jointly controlled entity over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities.

Goodwill is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units and is tested annually for impairment (see note 2(j)(ii)). In respect of associates or jointly controlled entities, the carrying amount of goodwill is included in the carrying amount of the interest in the associate or jointly controlled entity.

Any excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of a business combination or an investment in an associate or a jointly controlled entity is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

### (d) Goodwill (Cont'd)

On disposal of a cash generating unit, an associate or a jointly controlled entity during the year, any attributable amount of purchased goodwill is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

### (e) Fixed assets and depreciation

- (i) Properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss (see note 2(j)(ii)). Depreciation is calculated to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:
  - Freehold land is not depreciated.
  - Building situated on freehold land are depreciated over their remaining useful economic lives (up to 100 years).
  - Land held under operating leases and buildings thereon, where the fair values of the leasehold interest in the land and buildings cannot be reliably measured separately at the inception of the lease are depreciated over the shorter of the unexpired term of lease and their estimated useful lives, being no more than 50 years after the date of completion.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss (see note 2(j)(ii)). Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives, taken as being between 3 to 15 years.

(ii) On disposal of fixed assets, the profit or loss is determined as the difference between the net sale proceeds and the carrying amount.

### (f) Investment property

Investment properties are land and/or buildings which are owned or held under a leasehold interest (see note 2(g)) to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation. These include land held for a currently undetermined future use.

Investment properties are stated in the balance sheet at fair value. Any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value or from the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognised in profit or loss. Rental income from investment properties is accounted for as described in note 2(a)(v).

When the Group holds a property interest under an operating lease to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, the interest is classified and accounted for as an investment property on a property-by-property basis. Any such property interest which has been classified as an investment property is accounted for as if it were held under a finance lease (see note 2(g)), and the same accounting policies are applied to that interest as are applied to other investment properties leased under finance leases. Lease payments are accounted for as described in note 2(g).

### (g) Leased assets

### (i) Classification of assets leased to the Group

Assets that are held by the Group under leases which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as being held under finance leases. Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Group are classified as operating leases, with the following exceptions:

 property held under operating leases that would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property is classified as an investment property on a property-by-property basis and, if classified as investment property, is accounted for as if held under a finance lease (see note 2(f)); and

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

### (g) Leased assets (Cont'd)

- (i) Classification of assets leased to the Group (Cont'd)
  - land held for own use under an operating lease, the fair value of which cannot be measured reliably separately from the fair value of a building situated thereon at the inception of the lease, is accounted for as being held under a finance lease, unless the building is also clearly held under an operating lease. For these purposes, the inception of the lease is the time that the lease was first entered into by the Group, or taken over from the previous lessee, or at the date of construction of those buildings, if later.

#### (ii) Assets acquired under finance leases

Where the Group acquires the use of assets under finance leases, the amounts representing the fair value of the leased asset, or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments, of such assets are included in fixed assets. Depreciation is provided at rates which write off the cost or valuation of the assets over the term of the relevant lease or, where it is likely the Company or Group will obtain ownership of the asset, the life of the asset, as set out in note 2(e). Impairment losses are accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy as set out in note 2(j)(ii).

#### (iii) Operating lease charges

Where the Group has the use of assets under operating leases, payments made under the leases are charged to the income statement in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased asset. Lease incentives received are recognised in the income statement as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments made. Contingent rentals are charged to the income statement in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

### (h) Properties held for sale

Properties held for sale are included in the balance sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes land and building cost and other expenses incurred incidental to the acquisition of these properties. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less costs to be incurred in selling the properties.

#### (i) Development properties

Development properties are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value plus, where appropriate, a portion of attributable profit less progress billings. Land, related acquisition expenses, development expenditure, interest and other related expenditure are capitalised as part of the cost of development properties.

### (j) Impairment of assets

#### (i) Impairment of investments in debt and equity securities and other receivables

Investments in debt and equity securities and other current and non-current receivables that are stated at cost or amortised cost or are classified as available-for-sale financial assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If any such evidence exists, any impairment loss is determined and recognised as follows:

For current receivables that are carried at cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset where the effect of discounting is material. Impairment losses are reversed if in a subsequent period the amount of the impairment loss decreases.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

### (j) Impairment of assets (Cont'd)

- (i) Impairment of investments in debt and equity securities and other receivables (Cont'd)
  - For available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in equity is removed from equity and is recognised in profit or loss. The amount of the cumulative loss that is recognised in profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss in respect of available-for-sale equity securities are not reversed through profit or loss. Any subsequent increase in the fair value of such assets is recognised directly in equity.

Impairment losses in respect of available-for-sale debt securities are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Reversals of impairment losses in such circumstances are recognised in profit or loss.

### (ii) Impairment of other assets

Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at each balance sheet date to identify indications that the following assets may be impaired or, except in the case of goodwill, an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- trade and other receivables;
- property, plant and equipment (other than properties carried at revalued amounts);
- intangible assets;
- investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures;
- goodwill; and
- assets acquired under finance lease.

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. In addition, for goodwill, intangible assets that are not yet available for use and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives, the recoverable amount is estimated annually whether or not there is any indication of impairment.

- Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit).

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

### (j) Impairment of assets (Cont'd)

- (ii) Impairment of other assets (Cont'd)
  - Recognition of impairment losses

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss whenever the carrying amount of an asset, or the cashgenerating unit to which it belongs, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the cash-generating unit (or group of units) and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (or group of units) on a pro rata basis, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs to sell, or value in use, if determinable.

- Reversals of impairment losses

In respect of assets other than goodwill, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favorable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

A reversal of an impairment loss is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to profit or loss in the year in which the reversals are recognised.

### (k) Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest rate method.

### (I) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts (see note 2(j)(ii)), except where the receivables are interest-free loans made to related parties without any fixed repayment terms or the effect or discounting would be immaterial. In such cases, the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts (see note 2(j)(ii)), except where the receivables are not cases, the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts (see note 2(j)(ii)).

### (m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity at acquisition. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management are also included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement.

### (n) Income tax

Income tax for the year comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in the income statement except to the extent that they relate to items recognised directly in equity, in which case they are recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (n) Income tax (Cont'd)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities, and all deferred tax assets to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised, are recognised. Future taxable profits that may support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences include those that will arise from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, provided those differences relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse either in the same period as the expected reversal of the deductible temporary difference or in periods into which a tax loss arising from the deferred tax asset can be carried back or forward. The same criteria are adopted when determining whether existing taxable temporary differences support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and credits, that is, those differences are taken into account if they relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse in a period, or periods, in which the tax loss or credit can be utilised.

The limited exceptions to recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities are those temporary differences arising from goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit (provided they are not part of a business combination), and temporary differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that, in the case of taxable differences, the Group controls the timing of the reversal and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future, or in the case of deductible differences, unless it is probable that they will reverse in the future.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at each balance sheet date and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilised. Any such reduction is reversed to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available.

Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities, if the Company or the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:

- in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Company or the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
- in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
  - the same taxable entity; or
  - different taxable entities, which, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered, intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis or realise and settle simultaneously.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (o) Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into United States dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss, except those arising from foreign currency borrowings used to hedge a net investment in a foreign operation which are recognised directly in equity.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

The results of foreign operations are translated into United States dollars at the average exchange rates for the year. Balance sheet items, including goodwill arising on consolidation of foreign operations acquired on or after 1 July 2005, are translated into United States dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are recognised directly in a separate component of equity. Goodwill arising on consolidation of a foreign operation acquired before 1 July 2005 is translated at the foreign exchange rate that applied at the date of acquisition of the foreign operation.

On disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences recognised in equity which relate to that foreign operation is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

#### (p) Employee benefits

#### (i) Short term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, leave passage and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Group. Where payment or settlement is deferred and the effect would be material, these amounts are stated at their present values.

Contributions to the Mandatory Provident Funds as required under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance are recognised as expenses in the income statement as incurred.

The Group also contributed to retirement schemes of its overseas subsidiaries in accordance with their respective requirements and the contributions thereto are charged to the income statement for the year.

#### (ii) Defined benefit retirement plan obligations

The Group's net obligation in respect of defined benefit retirement plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the future pension benefits to existing pensioners; those benefits are discounted to determine the present value and the fair value of any plan assets is deducted. The calculations are performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. The amount of the excess of the present value of each fund's liabilities over the fair value of that fund's assets is recognised in the income statement upon notification to the Group. The discount rate is the yield at the balance sheet date on AAA credit rated bonds that have maturity dates approximating to the terms of the Group's obligations.

Where the calculation results in a benefit to the Group, the recognised asset is limited to the net total of any unrecognised actuarial losses and past service costs and the present value of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (p) Employee benefits (Cont'd)

#### (iii) Share-based payments

The fair value of share options granted to employees is recognised as an employee cost with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value is measured at grant date using the Black-Scholes model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. Where the employees have to meet vesting conditions before becoming unconditionally entitled to the share options, the total estimated fair value of the share options is spread over the vesting period, taking into account the probability that the options will vest.

During the vesting period, the number of share options that is expected to vest is reviewed. Any adjustment to the cumulative fair value recognised in prior years is charged/credited to the profit or loss for the year of the review, unless the original employee expenses qualify for recognition as an asset, with a corresponding adjustment to the share option reserve. On vesting date, the amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that vest (with a corresponding adjustment to the share option reserve) except where forfeiture is only due to not achieving vesting conditions that relate to the market price of the Company's shares. The equity amount is recognised in reserves until either the option is exercised (when it is transferred to the share premium account) or the option expires (when it is released directly to retained profits).

#### (q) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed in the income statement in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or complete.

#### (r) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Company or Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

#### (s) Bass Strait oil and gas royalty

Bass Strait oil and gas royalty is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses (note 2(j)(ii)). The cost is amortised on a straight-line basis so as to write off the cost over its estimated useful lives of 25 years.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (t) Related parties

For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals (being members of key management personnel, significant shareholders and/or their close family members) or other entities and include entities which are under the significant influence of related parties of the Group where those parties are individuals, and post-employment benefit plans which are for the benefit of employees of the Group or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

#### (u) Non-current assets/liabilities held for sale

Immediately before classification as held for sale, the measurement of the relevant assets (or all assets and liabilities in a disposal group) is brought up-to-date in accordance with applicable HKFRSs. Then on initial classification as held for sale, non-current assets and disposal groups are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Any differences are taken to the income statement.

#### (v) Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. They are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the year to acquire segment assets (both tangible and intangible) that are expected to be used for more than one period.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting, the Group has chosen business segment information as the primary reporting format and geographical segment information as the secondary reporting format for the purposes of these financial statements.

#### (i) Business segments

The Group comprises the following main business segments:

Proprietary asset management	:	Conduct treasury and investment management activities
Property development	:	Development of residential and commercial properties
Property investment	:	Holding properties for rental income
Securities, commodities and brokerage	:	Stock and commodity broking
Hotel operations	:	Interest in the Thistle chain of hotels in the United Kingdom
Oil and gas	:	Interest in the Bass Strait oil and gas royalty stream

#### (ii) Geographical segments

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers.

#### 3. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements used in preparing the financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The key assumptions concerning the future and the accounting estimates that have a significant effect on the carrying value of assets and liabilities in the balance sheet and the profit or loss items are discussed below:

#### (a) Investment properties (note 16)

At 30 June 2006 and 2005, investment properties are stated at fair value based on the valuation performed by the independent professional valuers. The valuers have determined the fair value based on a method of valuation which involves certain estimates. In relying on the valuation report prepared by the valuers, management has reviewed the valuation including the assumptions and estimates adopted. Management has exercised their judgement and is satisfied with the method of valuation.

#### (b) Impairment of assets

The Group tests at least annually whether goodwill and other assets that have indefinite useful lives have suffered any impairment. Other assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit has been determined based on value-in-use calculations. There are a number of assumptions and estimates involved in the calculations.

#### (c) Income taxes (note 9 & 36)

The Group is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. There are transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for potential tax exposures based on its estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences would impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

#### (d) Equity settled share-based transactions (note 40)

The Black-Scholes option pricing model was applied to estimate the fair value of share options granted by the Company and certain of its subsidiaries. This pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the volatility of share price. The changes in input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate.

#### (e) Defined benefit retirement plan obligations (note 39)

The Group's net obligation in respect of defined benefit retirement plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future pension benefits to existing pensioners. Those benefits are discounted to determine the present value and the fair value of any plan assets is deducted. The calculations are performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. The amount of the excess of the present value of each plan's liabilities over the fair value of that plan's assets is recognised in the income statement upon notification to the Group.

The actuaries use assumptions and estimates in determining the fair value of the defined benefit plans. Judgement is required to determine the principal actuarial assumptions to determine the present value of defined benefit obligations and service costs. Changes to the principal actuarial assumptions can significantly affect the present value of plan obligations and service costs in future periods.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a number of new and revised HKFRSs, that are effective or available for early adoption for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005.

The accounting policies of the Group after the adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs have been summarised in note 2. The following sets out further information on the significant changes in accounting policies for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

#### (a) Restatement of prior periods and opening balances

The following tables disclose the adjustments that have been made in accordance with the transitional provisions of the respective HKFRSs to each of the line items in the consolidated income statement and other significant related disclosure items as previously reported for the year ended 30 June 2005. The effects of the changes in accounting policies on the balances at 1 July 2004 and 2005 are disclosed in note 37.

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#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements

Consolidated income statement for the year ended 30 June 2005

		(	iffect of new policy increase/(decrease) profit for the year		
	2005 (as previously reported) US\$'000	HKFRS 2 (note 4(c)) US\$'000	HKAS 40 (note 4(d)) US\$'000	HKAS 1 (note 4(j)) US\$'000	2005 (as restated) US\$'000
Turnover Cost of sales Other attributable costs	1,903,042 (1,603,612) (18,145)	(147) _	- - -	2,019 _ _	1,905,061 (1,603,759) (18,145)
Other revenue Other net income Administrative and other operating expenses	281,285 3,405 90,551 (6,299)	(147)  (153)	- - -	2,019 (669) (1,350) –	283,157 2,736 89,201 (6,452)
Profit from operations before finance cost Finance cost	368,942 (8,841)	(300)	- -	- -	368,642 (8,841)
Profit from operations Impairment loss made on properties Reversal of revaluation deficit of	360,101 (1,408)	(300)	- -	- -	359,801 (1,408)
investment properties Valuation gains on investment properties Profit on disposal of a subsidiary Provision write back on amount due	10,355 _ 1,133	- - -	(10,355) 10,355 –	- - -	- 10,355 1,133
from a jointly controlled entity Net profit on disposal of investment properties Share of profits less losses of associates Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity	14,897 13,662 68,792 7,644	- - -	- - -	(11,809) 	14,897 13,662 56,983 7,644
Profit for the year before taxation Taxation Minority interests	475,176 (31,722) (27,786)	(300) _ _	- - -	(11,809) 11,809 27,786	463,067 (19,913) –
Profit for the year	415,668	(300)	-	27,786	443,154
Attributable to: Shareholders of the Company Minority interests	415,668 -	(192) (108)	- -	27,786	415,476 27,678
Profit for the year	415,668	(300)	-	27,786	443,154
Earnings per share (US\$) Basic Diluted	1.26 1.26	-	-	-	1.26 1.26

## 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (a) Restatement of prior periods and opening balances (Cont'd)

#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

Consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2005:

		Ef	ffect of new polic	Cy.	
		(i	ncrease/(decrease	2)	
			in net assets)		
	2005	HKAS 32			2005
	(as previously	& HKAS 39	HKFRS 2	HKAS 1	(as restated)
	reported)	(note 4(f))	(note 4(c))	(note 4(j))	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Fixed assets	230,092	_	-	_	230,092
Interest in associates	553,422	-	-	-	553,422
Interest in jointly controlled entities	12,651	-	-	-	12,651
Other non-current financial assets	70,184	-	-	-	70,184
Deferred tax assets	1,207	-	-	-	1,207
Goodwill	(7,868)	_	_	_	(7,868)
	859,688	-	-	-	859,688
CURRENT ASSETS					
Development properties	411,933	-	-	-	411,933
Properties held for sale	149,039	-	-	-	149,039
Other assets	131,172	-	-	-	131,172
Other investments in securities	606,569	-	-	-	606,569
Cash and short term funds	3,032,611	-	-	-	3,032,611
	4,331,324	_	-	-	4,331,324
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	(125,176)	-	-	-	(125,176)
Current portion of bank loans and					
other borrowings	(148,120)	-	-	-	(148,120)
Taxation	(31,610)	-	-	-	(31,610)
	(304,906)	-	-	-	(304,906)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	4,026,418	-	-	-	4,026,418
TOTAL ASSETS LESS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,886,106	-	-	-	4,886,106

## 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (a) Restatement of prior periods and opening balances (Cont'd)

#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

Consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2005: (Cont'd)

		(incre	of new policy ase/(decrease) net assets)		
	2005	HKAS 32			2005
	(as previously	& HKAS 39	HKFRS 2	HKAS 1	(as restated)
	reported)	(note 4(f))	(note 4(c))	(note 4(j))	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Non-current portion of bank loan	s and				
other borrowings	(344,639)	-	-	-	(344,639)
Deferred tax liabilities	(5,737)	-	-	-	(5,737)
Irredeemable convertible unsecur	ed				
loan stocks	(8,138)	8,138	-	-	-
	(358,514)	8,138	-	-	(350,376)
MINORITY INTERESTS	(331,574)	-	-	331,574	-
NET ASSETS	4,196,018	8,138	-	331,574	4,535,730
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share capital	164,526	-	-	-	164,526
Reserves	4,031,492	-	108	-	4,031,600
Equity attributable to shareholder	S				
of the Company	4,196,018	-	108	-	4,196,126
Minority interests	-	8,138	(108)	331,574	339,604
TOTAL EQUITY	4,196,018	8,138	_	331,574	4,535,730

(ii) Estimated effect on the Company balance sheet as at 30 June 2005:

The changes in accounting policies have no significant impact on the Company balance sheet as at 30 June 2005.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Estimated effect of changes in accounting policies in the current year

The following tables provide estimates of the extent to which each of the line items in the consolidated income statement and balance sheet and other significant related disclosure items for the year ended 30 June 2006 is higher or lower than it would have been had the previous policies still been applied in the year, where it is practicable to make such estimates.

#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements

Estimated effect on the consolidated income statement for the year ended 30 June 2006 (increase/(decrease) in profit for the year):

	HKFRS 3, HKAS 36	HKAS 18		
	(note 4(g))	& HK – INT 3 (note 4(i))	HKAS 1 (note 4(j))	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Turnover	-	70,215	-	70,215
Cost of sales	-	(65,920)	-	(65,920)
Other attributable costs	-	-	-	-
	-	4,295	-	4,295
Other revenue	-	-	-	-
Other net income	-	-	-	-
Administrative and other operating expenses	(18,647)	-	-	(18,647)
Profit from operations before finance cost	(18,647)	4,295	-	(14,352)
Finance cost	-	-	-	-
Profit from operations	(18,647)	4,295	_	(14,352)
Impairment loss write back/(made) on properties	-	-	-	_
Profit on disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-
Valuation gains on investment properties	-	-	-	-
Share of profits less losses of associates	-	-	4,006	4,006
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity	-	-	-	-
Profit for the year before taxation	(18,647)	4,295	4,006	(10,346)
Taxation	-	(194)	(4,006)	(4,200)
Minority interests	-	-	-	-
Profit for the year	(18,647)	4,101	_	(14,546)
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	(20,083)	2,615	_	(17,468)
Minority interests	1,436	1,486	_	2,922
	1,450	1,-50		2,522
Profit for the year	(18,647)	4,101	-	(14,546)
Earnings per share (US\$)				
Basic	(0.06)	0.01	-	(0.05)
Diluted	(0.06)	0.01	-	(0.05)

The adoption of HKFRS 2 has been considered to have no significant impact on the consolidated income statement for the year ended 30 June 2006.

## 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Estimated effect of changes in accounting policies in the current year (Cont'd)

#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

Estimated effect on the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2006 (increase/(decrease) in net assets):

	HKAS 32 & HKAS 39 (note 4(f)) US\$'000	HKFRS 3, HKAS 36 & HKAS 38 (note 4(g)) US\$'000	HKAS 18 & HK – INT 3 (note 4(i)) US\$'000	HKAS 1 (note 4(j)) US\$'000	HKFRS 5 (note 4(l)) US\$'000	Total US\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Fixed assets						
- Investment properties	-	-	-	-	88,150	88,150
- Other property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest in associates	2,926	-	-	-	-	2,926
Interest in jointly controlled entities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Available-for-sale financial assets	(15,278)	-	-	-	-	(15,278)
Other non-current financial assets	23,108	-	-	-	-	23,108
Deferred tax assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goodwill	-	(51,816)	-	-	-	(51,816)
	10,756	(51,816)	-	-	88,150	47,090
CURRENT ASSETS						
Development properties	-	-	4,440	-	-	4,440
Properties held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trading financial assets	(509,337)	-	-	-	-	(509,337)
Other investments in securities	509,337	-	-	-	-	509,337
Cash and short term funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	4,440	-	-	4,440
Assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	(88,150)	(88,150)
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current portion of bank loans and						
other borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxation	-	-	(200)	-	-	(200)
Provisions					-	
	-	-	(200)	-	-	(200)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	-	-	4,240	-	(88,150)	(83,910)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	10,756	(51,816)	4,240	-	_	(36,820)

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Estimated effect of changes in accounting policies in the current year (Cont'd)

#### (i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

Estimated effect on the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2006 (increase/(decrease) in net assets): (Cont'd)

	HKAS 32 & HKAS 39 (note 4(f)) US\$'000	HKFRS 3, HKAS 36 & HKAS 38 (note 4(g)) US\$'000	HKAS 18 & HK – INT 3 (note 4(i)) US\$'000	HKAS 1 (note 4(j)) US\$'000	HKFRS 5 (note 4(l)) US\$'000	Total US\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Non-current portion of bank loans						
and other borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Irredeemable convertible unsecured						
loan stocks	(8,071)	-	-	-	-	(8,071)
	(8,071)	-	-	-	-	(8,071)
MINORITY INTERESTS	-	-	-	(966,044)	-	(966,044)
NET ASSETS	2,685	(51,816)	4,240	(966,044)	-	(1,010,935)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES						
Share capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves	7,721	(34,703)	2,704	-	-	(24,278)
Equity attributable to shareholders						
of the Company	7,721	(34,703)	2,704	-	-	(24,278)
Minority interests	(5,036)	(17,113)	1,536	(966,044)	-	(986,657)
TOTAL EQUITY	2,685	(51,816)	4,240	(966,044)	-	(1,010,935)

The adoption of HKFRS 2 has been considered to have no significant impact on the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2006.

Estimated effect on net income recognised directly in consolidated equity for the year ended 30 June 2006:

	Effect of new policy
	(increase/(decrease)
	in equity)
	HKAS 39
	(note 4(f))
	US\$'000
For the year ended 30 June 2006	
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	(18,025)
Minority interests	(16,511)
Total equity	(34,536)

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Estimated effect of changes in accounting policies in the current year (Cont'd)

(i) Effect on the consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

Estimated effect on amounts recognised as capital transactions with owners of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2006:

	Effect of new policy (increase/(decrease) in equity) HKFRS 2 (note 4(c))
	US\$'000
For the year ended 30 June 2006	
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	(261)
Minority interests	(71)
Total equity	(332)

#### (ii) Estimated effect on the Company balance sheet as at 30 June 2006

The changes in accounting policies have no significant impact on the Company balance sheet as at 30 June 2006.

#### (c) Employee share option scheme (HKFRS 2, Share-based payment)

In prior years, no amounts were recognised when employees (which term includes directors) were granted share options over shares in the company. If the employees chose to exercise the options, the nominal amount of share capital and share premium were credited only to the extent of the option's exercise price receivable.

With effect from 1 July 2005, in order to comply with HKFRS 2, the Group recognises the fair value of share options granted to employees as an expense in the income statement, or as an asset, if the cost qualifies for recognition as an asset under the Group's accounting policies. A corresponding increase is recognised in the share option reserve within equity.

Where the employees are required to meet vesting conditions before they become entitled to the options, the Group recognises the fair value of the options granted over the vesting period. Otherwise, the Group recognises the fair value in the period in which the options are granted.

If an employee chooses to exercise options, the related share option reserve is transferred to share capital and share premium, together with the exercise price. If the options lapse unexercised, the related share option reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings.

The new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively with comparatives restated in accordance with HKFRS 2, except that the Group has taken advantage of the transitional provisions under which the new recognition and measurement policies have not been applied to the following grants of options:

- (i) all options granted to employees on or before 7 November 2002; and
- (ii) all options granted to employees after 7 November 2002 but which had vested before 1 July 2005.

#### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (d) Investment properties (HKAS 40, Investment property and HKAS Interpretation ("HKAS – INT") 21, Income taxes – Recovery of revalued non-depreciable assets)

#### (i) Timing of recognition of movements in fair value on the income statement

In prior years, investment properties with an unexpired lease term of more than 20 years were stated in the balance sheet at their open market value. An internal valuation was done annually and an independent professional valuation was made at least once every three years. The net surplus or deficit on revaluation was taken to the investment property revaluation reserve except when the total of the reserve was not sufficient to cover a deficit on an aggregate basis, in which case the amount by which the deficit exceeded the amount in the investment property revaluation reserve was charged to the income statement. No depreciation was provided in respect of investment properties with an unexpired lease term of over 20 years since the valuation took into account the state of each property at the date of valuation. On disposal of an investment property, the related portion of surpluses or deficits previously taken to the investment property revaluation reserve was transferred to the income statement for the year.

Upon adoption of HKAS 40 as from 1 July 2005, all the Group's investment properties are stated at fair value and all changes in the fair value of investment properties are recognised directly in the income statement in accordance with the fair value model in HKAS 40.

These changes in accounting policy have been adopted retrospectively. No adjustment to the opening balances is required as no investment property revaluation reserve existed at 1 July 2004 and 1 July 2005 respectively.

#### (ii) Measurement of deferred tax on movements in fair value

In prior years, the Group was required to apply the tax rate that would be applicable to the sale of investment properties to determine whether any amounts of deferred tax should be recognised on the revaluation of investment properties. As there would have been no tax payable on the disposal of the Group's investment properties, no deferred tax was provided in prior years.

With effect from 1 July 2005, HKAS-INT 21 required deferred taxation to be recognised on any revaluation changes on investment properties on the basis that the recovery of the carrying amount of the investment properties would be through use and calculated at the applicable profits tax rate and charged to income statement. This new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively and considered to have no significant impact on the Group's results and equity.

#### (e) Leasehold land and buildings held for own use (HKAS 17, Leases)

In prior years, leasehold land and buildings held for own use were stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

With the adoption of HKAS 17 from 1 July 2005, the leasehold interest in the land held for own use is accounted for as being held under an operating lease where the fair value of the interest in any buildings situated on the leasehold land could be separately identified reliably from the fair value of the leasehold interest in the land at the time the lease was first entered into by the Group, or taken over from the previous lessee, or at the date of construction of those buildings, if later. In case the two elements cannot be allocated reliably, the entire lease is classified as a finance lease and carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. The operating leasehold land will no longer be revalued. Instead, the land premium paid for distinguishable leasehold land is accounted for as an operating lease and amortised on a straight-line basis over its unexpired lease term. The new accounting policy has been applied retrospectively and considered to have no significant impact on the Group's results and equity.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

# (f) Financial instruments (HKAS 32, Financial instruments: Disclosure and presentation and HKAS 39, Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement)

#### (i) Changes in measurement of financial instruments

In prior years, the accounting policies for certain financial instruments were as follows:

- investments which are intended to be held on a continuing basis for an identifiable long-term purpose at the time of acquisition were classified as investment securities and stated at cost less any provisions for diminution in value which is other than temporary;
- other investments in securities were stated at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement;
- the accounting for derivative financial instruments was dependent upon whether the transactions were undertaken for dealing purposes or to hedge risk. Derivative financial instruments entered for dealing purposes were marked to market and the net present value of the gain or loss arising was recognised in the income statement as dealing profits or losses. Those designated as hedges were valued on an equivalent basis to the assets, liabilities or net positions which they were hedging. Any profit or loss was recognised on the same basis as that arising from the related assets, liabilities or net positions.

With effect from 1 July 2005, and in accordance with HKAS 39, the following new accounting policies are adopted for the financial instruments mentioned above:

All non-trading investments are classified as available-for-sale financial assets and carried at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in equity, unless there is objective evidence that an individual investment has been impaired. If there is objective evidence that an individual investment has been impaired, any amount held in the investment revaluation reserve in respect of the investment is transferred to the income statement for period in which the impairment is identified.

Impairment losses recognised in the income statement in respect of available-for-sale equity securities are not reversed through income statement. Any subsequent increase in the fair value of such assets is recognised directly in equity.

Impairment losses in respect of available-for-sale debt securities are reversed if the subsequent increase in fair value can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Reversals of impairment losses in such circumstances are recognised in the income statement.

All derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group are stated at fair value with change in fair value recognised in the income statement.

These changes were adopted by way of an adjustment to the opening balance of certain reserves as at 1 July 2005. Comparative amounts have not been restated as this is prohibited by the transitional arrangements in HKAS 39.

#### (ii) Irredeemable convertible unsecured loan stock ("ICULS")

In prior year, ICULS issued were stated at amortised cost. With effect from 1 July 2005, and in accordance with HKAS 32 and HKAS 39, ICULS issued are split into their liability and equity components at initial recognition. The liability component is subsequently carried at amortised cost. The equity component is recognised in the reserve until the ICULS is converted.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

# (g) Positive and negative goodwill (HKFRS 3, Business combinations, HKAS 36, Impairment of assets and HKAS 38, Intangible assets (collectively known as "the HKFRS 3 package"))

In prior years, for business combinations with the agreement dates before 1 January 2005, positive goodwill was amortised to the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life and was stated in the consolidated balance sheet at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. Negative goodwill was recognised as a deferred item and was released to the income statement on a proportional basis.

The Group has adopted the HKFRS 3 package in the annual financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2006 in respect of the business combinations with the agreement dates on or after 1 January 2005. Accordingly, the Group no longer amortises positive goodwill arising from those business combinations. Such goodwill is tested annually for impairment, including in the year of its initial recognition, as well as when there are indications of impairment. Impairment losses are recognised when the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill has been allocated exceeds its recoverable amount. If the fair value of the net assets acquired in a business combination exceeds the consideration paid, the excess is recognised immediately in the income statement as it arises.

For business combinations with the agreement dates before 1 January 2005, this change in accounting policy has been adopted prospectively from 1 July 2005. In accordance with the transitional arrangements under HKFRS 3, comparative amounts have not been restated and the cumulative amount of amortisation as at 1 July 2005 has been offset against the cost of the positive goodwill. The carrying amount of negative goodwill has been transferred to the opening balance of retained profits as at 1 July 2005. No amortisation charge for positive and negative goodwill has been recognised in the income statement.

#### (h) Translation of foreign currencies (HKAS 21, The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates)

With effect from 1 July 2005, in order to comply with HKAS 21, any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation is treated as an asset of the foreign operation. Thus it is expressed in the functional currency of that foreign operation and is retranslated at the closing rate at each balance sheet date. Any resulting exchange difference is taken directly to the exchange reserves, together with any other differences arising from the re-translation of the net assets of the foreign operation.

In accordance with the transitional provisions in HKAS 21, this new policy has not been adopted retrospectively and will only be applied to acquisitions occurring on or after 1 July 2005. This change in accounting policy has no material impact on the Group's results and equity.

As a result of the adoption of HKAS 21, exchange differences on loans from the Company to its subsidiaries and associates which form part of the Company's net investments in the subsidiaries and associates would be recognised in the Company's income statement as exchange differences. These exchange differences were previously recognised as equity in the financial statements of the Company. In the consolidated financial statements, these exchange differences are reclassified to equity. These changes in accounting policies have been applied retrospectively with comparatives restated in accordance with HKAS21.

#### (i) Properties under development for sale (HKAS 18, Revenue and HK Interpretation 3, Revenue-Precompletion contracts for the sale of development properties)

In prior years, revenue on pre-sale of properties under development for sale was recognised in the financial statements using the percentage of completion method based on the stage of completion as certified by the architects or quantity surveyors. Provision for foreseeable loss was made in the year in which such loss was determined.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (i) Properties under development for sale (HKAS 18, Revenue and HK Interpretation 3, Revenue-Precompletion contracts for the sale of development properties) (Cont'd)

With the introduction of the HK Interpretation 3, the Group now recognises revenue arising from pre-sale of properties upon completion of the development of the property. The Group has relied on the transitional provisions set out in the Interpretation such that the Group will continue to adopt the stage of completion method to recognise revenue arising from pre-sale contracts entered into before 1 January 2005 while the completion method has been adopted for pre-sale contracts entered into after 1 January 2005.

#### (j) Presentation changes (HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements)

#### (i) Minority interests

In prior years, minority interests at the balance sheet date were presented in the consolidated balance sheet separately from liabilities and as deduction from net assets. Minority interests in the results of the Group for the year were also separately presented in the income statement as a deduction before arriving at the profit attributable to shareholders.

With effect from 1 July 2005, in order to comply with HKAS 1 and HKAS 27, minority interests at the balance sheet date are presented in the consolidated balance sheet within equity, separately from the equity attributable to the shareholders of the Company, and minority interests in the results of the Group for the year are presented on the face of the consolidated income statement as an allocation of the total profit or loss for the year between the minority interests and the shareholders of the Company.

The presentation of minority interests in the consolidated balance sheet, income statement and statement of changes in equity for the comparative period has been restated accordingly.

#### (ii) Presentation of shares of associates' and jointly controlled entities' taxation

In prior years, the Group's share of taxation of associates and jointly controlled entities accounted for using the equity method was included as part of the Group's income tax in the consolidated income statement. With effect from 1 July 2005, in accordance with the implementation guidance in HKAS 1, the Group has changed the presentation and includes the share of taxation of associates and jointly controlled entities accounted for using the equity method in the respective shares of profit or loss reported in the consolidated income statement before arriving at the Group's profit or loss before tax. These changes in presentation have been applied retrospectively with comparatives restated.

#### (iii) Reclassification of comparative information

Certain items in turnover, other revenue and other net income have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

#### (k) Definition of related parties (HKAS 24, Related party disclosures)

As a result of the adoption of HKAS 24, the definition of related parties has been expanded to clarify that related parties include entities that are under the significant influence of a related party that is an individual (i.e. key management personnel, significant shareholders and/or their close family members) and post-employment benefit plans which are for the benefit of employees of the Group or of any entity that is related party of the Group. The clarification of the definition of related parties has not resulted in any material changes to the previously reported disclosures of related party transactions nor has it had any material effect on the disclosures made in the current period, as compared to those that would have been reported had SSAP 20, Related party disclosures, still been in effect.

### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

# (I) Non-current assets/liabilities held for sale (HKFRS 5, Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations)

With effect from 1 July 2005, in order to comply with HKFRS 5, non-current assets/liabilities held for sale are presented separately from other assets/liabilities on the face of the balance sheet. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the measurement of the relevant assets (or all assets and liabilities in a disposal group) is brought up-to-date in accordance with applicable HKFRSs. Then on initial classification as held for sale, non-current assets and disposal groups are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Any differences are taken to the income statement.

### 5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's major financial instruments include cash and short term funds, equities, debt securities and other investments, derivative financial instruments, trade and other receivables and borrowings. The Group's activities expose it to credit risk, foreign currency risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and other pricing risk. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below.

#### (a) Credit risk

The Group's credit risks are primarily attributable to bank deposits, debt securities, derivative financial instruments and trade and other receivables. Management has a credit policy in place and the exposures to these credit risks are monitored on an ongoing basis.

The Group's bank deposits are only deposited in and debt securities are only purchased from counterparties which have high credit quality. Transactions involving derivative financial instruments are with counterparties with sound credit ratings. The Group has limits for exposures to individual counterparty and country to manage concentration risk.

The Group's credit exposure in property business is minimal as customers mostly fund their purchases of residential housing units with mortgaged home loans from independent financial institutions.

#### (b) Foreign currency risk

Structural foreign currency positions arise mainly on overseas investments in Singapore, Malaysia, PRC and United Kingdom. Currency exposure to these overseas investments is managed primarily at the Group level with the principal objective of ensuring that the Group's reserves are protected from exchange rate fluctuations.

The Group has entered into foreign exchange rate related contracts, which are primarily over-the-counter derivatives, for hedging foreign currency exposures or dealing purposes. All foreign currency positions are tightly managed and monitored within approved limits.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity is managed on a daily basis by the treasury and finance departments. They are responsible for ensuring that the Group has adequate liquidity for all operations, ensuring that the funding mix is appropriate so as to avoid maturity mismatches. The Group manages liquidity risk by holding sufficient liquid assets of appropriate quality to ensure that short term funding requirements are covered within prudent limits.

#### (d) Interest rate risk

The Group's interest rate positions arise from treasury activities and borrowings. Interest rate risk is managed by the treasury department within approved limits. The Group also uses interest rate swaps and other derivatives to manage interest rate risk. For details of the interest rates and repricing analysis, please refer to note 41.

## 5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (e) Other pricing risk

The Group has invested in listed equity securities and they are measured at fair value at each balance sheet date. Therefore, the Group is exposed to equity price risk. Management will monitor the price movements and take appropriate actions when it is required.

#### 6. TURNOVER

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries which materially affected the results or assets of the Group during the year include proprietary asset management, property development and investment, stock and commodities broking, investment advisory and hotel investment and management.

An analysis of the amount of each significant category of revenue recognised as turnover during the year is as follows:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Proceeds from sale of investments in securities	5,111,197	1,535,110	
Income from sale of properties	152,797	240,400	
Revenue from hotel operations	244,436	-	
Interest income			
– from listed securities	1,505	669	
– others	101,043	67,707	
Dividend income	32,396	33,378	
Gross insurance premiums	-	10,805	
Rental income from properties	9,406	11,424	
Security commission and brokerage	6,541	5,197	
Other income	693	371	
	5,660,014	1,905,061	

## 7. OTHER REVENUE AND NET INCOME

### (a) Other revenue

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Sublease income	2,405	_	
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	12,042	-	
Others	3,558	2,736	
	18,005	2,736	

### (b) Other net income

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Net unrealised gains on trading financial assets	35,976	37,892	
Net exchange (losses)/gains on FX contracts	(2,083)	12,146	
Other exchange gains	6,276	37,022	
Net (losses)/profits on disposal of fixed assets	(7,867)	59	
Real estate tax rebate income	4,280	-	
Cash distributions of investments	10,347	-	
Others	459	2,082	
	47,388	89,201	

## 8. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION

Profit for the year before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

### (a) Finance cost

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Interest on bank advances and other borrowings			
wholly repayable within five years	27,434	14,475	
Other borrowing costs	33,803		
Total borrowing costs	61,237	15,761	
Less: borrowing costs capitalised into development properties (Note)	(11,967)	(6,920)	
	49,270	8,841	

Note: The borrowing costs have been capitalised at rates of 2.99% to 5.38% per annum (2005: 1.99% to 3.57%).

### (b) Staff cost

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	1,133	906	
Expenses recognised in respect of defined benefit retirement plans	1,286	-	
Retirement costs	2,419	906	
Equity settled share-based payment expenses	417	153	
Salaries, wages and other benefits	101,812	18,646	
	104,648	19,705	

## 8. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION (Cont'd)

#### (c) Other items

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Depreciation	21,117	1,569	
Amortisation of Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	4,224	-	
Operating lease charges			
– properties	1,095	873	
– others	1,799	6	
Amortisation of goodwill included in share of profits less losses of associates	-	1,724	
Auditors' remuneration			
– audit services	771	385	
– tax services	157	29	
– other services	88	15	
Donations	320	162	
Recognition of negative goodwill	(37,226)	(28,251)	
Amortisation of negative goodwill included in share			
of profits less losses of associates	-	(13,222)	
Amortisation of negative goodwill	-	(8,899)	
Gross rental income from investment properties	(6,072)	(7,544)	
Less: direct outgoings	481	2,058	
Net rental income	(5,591)	(5,486)	
Share of profits less losses of associates:			
- listed	(43,336)	(47,967)	
– unlisted	(24,700)	(9,016)	
	(68,036)	(56,983)	
Share of associates' taxation	4,006	11,809	
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity:			
– unlisted	(20,652)	(7,644)	

## 9. TAXATION

#### (a) Tax income/(expenses) in the consolidated income statement represents:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Current tax – Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax			
Tax for the year	(13,451)	(5,130)	
Over-provision in respect of prior years	713	3	
	(12,738)	(5,127)	
Current tax – Overseas			
Tax for the year	(15,199)	(16,647)	
Over-provision in respect of prior years	4,933	744	
	(10,266)	(15,903)	
Deferred tax			
Over-provision in respect of prior years	32,240	-	
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	8,801	1,117	
Utilisation of deferred tax asset in relation to tax losses	(21)	-	
	41,020	1,117	
	18,016	(19,913)	

The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2005: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the year ended 30 June 2006. Taxation for overseas subsidiaries is similarly charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant countries.

## 9. TAXATION (Cont'd)

#### (b) Reconciliation between tax income/(expense) and accounting profit at applicable tax rates

	The Group				
	2006		2005		
			(Restated)		
	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	%	
Profit before tax	760,861		463,067		
Notional tax on profit before tax,					
calculated at the rates applicable to					
profits in the countries concerned	(130,563)	(17.1)	(88,992)	(19.2)	
Deferred tax benefit not recognised	(696)	(0.1)	-	-	
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	(14,226)	(1.9)	(6,773)	(1.5)	
Tax effect of non-taxable revenue	127,429	16.7	73,505	15.9	
Tax effect of unused tax losses not recognised	(5,279)	(0.7)	(2,523)	(0.5)	
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses					
not previously recognised	10,851	1.4	3,435	0.7	
Reversal of temporary differences not					
accounted for in previous years	127	-	610	0.1	
Overprovision in prior years	37,886	5.0	747	0.2	
Others	(7,513)	(1.0)	78		
Actual taxation	18,016	2.3	(19,913)	(4.3)	

### (c) Taxation in the balance sheet represents:

	The O	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Hong Kong Profits Tax	15,558	7,709
Overseas taxation	20,593	23,901
Taxation payable	36,151	31,610
Amount of taxation payable expected to be settled after more than 1 year	1,535	8,375

### **10. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

Directors' emoluments comprises payments to Directors by the Company and its subsidiaries in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries. The amounts paid to each Director of the Company for the year ended June 2006 are as below:

	The Group				
		Salaries,			
		allowances			2006
		and benefits	Discretionary	Pension	Total
Name	Fees	in kind	bonuses	contributions	emoluments
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Quek Leng Chan	85	164	_	_	249
Kwek Leng Hai	86	652	3,673	48	4,459
Sat Pal Khatter **	68	-	-	_	68
Kwek Leng San *	26	-	-	_	26
Tan Lim Heng	26	379	253	22	680
James Eng, Jr.	26	455	258	2	741
Harry Richard Wilkinson **	39	_	-	-	39
Volker Stoeckel **	36	_	_	-	36
	392	1,650	4,184	72	6,298

				The Group		
			Salaries,			
			allowances			2005
			and benefits	Discretionary	Pension	Total
Name		Fees	in kind	bonuses	contributions	emoluments
		US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Quek Leng Chan		47	154	_	-	201
Kwek Leng Hai		53	683	3,654	48	4,438
Sat Pal Khatter **		60	-	-	-	60
Kwek Leng San *		26	-	-	-	26
Tan Lim Heng		26	379	64	22	491
James Eng, Jr.		26	475	206	2	709
Harry Richard Wilkinson **		39	-	-	-	39
Volker Stoeckel **		28	-	-	-	28
Jamal Al-Babtain *	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tung Hsi Hui, Frank **	2	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Anthony Wakefield *	3	-	-	-	-	-
		305	1,691	3,924	72	5,992

Notes:

- 1 Resigned with effect from 7 May 2004
- 2 Resigned with effect from 14 November 2003
- 3 Resigned with effect from 12 November 2003
- \* Non-executive director
- \*\* Independent non-executive director

### **11. EMOLUMENTS OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS**

Among the five highest paid individuals of the Group, one (2005: three) is a director whose remuneration is disclosed in Note 10. The remuneration of the other four (2005: two) individuals is as follows:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	1,759	757	
Discretionary bonuses	3,276	337	
Share-based payments	158	-	
Pension contributions	31	29	
	5,224	1,123	

The number of individuals whose remuneration falls within the following bands is :

		The Group		
	:	<b>2006</b> 200		
	Numbe	er of	Number of	
US\$	individ	uals	individuals	
400,001 – 450,000		_	1	
700,001 – 750,000		-	1	
950,001 – 1,000,000		1	-	
1,200,001 – 1,300,000		1	-	
1,300,001 – 1,400,000		1	-	
1,700,001 – 1,750,000		1	-	
		4	2	

### 12. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of the Company includes a profit of US\$354,954,000 (2005 restated: US\$169,484,000) which has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company.

## 13. DIVIDENDS

	The Group		The O	Company
	<b>2006</b> 200		2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
2005: Final dividend paid of HK\$3.00 per share				
(2004: HK\$2.60 per share)	125,981	109,836	127,250	109,836
2006: Interim dividend paid of HK\$1.00 per share				
(2005: HK\$0.80 per share)	41,961	33,753	42,410	33,753
	167,942	143,589	169,660	143,589
2006: Proposed final dividend of HK\$3.00 per share				
(2005: HK\$3.00 per share)	127,125	127,014	127,125	127,014
2006: Proposed special dividend of HK\$1.00 per share				
(2005: Nil)	42,375	-	42,375	-

The proposed final dividend and special dividend for the year ended 30 June 2006 of US\$127,125,000 (2005: US\$127,014,000) and US\$42,375,000 (2005: Nil) respectively are calculated based on 329,051,373 ordinary shares (2005: 329,051,373 ordinary shares) in issue as at 30 June 2006.

### 14. EARNINGS PER SHARE

#### (a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of US\$725,876,000 (2005 restated: US\$415,476,000) and the weighted average number of 327,317,936 ordinary shares (2005: 328,923,149 ordinary shares) in issue during the year.

#### (b) Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of US\$724,767,000 (2005 restated: US\$415,360,000) and the weighted average number of 327,317,936 ordinary shares (2005: 328,923,149 ordinary shares) in issue during the year after adjusting for the effect of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

### **15. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business and geographical segments. Business segment information is chosen as the primary reporting format because that is more relevant to the Group's internal financial reporting.

#### **Business Segments**

#### For the year ended 30 June 2006

	Proprietary asset management US\$'000	Property development US\$'000	Property investment US\$'000	Securities, commodities and brokerage US\$'000	Hotel operations US\$'000	Oil and gas US\$'000	Inter-segment elimination US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Turnover Inter-segment turnover	5,243,989 76,867	152,797 -	9,644 619	9,148 646	244,436 _	-	- (78,132)	5,660,014 _
	5,320,856	152,797	10,263	9,794	244,436	-	(78,132)	5,660,014
Contribution from operations	636,455	7,394	16,027	4,185	(10,796)	7,743	-	661,008
Unallocated income Unallocated expenses							_	43,724 (22,387)
Profit from operations before finance cost Finance cost								682,345 (49,270)
Profit from operations Impairment loss write back							_	633,075
on properties Valuation gains on	-	16,186	-	-	-	-	-	16,186
investment properties Share of profits less losses	-	-	22,912	-	-	-	-	22,912
of associates Share of profit of a	45,683	8,293	-	-	14,060	-	-	68,036
jointly controlled entity	-	20,652	-	-	-	-		20,652
Profit for the year before taxation Taxation							_	760,861 18,016
Profit for the year								778,877

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

#### **Business Segments (Cont'd)**

#### For the year ended 30 June 2005 (Restated)

	Proprietary			Securities,					
	asset	Property	Property	commodities	(Note)	Hotel	Oil and	Inter-segment	
I	management	development	investment	and brokerage	Insurance	operations	gas	elimination	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Turnover	1,635,338	240,400	12,034	6,267	11,022				1,905,061
	19,063	240,400	491	204	11,022	-	-	(19,775)	1,905,001
Inter-segment turnover	19,005		491	204	17			(19,775)	
	1,654,401	240,400	12,525	6,471	11,039	-	-	(19,775)	1,905,061
Contribution from operations	299,640	41,916	5,118	910	275	_	_	_	347,859
Unallocated income			-,						35,560
Unallocated expenses									(14,777)
								_	
Profit from operations before finance cost									368,642
Finance cost								_	(8,841)
Profit from operations									359,801
Impairment loss on properties	-	(1,408)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,408)
Valuation gains on investment properties	-	-	10,355	-	-	-	-	-	10,355
Profit on disposal of a subsidiary									1,133
Provision write back on amount due from									
a jointly controlled entity	-	14,897	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,897
Net profit on disposal of investment proper	rties –	-	13,662	-	-	-	-	-	13,662
Share of profits less losses of associates	36,914	20,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,983
Share of profit of a jointly controlled entity	-	7,644	-	-	-	-	-		7,644
Profit for the year before taxation									463,067
Taxation								_	(19,913)
Profit for the year								_	443,154

Note: The Group has disposed of the entire interest in Dao Heng Insurance Co., Limited in 2005.

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

### **Business Segments (Cont'd)**

Assets and liabilities

As at 30 June 2006	Proprietary asset management US\$'000	Property development US\$'000	(Note) Property investment US\$'000	Securities, commodities and brokerage US\$'000	Hotel operations US\$'000	Oil and gas US\$'000	Other operations US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Segment assets Interest in associates Interest in jointly controlled entities Unallocated assets Total assets	3,700,397 246,507 754	1,308,939 13,030 57,364	334,012 _ _	30,679 _ _	1,478,107 203 –	125,939 _ _	_ _ 51,657 	6,978,073 259,740 109,775 123,138 7,470,726
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities Total liabilities	140,786	745,339	32,893	13,162	608,861	324	-	1,541,365 208,970 1,750,335
As at 30 June 2005 (restated)							_	
Segment assets Interest in associates Interest in jointly controlled entities Unallocated assets	3,551,923 466,972 –	734,259 86,450 12,651	261,369 - -	24,391 _ _	-	-	-	4,571,942 553,422 12,651 52,997
Total assets								5,191,012
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities Total liabilities	24,007	363,342	5,148	9,001	-	-	-	401,498 253,784 655,282

Note: US\$88,150,000 assets held for sale has been presented in the property investment segment as at 30 June 2006.

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

### **Business Segments (Cont'd)**

Other information

	Proprietary asset management US\$'000	Property development US\$'000	Property investment US\$'000	Securities, commodities and brokerage US\$'000	Insurance US\$'000	Hotel operations US\$'000	Oil and gas US\$'000	Total US\$'000
2006 Capital expenditure								
incurred during the year	925	225	-	333	-	13,722	-	15,205
Depreciation and amortisation for the year	875	216	-	77	-	19,949	4,224	25,341
2005								
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	304	288	-	82	91	-	-	765
Depreciation and amortisation for the year	(6,233)	(13,010)	-	177	238	-	-	(18,828)

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

### **Geographical Segments**

	Turnover		Profit from	operations	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	
		(Restated)		(Restated)	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Hong Kong	5,112,837	1,646,969	577,039	264,676	
United Kingdom	244,436	-	(40,973)	-	
Singapore	211,879	120,940	55,405	26,970	
The People's Republic of China ("PRC")	78,376	136,845	4,709	40,508	
USA	11,945	-	1,227	-	
Australasia	369	-	5,275	-	
Malaysia	166	97	21,293	27,203	
Asia (excluding Hong Kong, Singapore,					
PRC and Malaysia)	6	210	9,100	444	
	5,660,014	1,905,061	633,075	359,801	

	Segment assets		Capital ex	openditure	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	
		(Restated)			
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Hong Kong	3,732,431	3,588,455	452	229	
United Kingdom	1,423,200	-	13,722	-	
Singapore	870,580	1,050,755	820	326	
The People's Republic of China ("PRC")	504,772	210,067	198	210	
USA	218,856	-	-	-	
Australasia	170,474	-	-	-	
Malaysia	499,292	318,823	-	-	
Asia (excluding Hong Kong, Singapore,					
PRC and Malaysia)	51,121	22,912	13	-	
	7,470,726	5,191,012	15,205	765	

## **16. FIXED ASSETS**

	The Group					
				Furniture,	Other	
		Interests in	Freehold land	fixtures	property,	
	Investment	leasehold land	and	and	plant and	
	properties	and buildings	buildings	equipment	equipment	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Cost or valuation						
At 1 July 2004	229,909	24,093	-	9,730	33,823	263,732
Additions	-	6	-	759	765	765
Disposals	(25,602)	(5,508)	-	(3,697)	(9,205)	(34,807
Surplus on revaluation	10,355	-	-	-	-	10,355
Exchange adjustments	4,018	28	-	85	113	4,131
At 30 June 2005	218,680	18,619	-	6,877	25,496	244,176
Representing:						
Cost	-	18,619	-	6,877	25,496	25,496
Valuation – 2005	218,680	-	-	-	-	218,680
	218,680	18,619	-	6,877	25,496	244,176
Cost or valuation						
At 1 July 2005	218,680	18,619	-	6,877	25,496	244,176
Additions through acquisition of subsidiaries	29,104	805,825	471,430	382,976	1,660,231	1,689,335
Additions	-	3,949	383	10,873	15,205	15,205
Disposals	-	-	-	(10,168)	(10,168)	(10,168)
Transfer to assets held for sale	(88,150)	-	-	-	-	(88,150)
Surplus on revaluation	22,912	-	-	-	-	22,912
Exchange adjustments	11,780	30,311	16,742	14,867	61,920	73,700
At 30 June 2006	194,326	858,704	488,555	405,425	1,752,684	1,947,010
Representing:						
Cost	-	858,704	488,555	405,425	1,752,684	1,752,684
Valuation – 2006	194,326	-	-	-	-	194,326
	194,326	858,704	488,555	405,425	1,752,684	1,947,010

### 16. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

	The Group						
				Furniture,	Other		
		Interests in	Freehold land	fixtures	property,		
	Investment	leasehold land	and	and	plant and		
	properties	and buildings	buildings	equipment	equipment	Total	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Accumulated amortisation and depreciation:							
At 1 July 2004	-	10,252	-	7,305	17,557	17,557	
Charge for the year	-	439	-	1,130	1,569	1,569	
Written back on disposals	-	(2,001)	-	(3,116)	(5,117)	(5,117)	
Exchange adjustments	-	15	-	60	75	75	
At 30 June 2005	-	8,705	-	5,379	14,084	14,084	
At 1 July 2005	-	8,705	-	5,379	14,084	14,084	
Additions through acquisition of subsidiaries	-	20,792	2,653	244,801	268,246	268,246	
Charge for the year	-	1,091	264	19,762	21,117	21,117	
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	(2,014)	(2,014)	(2,014)	
Exchange adjustments	-	877	113	10,300	11,290	11,290	
At 30 June 2006	-	31,465	3,030	278,228	312,723	312,723	
Net book value:							
At 30 June 2006	194,326	827,239	485,525	127,197	1,439,961	1,634,287	
At 30 June 2005	218,680	9,914	-	1,498	11,412	230,092	

(a) The analysis of net book value of properties is as follows:

	The G	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
In Hong Kong:		
– Leasehold with over 50 years unexpired	18,028	16,733
- Leasehold with between 10 to 50 years unexpired	36,732	29,009
- Leasehold with less than 10 years unexpired	8	10
Outside Hong Kong:		
- Leasehold with over 50 years unexpired	952,563	182,842
- Leasehold with between 10 to 50 years unexpired	4,170	-
– Freehold	495,589	-
	1,507,090	228,594

(b) The Group's investment properties are located in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia. The properties which are located in Singapore were valued on an open market basis as at 30 June 2006 by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung (SEA) Pte Ltd, an independent firm of professional valuers, who are members of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers. The properties in Malaysia were revalued on a market value basis as at 30 April 2006 by KS Dhillon, a firm which is registered with the Board of Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents, Malaysia. The properties in Hong Kong were revalued on an open market basis as at 30 June 2006 by CB Richard Ellis Limited, an independent firm of professional valuers, who are members of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

### 16. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

- (c) Certain of the Group's properties with a book value of US\$993.7 million (2005: US\$74 million) were pledged for bank loans and mortgage debenture stock.
- (d) The Group leases out investment properties under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of one to three years. None of the leases includes contingent rentals. The gross carrying amounts of investment properties of the Group held for use in operating leases were US\$194,326,000 (2005: US\$218,680,000).
- (e) All properties held under operating leases that would otherwise meet the definition of investment properties are classified as investment properties.

## **17. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE**

In June 2006, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement to sell Robinson Centre for a consideration of US\$93 million. The sale was completed in July 2006.

As at 30 June 2006, the investment property was valued at US\$88 million based on the sale consideration net of the provision for a property income undertaking for a yield of 4.5% on the property in favour of the purchaser. The investment property was pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

## 18. BASS STRAIT OIL AND GAS ROYALTY

	The Group
	US\$'000
Cost	
At 1 July 2005	-
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	144,345
Exchange adjustments	(3,776)
At 30 June 2006	140,569
Amortisation	
At 1 July 2005	-
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	18,523
Charge for the year	4,224
Exchange adjustments	(483)
At 30 June 2006	22,264
Net book value	
At 30 June 2006	118,305
At 30 June 2005	-

The Bass Strait oil and gas royalty represents the Group's interest in the Bass Strait Oil Trust. The amortisation charge for the year is included in administrative and other operating expenses in the consolidated income statement.

### **19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES**

	The Co	The Company		
	2006	2005		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Unlisted shares	25,236	22,502		
Amounts due from subsidiaries	890,526	978,329		
	915,762	1,000,831		

### (a) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Hong Kong are as follows:

	Issued and paid up	Percent held by			
Name of Company	ordinary share capital	Company	Group	Principal activities	
Asia Fountain Investment Company Limited	2 shares of HK\$10 each	-	100	Investment trading	
BIL (Far East Holdings) Limited	635,855,324 shares of HK\$1 each	-	43	Investment holding	
Dao Heng Commodities Limited	100,000 shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Commodities broking	
Dao Heng Enterprises Limited	23,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding	
Dao Heng Securities Limited	120,000 shares of HK\$100 each	-	100	Stockbroking and securities trading	
Guoco Management Company Limited	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100	100	Provision of general management services	
Guoco Investments (China) Limited	10,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding	

### (b) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Singapore are as follows:

	Issued and paid up	Percent held by		
Name of Company	ordinary share capital	Company	Group	Principal activities
BIL Management Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	43	Management company
Branmil Holdings Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Chelford Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Cheltenham Investments Pte Ltd	500,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Da Zhong Investment Pte Ltd	4,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Elias Development Pte Ltd	7,500,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
Everian Holdings Pte Ltd	32,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
Fasidon Holdings Pte Ltd	77,112,700 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development

## 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

## (b) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Singapore are as follows: (Cont'd)

Name of Company	Issued and paid up ordinary share capital	Percentage held by the		
		Company	Group	Principal activities
FCC Equities Pte Ltd	4,500,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding and trading
FCC Holdings Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
FCC Net Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
First Bedok Land Pte Ltd	101,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
First Capital Asia Land Pte Ltd	88,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property Investment
First Capital Asia Pte Ltd	19,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
First Capital Assets Pte Ltd	15,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
First Capital Development Pte Ltd	1,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property investment
First Capital Realty Pte Ltd	30,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
First Coventry Development Pte Ltd	17,830,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
First Garden Development Pte Ltd	80,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	58	Property development
First Meyer Development Pte Ltd	118,930,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
GLL Land Pte Ltd	70,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property investment
GLL (Malaysia) Pte Ltd	58,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding and trading
Guoco Assets Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
Guoco Investment Pte Ltd	20,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
Guoco Investment Services Pte Ltd	50,000 shares of S\$1 each	100	100	Provision of investment advisory services
Guoco Property Management Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property management
GuocoLand Limited	665,647,468 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
GuocoLand Management Pte Ltd	500,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Provision of management services
GuocoLand Property Management Pte Ltd	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property management, marketing and maintenance services
GuocoLand (Singapore) Pte Ltd	100,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding

#### 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

#### (b) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Singapore are as follows: (Cont'd)

	Percentage			
	Issued and paid up	held by	the	
Name of Company	ordinary share capital	Company	Group	Principal activities
GuocoLand Vietnam (S) Pte Ltd (formerly known as Alphington Pte Ltd)	1 share of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Leonie Land Pte Ltd	19,310,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development
My Home Online Pte Ltd	10 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Provider of internet commerce services
Sanctuary Land Pte Ltd	60,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	58	Property development
Winterhall Pte Ltd	71,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Property development

#### (c) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Malaysia are as follows:

	Issued and paid up	Percent held by	-	
Name of Company	ordinary share capital	Company	Group	Principal activities
Bedford Development Sdn. Bhd.	88,499,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Investment holding and property development
Bedford Industrial Development Sdn. Bhd.	8,870,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Property development
Bedford Land Sdn. Bhd.	90,000,000 shares of – 43 RM1 each		Investment holding	
BLV Fashions Sdn. Bhd.	37,300,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Property investment
Camerlin Group Berhad	392,959,802 shares of RM1 each	-	69	Investment holding
Guobena Development Sdn. Bhd.	46,000,000 shares of RM0.80 each			Property investment
Guoco Assets Sdn. Bhd.	2 shares of RM1 each	100	100	Investment holding
GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad	700,458,418 shares of RM0.5 each	- 43		Investment holding
Guoman Hotel & Resort Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	277,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	49	Investment holding
Guoman International Sdn. Bhd.	4,600,000 shares of of RM1 each	-	49	Provision of technical and management services

### 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

### (c) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in Malaysia are as follows: (Cont'd)

	Issued and paid up	Percen held by	-	
Name of Company	ordinary share capital	Company	Group	Principal activities
GLM REIT Management Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as Premiumview Development Sdn. Bhd.)	1,000,000 shares of of RM1 each	-	43	Provision of management services
HL Bandar Sdn. Bhd.	30,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Property investment
HLL Overseas Limited	100 shares of GBP1 each	-	43	Investment holding and trading in securities
HLP Equities Sdn. Bhd.	370,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Investment holding
Hong Leong Housing Sdn. Bhd.	20,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Provision of construction management services
Hong Leong Property Management Co Sdn. Bhd.	50,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Provision of property management services
Hong Leong Property Services Sdn. Bhd.	200,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Provision of property management services
Hong Leong Real Estate Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	160,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Investment holding
JB Parade Sdn. Bhd.	30,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	30	Investment holding and hotel operations
Kiapeng Development Sdn. Bhd.	160,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	49	Property development and property investment
Orithree Sdn. Bhd.	20,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Property development
Pembinaan Sri Jati Sdn. Bhd.	20,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Investment holding and property development
Prophills Development Sdn. Bhd.	2,500,000 shares of RM1 each	-	43	Property investment
PD Resort Sdn. Bhd.	100,000,000 shares of RM1 each	-	49	Property investment, development and hotel operations

### 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

#### (d) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in other countries are as follows:

	Country of incorporation	Issued and paid up ordinary	Percent held by	-	Principal
Name of Company	and operation	share capital	Company	Group	activities
Asian Financial Common Wealth Limited	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Provision of trustee service
Beijing Jiang Sheng Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	RMB250,000,000 (Note (ii))	-	63	Property development
Beijing Minghua Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	RMB200,000,000 (Note (ii))	-	48	Property development
BIL Asia Group Treasury Limited (Note (v))	British Virgin Islands	100 shares of NZD1 each	-	43	Financing company
BIL Australia Pty Limited	Australia	90,000,000 shares of AUD1 each	-	43	Investment holding
BIL Finance Limited	New Zealand	100 shares of NZD1 each	-	43	Investment holding
BIL International Limited	Bermuda	1,368,063,633 shares of US\$0.2 each	-	43	Hotel and property management
BIL NZ Treasury Limited	New Zealand	200,000,100 shares of NZD1 each	-	43	Investment holding
BIL (UK) Limited	United Kingdom	2 shares of GBP1 each	-	43	Investment holding
Brightspring Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
Brightwealth Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
Capital Intelligence Limited (Note (iii))	Cayman Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment trading
Checkenden Limited	British Virgin Islands	2 shares of S\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
DH Capital Management (BVI) Limited (Note (iii))	British Virgin Islands	2 shares of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
First Capital Assets (BVI) Ltd	British Virgin Islands	2 shares of US\$1 each	-	64	Investment trading
Guoco Assets (Philippines), Inc.	The Philippines	1,210,000 shares of P100 each	-	100	Investment holding

### 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

(d) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in other countries are as follows: (Cont'd)

	Country of incorporation	Issued and paid up ordinary	Percent held by	-	Principal
Name of Company	and operation	share capital	Company	Group	activities
Guoco Investment (Bermuda) Limited	Bermuda	12,000 shares of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
Guoco Securities (Bermuda) Limited (Note (iii))	Bermuda	120,000 shares of US\$0.10 each	100	100	Investment holding
GuocoLand (China) Limited	Bermuda	20,000,000 shares of US\$1 each	-	64	Investment holding
Guoman (Hanoi) Limited (Note (vi))	Jersey Channel Islands	4,000,000 shares of GBP1 each	-	49	Investment holding
Guoman Hotels Limited (Note (vi))	Bermuda	12,000,000 shares of US\$1 each	-	49	Investment holding
Guoman International Limited (Note (vi))	Jersey Channel Islands	90,000 shares of GBP1 each	-	49	Investment holding, provision of technical and management services
GL Holdings Limited (Note (iii))	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
High Glory Investment Limited	Cayman Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment holding
HLL-Guoco Vietnam Co. Limited	Vietnam	6,748,923 shares of US\$1 each	-	37	Hotel operations
Hong Way Holdings, Inc.	The Philippines	100,000 shares of P1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Ma Sing Investment Limited (Note (iv))	British Virgin Islands	407,174,860 shares of A\$1 each	-	43	Investment holding
Molokai Properties Limited	United States of America	100 shares of US\$1 each	-	43	Investment holding
Nanjing Docker Club Realestate Co. (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	RMB100,500,000 (Note (ii))	-	61	Property development
Nanjing Xinhaoning Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	US\$11,920,000 (Note (ii))	-	63	Property development
Nanjing Xinhaoxuan Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	US\$11,920,000 (Note (ii))	-	63	Property development

#### 19. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

(d) Details of the principal subsidiaries incorporated and operating in other countries are as follows: (Cont'd)

	Country of incorporation	Issued and paid up ordinary	Percent held by		Principal
Name of Company	and operation	share capital	Company	Group	activities
Oceanease Limited	Cayman Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	100	100	Investment trading
Reunification Properties Limited (Note (iii))	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Scorewell Corporation (Note (iii))	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Investment holding
Shanghai Xin Hao Long Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	US\$126,000,000 (Note (ii))	-	64	Property development
Shanghai Xin Hao Zhong Property Development Co., Ltd (Note (i))	The People's Republic of China	US\$20,000,000 (Note (ii))	-	63	Property development
Supreme Goal Investments Limited (Note (iii))	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Tabua Investments Limited	Fiji	2 shares of FJD1 each	-	43	Investment holding
Thistle Hotels Limited	United Kingdom	310,545,213 shares of GBP0.2565 each	-	43	Ownership and operation of hotels in UK
Wanchai Property Investment Limited (Note (iii) & (vii))	British Virgin Islands	500,000 shares of HK\$1 each	-	100	Property investment
Wayforward Services Limited (Note (v))	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1 each	-	43	Investment holding

Notes:

- (i) These companies have a financial year end of 31 December.
- (ii) These comprise capital contribution to the companies. These companies have a defined period of existence.
- (iii) These companies are operating in Hong Kong.
- (iv) These companies are operating in Australia.
- (v) These companies are operating in United Kingdom.
- (vi) These companies are operating in Malaysia.
- (vii) This company has issued and paid up preference share capital of 4,500,000 shares of HK\$1 each.

### **20. INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES**

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Share of net assets			
Listed shares, overseas	244,043	555,824	
Unlisted	33,269	30,496	
Goodwill	12,091	(13,207)	
	289,403	573,113	
Amounts due from associates	7,799	17,771	
	297,202	590,884	
Less: Impairment loss	(37,462)	(37,462)	
	259,740	553,422	

The market value of the listed investments at 30 June 2006 was US\$337 million (2005: US\$590 million).

Details of the principal associates are as follows:

Name of Company	Country of incorporation and operation	Issued and paid up ordinary share capital	Percentage held by the Group	Principal activities
Crawforn Pte Ltd	Singapore	1,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	26	Property development
First Capital Property Ventures Pte Ltd	Singapore	100 shares of S\$1 each	22	Investment holding
Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad (formerly known as Hong Leong Credit Berhad)	Malaysia	1,040,722,242 shares of RM1 each	26	Financial services and property development
Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines, Inc.	Philippines	3,312,989,386 shares of P0.15 each	n 40	Manufacturing, sales and distribution of beverages
Razgrad Pte Ltd	Singapore	1,000,000 shares of S\$1 each	26	Property development
Stockton Investments Pte Ltd	Singapore	10,000 shares of S\$1 each	24	Investment holding
Tiara Investment Holdings Limited	Mauritius	6,500,000 shares of US\$1 each	26	Investment holding

### 20. INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES (Cont'd)

The summarised financial information in respect of the Group's associates is set out below:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Total assets	18,055,647	18,566,738	
Total liabilities	(16,591,071)	(15,951,513)	
	1,464,576	2,615,225	
Minority interests	(468,463)	(456,325)	
Net assets	996,113	2,158,900	
Group's share of associates' net assets	277,312	586,320	
Turnover	1,184,919	1,320,875	
Profit for the year	146,226	209,704	
Group's share of associates' profits for the year	68,036	56,983	

### 21. INTEREST IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	The Group		
	<b>2006</b> 200		
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Share of net assets/(liabilities) – unlisted	106,694	(1,471)	
Amounts due from jointly controlled entities	3,081	14,122	
	109,775	12,651	

### 21. INTEREST IN JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES (Cont'd)

Details of jointly controlled entities are as follows :

Name of Company	Country of incorporation and operation	Issued and paid up ordinary share capital	Percentage held by the Group	Principal activities
Bedford Damansara Heights Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	84,000,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Investment holding
Continental Estates Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	50,600,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property development and operation of an oil palm estate
HLP Bina Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	10,000,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property construction
Kota Selatan Indah Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	30,000,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property development
Positive Properties Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	23,120,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property investment
Promakmur Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	90,000,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property development
Putrajaya Properties Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	200,000,000 shares of RM0.4 each	22	Investment holding
Sabna Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	50,000,000 shares of RM1 each	22	Property development
Vintage Heights Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	140,000,000 shares of RM1 each	20	Property development and operation of an oil palm estate

Summary financial information on jointly controlled entities - Group's effective interest:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Non-current assets	1,863	_	
Current assets	160,469	32,227	
Non-current liabilities	(29,928)	(33,698)	
Current liabilities	(25,710)	-	
Net assets	106,694	(1,471)	
Income	35,521	47,197	
Expenses	(14,869)	(39,553)	
Profit for the year	20,652	7,644	

#### 22. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

- (a) On 21 October 2005, the Group acquired 21.0% of the issued share capital of BIL International Limited ("BIL"). After the acquisition, BIL became a 50.5% owned and controlled subsidiary of the Group. BIL is an international investment company with a global portfolio of investments. The BIL Group's current key investments are in: (i) Thistle Hotels, a hotel chain in the United Kingdom; (ii) development properties on the island of Molokai in Hawaii; (iii) resorts and development properties in Denarau Fiji, and (iv) the 2.5% royalty on the gross value of all hydrocarbons, liquid or gas produced and recovered in designated areas within Australia's Bass Strait. BIL contributed US\$279,334,000 turnover and US\$10,056,000 to the Group's profit for the year attributable to shareholders of the Company since acquisition to the balance sheet date.
- (b) On 31 March 2006, the Group acquired 60.6% effective interest in Nanjing Docker Club Realestate Co. Ltd. ("NDCR") for a total cash consideration of US\$18,774,000. For the three months to 30 June 2006, NDCR contributed a net loss of US\$6,000 to the profit for the year attributable to shareholders of the Company.
- (c) On 27 April 2006, the Group announced a mandatory general offer ("Offer") to acquire the shares in GuocoLand (Malaysia) Berhad ("GLM"), a company listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") for a cash consideration of RM0.78 per offer share. As at 7 June 2006, the closing date of the Offer, the Group had received valid acceptances in respect of 73,532,963 shares. Together with shares acquired through market transactions on Bursa Securities during the financial year, the Group has acquired a total of 142,888,263 shares in GLM for a total cash consideration of US\$30,049,000. The principal activities of the GLM group comprise the development and investment of residential and commercial properties, mostly in Malaysia. For the financial year ended 30 June 2006, GLM contributed US\$1,374,000 to the profit for the year attributable to shareholders of the Company.
- (d) The above acquisitions have been accounted for by the purchase method of accounting. The negative goodwill is recognised in the administrative and other operating expenses.

### 22. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES (Cont'd)

The net assets acquired in the above acquisitions and the negative goodwill arising are as follows:

	Acquirees' carrying value	Fair value	Acquirees' fair value
	before combination	adjustment	before combination
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Net assets acquired:			
Property, plant and equipment	1,372,446	19,539	1,391,985
Goodwill on consolidation	670	-	670
Investment properties	29,104	-	29,104
Development properties	260,149	30,878	291,027
Bass Strait oil & gas royalties	125,822	-	125,822
Interest in associates and jointly-controlled entities	100,837	2,130	102,967
Investments	47,024	-	47,024
Deferred tax assets	230	-	230
Properties held for sale	2,104	20	2,124
Trade and other receivables	85,248	-	85,248
Cash and short term funds	55,886	-	55,886
Bank loans and borrowings	(537,313)	-	(537,313)
Trade and other payables	(99,480)	(283)	(99,763)
Taxation	(8,589)	-	(8,589)
Provisions	(34,368)	-	(34,368)
Deferred tax liabilities	(164,716)	(843)	(165,559)
Minority interests	(14,953)	-	(14,953)
Net identifiable assets and liabilities	1,220,101	51,441	1,271,542
Share of interests relating to previously held associate	25		(408,943)
Share of minority interests			(569,510)
Net identifiable assets and liabilities acquired			293,089
Negative goodwill arising from acquisition			(31,556)
Total consideration			261,533
Total consideration satisfied by:			
Cash			260,606
Other payables			927
			261,533

If the above acquisitions had occurred on 1 July 2005, total Group turnover would have been US\$5,771,817,000 and profit for the year attributable to shareholders of the Company would have been US\$730,595,000 for the year ended 30 June 2006.

### 23. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	The Group		The Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Equity securities				
– Listed outside Hong Kong	12,082	-	-	-
– Unlisted	1,524	-	-	-
	13,606	-	_	-
Club and other debentures	1,672	-	203	-
	15,278	-	203	-
Market value of listed equity securities	12,082	-	_	-

As as 1 July 2005, following the adoption of HKAS 39, all other non-current financial assets (note 24) held by the Group and the Company with fair value of US\$93 million and US\$0.2 million respectively have been reclassified to available-for-sale financial assets.

### 24. OTHER NON-CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS

	The Group	The Company
	2005	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Equity securities		
– Listed outside Hong Kong	65,674	-
– Unlisted	4,022	
	69,696	-
Club and other debentures	488	203
	70,184	203
Market value of listed equity securities	88,475	-

As at 30 June 2005, certain listed other non-current financial assets with total carrying value of US\$49.1 million were pledged with banks to secure short-term bank loan facilities.

As at 1 July 2005, following the adoption of HKAS 39, other non-current financial assets held by the Group and the Company with carrying value of US\$70.1 million and US\$0.2 million respectively have been reclassified to available-for-sale financial assets.

### 25. GOODWILL

	<b>The Group</b> US\$'000
Cost :	
At 1 July 2004	(24,332)
Addition during the year	(2,060)
At 30 June 2005 and 1 July 2005	(26,392)
Opening balance adjustment to transfer to the retained profits	26,392
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	670
Addition during the year	710
	27,772
At 30 June 2006	1,380
Accumulated amortisation:	
At 1 July 2004	(9,625)
Amortisation for the year	(8,899)
At 30 June 2005 and 1 July 2005	(18,524)
Opening balance adjustment to transfer to the retained profits	18,524
At 30 June 2006	
Carrying amount:	
At 30 June 2006	1,380
At 30 June 2005	(7,868)

The Group has adopted HKFRS 3, Business Combinations, whereby the negative goodwill as at 1 July 2005 has been transferred with a corresponding adjustment to the retained profits.

### **26. DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES**

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Cost as at 30 June	1,277,216	597,199	
Add: Attributable profit/(loss)	3,604	(22,585)	
Less: Impairment loss	(33,057)	(76,872)	
Less: Progress instalments received and receivable	(290,424)	(85,809)	
	957,339	411,933	

The carrying amounts of development properties were written down based on their estimated selling prices.

Certain of the Group's development properties with an original book value of US\$367.6 million (2005: US\$443.8 million) were pledged for bank loans and mortgage debenture stock.

#### **27. PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE**

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
As at 1 July	149,039	59,366	
Additions through acquisition of subsidiaries	2,124	-	
Transfer from development properties	3,289	99,739	
Disposals	(89,969)	(10,738)	
	64,483	148,367	
Add: Realised loss written off against allowance	1,737	_	
Write back for foreseeable loss	523	672	
Exchange adjustment	9,089	-	
As at 30 June	75,832	149,039	

### 28. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	The Group		The Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Trade debtors	184,981	103,449	_	-
Deposits and prepayments	79,586	18,753	39	197
Derivative financial instruments, at fair value	1,172	1,658	-	-
Interest receivable	12,872	7,312	10,166	6,927
	278,611	131,172	10,205	7,124

Included in the Group's trade and other receivables are amounts of US\$8.4 million (2005: US\$3.3 million) which are expected to be recovered after more than one year.

Included in trade and other receivables are trade debtors with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Current	175,853	103,218	
1 to 3 months overdue	4,866	18	
More than 3 months overdue but less than 12 months overdue	4,262	213	
	184,981	103,449	

Trade and other receivables, which are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity, are mainly denominated in British pound, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, Malaysian Ringgit and Renminbi.

### **29. TRADING FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Trading securities:			
Debt securities			
Listed (at market value)			
– In Hong Kong	-	-	
– Outside Hong Kong	38,951	-	
	38,951	-	
Unlisted	20,196	-	
	59,147		
Equity securities			
Listed (at market value)			
– In Hong Kong	47,157	-	
– Outside Hong Kong	390,986	-	
	438,143	-	
Unit trust			
Listed (at market value)	-	-	
Unlisted	12,047	-	
	12,047	-	
	509,337	-	

As at 1 July 2005, following the adoption of HKAS 39, all other investments in securities (note 30) with fair value of US\$606.6 million have been reclassified to trading financial assets.

### **30. OTHER INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES**

	The Group
	2005
	US\$'000
Debt securities	
Listed (at market value)	
– In Hong Kong	-
– Outside Hong Kong	74
	74
Unlisted	15,000
	15,074
Equity securities	
Listed (at market value)	
– In Hong Kong	99,902
– Outside Hong Kong	426,093
	525,995
Unlisted	44,293
	570,288
Unit trust	
Listed (at market value)	20,607
Unlisted	600
	21,207
	606,569

As at 1 July 2005, following the adoption of HKAS 39, all other investments in securities with carrying value of US\$606.6 million have been reclassified to trading financial assets.

### **31. CASH AND SHORT TERM FUNDS**

	The Group		The Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Deposits with banks	3,338,232	2,945,116	3,000,165	2,687,774
Cash at bank and in hand	83,503	87,495	1,338	3,187
Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet				
and cash flow statement	3,421,735	3,032,611	3,001,503	2,690,961

### **32. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	The Group		The Company	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Trade creditors	64,099	34,938	_	-
Other payables and accrued operating expenses	197,879	75,699	1,987	1,889
Derivative financial instruments, at fair value	3,329	1,305	-	-
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary	21,943	13,233	21,943	13,233
Amounts due to associates	28	1	-	-
	287,278	125,176	23,930	15,122

Included in trade and other payables of the Group and the Company are amounts of US\$11.4 million (2005: US\$5.0 million) and US\$1.7 million (2005: US\$1.4 million) respectively which are expected to be settled after more than one year.

Included in trade and other payables are trade creditors with the following ageing analysis as of the balance sheet date:

	The G	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Due within 1 month or on demand	58,097	30,399
Due after 1 month but within 3 months	1,560	16
Due after 3 months but within 6 months	64	2,955
Over 6 months	4,378	1,568
	64,099	34,938

Trade and other payables, which are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity, are mainly denominated in British pound, Hong Kong dollar, Singapore dollar, Malaysian Ringgit and Renminbi.

### **33. PROVISIONS**

	Restructuring			
	Costs	Pensions	Others	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
As at 1 July 2005	-	_	_	_
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	938	28,158	5,272	34,368
Provisions made/(write back) during the year	8,275	1,286	(198)	9,363
Provisions utilised during the year	(562)	(3,644)	(2,065)	(6,271)
Exchange adjustments	306	53	(123)	236
As at 30 June 2006	8,957	25,853	2,886	37,696
Provisions as at 30 June 2006 are disclosed as:				
Current liabilities	6	-	2,886	2,892
Non-current liabilities	8,951	25,853	-	34,804
	8,957	25,853	2,886	37,696

The restructuring costs were provided for reorganisation costs, including IT charges, redundancy costs and relocation costs, at one of the Group's subsidiaries. The restructuring is expected to be completed by 30 June 2007.

### 34. CURRENT PORTION OF BANK LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	The C	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Bank loans		
– Secured (Note)	133,725	96,772
– Unsecured	10,896	39,477
	144,621	136,249
Unsecured capital notes	18,889	-
Unsecured medium term notes repayable within 1 year	85,347	11,871
	248,857	148,120

### 35. NON-CURRENT PORTION OF BANK LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	The C	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Bank loans		
– Secured (Note)	151,286	173,818
– Unsecured	224,758	20,778
	376,044	194,596
Unsecured medium term notes	129,077	150,043
Unsecured fixed rate bonds	1,453	-
Secured mortgage debenture stock	498,108	-
	1,004,682	344,639

#### Note:

The bank loans and mortgage debenture stock are secured by the following :

legal mortgages on investment properties with an aggregate book value of US\$29.1 million (Note 16);

legal mortgages on development properties with an aggregate book value of US\$367.6 million (Note 26);

- legal mortgages on property, plant and equipment with an aggregate book value of US\$964.6 million (Note 16); and

- legal mortgages on assets held for sale with an aggregate carrying value of US\$88.2 million (Note 17).

The Group's bank loans and other borrowings were repayable as follows:

				The Grou	ıp			
		2	006			20	)05	
		Mortgage				Mortgage		
	Bank	debenture	Other		Bank	debenture	Other	
	loans	stock	borrowings	Total	loans	stock	borrowings	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
On demand or within 1 year	144,621		104,236	248,857	136,249		11,871	148,120
After 1 year but within 2 years	58,464	-	1,453	59,917	93,676	-	78,806	172,482
After 2 years but within 5 years	315,540	-	129,077	444,617	100,920	-	71,237	172,157
After 5 years	2,040	498,108	-	500,148	-	-	-	-
	376,044	498,108	130,530	1,004,682	194,596		150,043	344,639
	520,665	498,108	234,766	1,253,539	330,845	-	161,914	492,759

Bank loans and other borrowings, which are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity, are mainly denominated in British pound and Singapore dollar.

### **36. DEFERRED TAXATION**

#### (a) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised:

#### (i) The Group

The components of deferred tax (assets)/liabilities recognised in the consolidated balance sheet and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Depreciation allowance in		Timing difference	Revaluation				
	excess of	Revaluation	on	of				
Deferred tax	related	of	development	financial		Тах		
arising from:	depreciation	properties	properties	liabilities	Provisions	losses	Others	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
As at 1 July 2005	(117)	1,840	3,837	-	-	(1,090)	60	4,530
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	375	197,364	509	(26,511)	(6,178)	(230)	-	165,329
Charged/(credited) to consolidated								
income statement	13	(39,739)	(3,940)	2,045	611	22	(32)	(41,020)
Others	221	-	150	-	-	-	-	371
	492	159,465	556	(24,466)	(5,567)	(1,298)	28	129,210
Exchange adjustments	-	6,601	107	(978)	(227)	-	1	5,504
As at 30 June 2006	492	166,066	663	(25,444)	(5,794)	(1,298)	29	134,714
As at 1 July 2004	(3)	1,802	4,872	-	(14)	(1,046)	59	5,670
Credited to consolidated income statement	(39)	-	(1,035)	-	_	(43)	_	(1,117)
Others	(76)	-	-	-	14	-	-	(62)
	(118)	1,802	3,837	-	-	(1,089)	59	4,491
Exchange adjustments	1	38	-	-	-	(1)	1	39
As at 30 June 2005	(117)	1,840	3,837	-	-	(1,090)	60	4,530

### 36. DEFERRED TAXATION (Cont'd)

#### (a) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised: (Cont'd)

(i) The Group (Cont'd)

	2006 US\$'000	2005 US\$′000
Net deferred tax assets recognised on the balance sheet Net deferred tax liabilities recognised on the balance sheet	(957) 135,671	(1,207) 5,737
	134,714	4,530

### (b) Deferred tax assets unrecognised:

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

	The O	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Deductible temporary differences	179,206	169,450
Tax losses	895,453	117,463
	1,074,659	286,913

The deductible temporary differences and tax losses do not expire under current tax legislation.

### **37. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES**

		Share Capital US\$'000	Share premium US\$'000	Capital and other reserves US\$'000	Contri- buted surplus US\$'000	ESOP reserve US\$'000		Exchange ranslation reserve US\$'000	Fair value reserve US\$'000	Revalu- ation reserve US\$'000	Retained profits US\$'000	<b>Total</b> US\$'000	Minority interests US\$'000	<b>Total</b> equity US\$'000
(a)	The Group													
	At 1 July 2005 – as previously reported – prior year adjustments: – in respect of financial	164,526	10,493	43,731	2,896	(10,132)	-	13,004	-	-	3,971,500	4,196,018	331,574	4,527,592
	<ul> <li>in respect of infancial instruments</li> <li>in respect of equity settled share-based</li> </ul>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,138	8,138
	transactions	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	(192)	108	(108)	-
	<ul> <li>as restated, before</li> <li>opening balance</li> <li>adjustments</li> <li>opening balance</li> <li>adjustments:</li> <li>in respect of</li> </ul>	164,526	10,493	43,731	2,896	(10,132)	300	13,004	-	-	3,971,308	4,196,126	339,604	4,535,730
	financial instruments – in respect of negative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,544	-	7,979	14,523	8,416	22,939
	goodwill	-	-	(17,024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,644	14,620	18,549	33,169
	– as restated, after opening balance adjustments	164,526	10,493	26,707	2,896	(10,132)	300	13,004	6,544	-	4,010,931	4,225,269	366,569	4,591,838
	Transfer between reserves Share of subsidiaries' and associates' capital and	-	-	5,312	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,312)	-	-	-
	other reserves movement Equity settled share-based	-	-	(48,939)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(48,939)	(9,310)	(58,249)
	transactions Purchase of own shares for	-	-	(533)	-	-	482	-	-	-	(210)	(261)	(71)	(332)
	Share Option Plan Share of new subsidiaries' reserves in relation to the interests previously	-	-	-	-	(30,892)	-	-	-	-	-	(30,892)	-	(30,892)
	acquired Changes in fair value and disposal of available-for-sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,215	33,215	3,882	37,097
	financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,265)	-	(3,760)	(18,025)	(16,511)	(34,536)

### 37. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

	Share Capital US\$'000	Share premium US\$'000	Capital and other reserves US\$'000	Contri- buted surplus US\$'000	ESOP reserve US\$'000		Exchange translation reserve US\$'000	Fair value reserve US\$'000	Revalu- ation reserve US\$'000	Retained profits US\$'000	<b>Total</b> US\$'000	Minority interests US\$'000	Total equity US\$'000
Exchange differences on translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries and associates	_	_	(194)	(1)	_	_	26,481	_	_	_	26,286	23,418	49,704
Increase in fair value of fixed assets and development properties shared by previously			(1)4/	(1)			20,701				20,200	23,410	-3,70-
held interest in associates Minority interests on	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,760	-	9,760	18,364	28,124
acquisition of subsidiaries Dividend paid to minority	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	548,171	548,171
interests Dilution of interest in a subsidiary arising from conversion of preference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,269)	(24,269
shares to ordinary shares Capital contribution from	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,110	3,110
minority interests Exercise of ICULS issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	315	31!
by a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(125,981)	(12E 001)	(625)	
Final dividend paid Interim dividend paid	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(125,961) (41,961)	(125,981) (41,961)	-	(125,98 (41,96
Retained profits for										(41,501)	(41,501)		(+1,50
the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	725,876	725,876	53,001	778,87
At 30 June 2006	164,526	10,493	(17,647)	2,895	(41,024)	782	39,485	(7,721)	9,760	4,592,798	4,754,347	966,044	5,720,39
Retained in – Company and subsidiaries – Associates													5,487,311 233,080
													5,720,391
The Group													
At 1 July 2004	164,526	10,493	56,038	3,978	-	-	3,650	-	-	3,694,920	3,933,605	243,961	4,177,566
Transfer between reserves Shares repurchased and cancelled by a subsidiary	_	-	(6,890)	(1,052)	-	_	_	_	_	7,942 (3,441)	(3,441)	(10,756)	(14,19)
Realised on disposal of a subsidiary	_	_	_	(30)	_	_	_	_	_	- (5,111)	(3,441)	-	(14,13)
Share of subsidiaries' and associates' capital and													
			(5,751)								(5,751)	2,080	(3,671

### 37. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

	Share	Share	Capital and other	Contri- buted	ESOP	option t	Exchange ranslation	Fair value		Retained	Tel	Minority	Total
	Capital US\$'000	premium US\$'000	reserves US\$'000	<b>surplus</b> US\$'000	reserve US\$'000	reserve US\$'000	reserve US\$'000	reserve US\$'000	<b>reserve</b> US\$'000	profits US\$'000	<b>Total</b> US\$'000	interests US\$'000	<b>equity</b> US\$'000
Equity settled share-based													
transactions	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	300	-	300
Purchase of own shares for													
Share Option Plan	-	-	-	-	(10,132)	-	-	-	-	-	(10,132)	-	(10,132)
Exchange differences on													
translation of the financial													
statements of foreign													
subsidiaries and													
associates	-	-	334	-	-	-	9,354	-	-	-	9,688	10,840	20,528
Issue of ordinary share													
capital of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
Share of new subsidiaries'													
reserves in relation to													
the interests previously													
acquired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(545)	(545)
Minority interest on													
acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,762	75,762
Dividend paid to													
minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,427)	(9,427)
Final dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(109,836)	(109,836)	-	(109,836)
Interim dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(33,753)	(33,753)	-	(33,753)
Retained profits for the													
year (restated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	415,476	415,476	27,678	443,154
At 30 June 2005	164,526	10,493	43,731	2,896	(10,132)	300	13,004	-	-	3,971,308	4,196,126	339,604	4,535,730
Retained in													
- Company and subsidiaries													4,378,744
– Associates													165,044
- Jointly controlled entities													(8,058)

### 37. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

	Share Capital US\$'000	Share premium US\$'000	Capital and other reserves US\$'000	Contri- buted surplus US\$'000	ESOP reserve US\$'000		Exchange translation reserve US\$'000	Fair value reserve US\$'000	Revalu- ation reserve US\$'000	Retained profits US\$'000	Total equity US\$'000
b) The Company											
At 1 July 2005											
- as previously reported	164,526	10,493	-	-	-	-	9,500	-	-	3,214,576	3,399,095
– prior year adjustments:											
– in respect of the											
effects of changes											
in foreign exchange											
rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,500)	-	-	9,500	-
– as restated	164,526	10,493	_	_	_	-	-	_	-	3,224,076	3,399,095
Final dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(127,250)	(127,250)
Interim dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(42,410)	(42,410)
Retained profits for											
the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	354,954	354,954
At 30 June 2006	164,526	10,493	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,409,370	3,584,389
The Company											
At 1 July 2004											
- as previously reported	164,526	10,493	-	-	-	-	6,133	-	-	3,192,048	3,373,200
– prior year adjustments:											
– in respect of the											
effects of changes											
in foreign exchange											
rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,133)	-	-	6,133	-
– as restated	164,526	10,493	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,198,181	3,373,200
Final dividend paid	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	(109,836)	(109,836)
Interim dividend paid	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	(33,753)	(33,753)
Retained profits for the year											
(restated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169,484	169,484
At 30 June 2005	164,526	10,493	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	3 22/ 076	3,399,095

#### 37. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Cont'd)

#### (c) Share capital

	The Group and The Company				
		2006	2005		
	No. of		No. of		
	shares		shares		
	'000	US\$'000	'000	US\$'000	
Authorised:					
Ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each	1,000,000	500,000	1,000,000	500,000	
Issued and fully paid:					
As at 1 July and 30 June	329,051	164,526	329,051	164,526	

As at 30 June 2006, 4,026,862 ordinary shares (2005: 1,020,000 ordinary shares) were acquired by the Group to reserve for the Share Option Plan for the purpose of satisfying the exercise of share options to be granted to eligible employees.

#### Notes:

- (i) The application of share premium account is governed by Section 40 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.
- (ii) The capital and other reserves have been set up and will be dealt with in accordance with the Group's accounting policies.
- (iii) The contributed surplus is governed by Section 54 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

The contributed surplus is available for distribution to shareholders. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus if:

- (a) it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (b) the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.
- The ESOP reserve comprises the purchase consideration for issued shares of the Company acquired for the Share Option Plan for the purpose of satisfying the exercise of share options to be granted to eligible employees. (Note 40)
- (v) The share option reserve comprises the cumulative value of employee services received for the issue of share options.
- (vi) The exchange translation reserve comprises:
  - (a) the foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries and associates whose functional currencies are different from the functional currency of the Company.
  - (b) the exchange differences on monetary items which form part of the Group's net investment in the foreign subsidiaries and associates.
- (vii) Fair value reserve comprises unrealised gain or loss arising from changes in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets.
- (viii) Revaluation reserve comprises increase in fair value of property, plant and equipment and development properties from previously held interests in associates.
- (ix) Distributable reserves of the Company as at 30 June 2006 amounted to US\$3,409,370,000 (2005: US\$3,224,076,000).

### 38. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

### (a) Acquisition of subsidiaries

	The Gro	The Group	
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Net assets acquired:			
Property, plant and equipment	1,391,985	-	
Goodwill on consolidation	670	-	
Investment properties	29,104	-	
Development properties	291,027	30,096	
Bass Strait oil & gas royalties	125,822	-	
Interest in associates and jointly-controlled entities	102,967	188,314	
Investments	47,024	-	
Deferred tax assets	230	-	
Properties held for sale	2,124	-	
Trade and other receivables	85,248	2,277	
Cash and short term funds	55,886	5,827	
Bank loans and borrowings	(537,313)	(18,560)	
Trade and other payables	(99,763)	(1,041)	
Taxation	(8,589)	-	
Provisions	(34,368)	-	
Deferred tax liabilities	(165,559)	-	
Irredeemable convertible unsecured loan stocks	_	(8,531)	
Minority interests	(14,953)	(67,659)	
	1,271,542	130,723	
Share of interests relating to previously held associates	(408,943)		
Share of minority interests	(569,510)	-	
Negative goodwill arising from acquisition	(31,556)	(28,251)	
Total consideration	261,533	102,472	
Satisfied by:			
Cash consideration	260,606	70,193	
Conversion of ICULS	200,000	23,415	
Other non-current financial assets		8,864	
Other payables	927	- 0,004	
		402.472	
	261,533	102,472	

### 38. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd)

#### (b) Analysis of net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the acquisition of subsidiaries:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Cash consideration	260,606	70,193	
Cash at bank and in hand acquired	(55,886)	(5,827)	
Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents			
in respect of the acquisition of subsidiaries	204,720	64,366	

### **39. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

#### (a) Defined benefit retirement plans

The Group has several defined benefit pension schemes, all of which are closed to new members and managed by independent administrators. Actuarial valuations are carried out at least once every three years and informal valuations are carried out in the intervening years.

Actuarial gains and losses are accumulated in the balance sheet. Any gains or losses greater than 10% of a scheme's assets or liabilities are written off to the profit and loss account over the average remaining service lives of the scheme's employees.

(i) The amounts recognised in the balance sheets are as follows:

	The C	The Group		
	2006	2005		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Present value of wholly or partly funded obligations	(110,316)	_		
Fair value of plan assets	80,465	_		
Net unrecognised actuarial losses	3,998	-		
	(25,853)	-		

A portion of the above liability is expected to be settled after more than one year. However, it is not practicable to segregate this amount from the amounts payable in the next twelve months, as future contributions will also relate to future services rendered and future changes in an actuarial assumptions and market conditions.

### 39. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Cont'd)

#### (a) Defined benefit retirement plans (Cont'd)

(ii) Movements in the net liability recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
At 1 July	_	_	
Addition through acquisition of subsidiaries	(28,164)	-	
Contributions paid to plans	3,643	-	
Expense recognised in profit or loss	(1,286)	-	
Exchange difference	(46)	-	
At 30 June	(25,853)	_	

#### (iii) Expense recognised in profit or loss is as follows:

	The Group		
	<b>2006</b> 200		
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Current service cost	(1,011)	-	
Interest cost	(4,818)	-	
Actuarial expected return on plan assets	4,488	-	
Net actuarial losses recognised	55	-	
	(1,286)	-	

(iv) The principal actuarial assumptions used as at 30 June 2006 (expressed as weighted averages) are as follows:

	The Group		
	<b>2006</b> 2005		
Discount rate	4.92%	N/A	
Expected returns on plan assets – equities	7.60%	N/A	
Expected returns on plan assets – bonds	5.20%	N/A	
Expected rates of salary increase	3.50%	N/A	

#### 39. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Cont'd)

#### (b) Defined contribution retirement plans

The Company and its subsidiaries in Hong Kong operate a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme") which has been established under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for employees employed under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance in December 2000. The MPF Scheme is a defined contribution retirement scheme administered by independent trustees. Under the MPF Scheme, the Group's contribution is 10 percent or 5 percent of employees' monthly salaries and is expensed as incurred.

Subsidiaries in Singapore operates a Central Provident Fund Scheme ("CPF Scheme") which is a defined contribution scheme. Under this CPF Scheme, the subsidiary's contribution is 3.5 percent to 13 percent of employees' monthly salaries and is expensed as incurred.

#### 40. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) The Company:

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") on 29 November 2001 for the purpose of providing any employees or directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associated companies (the "Eligible Employee") the opportunity of participating in the growth and success of the Group.

The option price per share payable upon exercise of any share option will be determined by the directors upon the grant of the share option. It will not be less than the greatest of (a) the average closing price of a share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange") for the five business days immediately preceding the day of offer of such a share option; (b) the closing price of a share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the day of offer of such a share option; and (c) the nominal value of a share.

A nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the share option within 21 days inclusive of, and from the date of making such offer. The exercise period of the share option shall fall within the period from the date of grant and ending on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant in respect of such offer. No share option may be granted more than ten years after 29 November 2001, the date on which the Share Option Scheme was adopted by the Company.

On 16 December 2002, the Company established a share option plan (the "Share Option Plan") for the purpose of motivating the employees and directors of the Group companies and the employees of associated companies (the "Participants") and allowing them to participate in the growth of the Group through the grant of options over existing shares.

The exercise price of an option for the purchase of share will not be less than the greatest of (a) the average closing price of a share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the day of offer of such a share option; (b) the closing price of a share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the day of offer of such a share option, which must be a business day; and (c) the nominal value of a share.

A nominal consideration of HK\$1 is payable on acceptance of the share option within 21 days from the date of making such offer. The exercise period of the share option shall fall within the period from the date of grant and ending on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant of such option. No share option may be granted more than ten years after 16 December 2002, the date on which the Share Option Plan was adopted by the Company.

No share options were outstanding during the year.

### 40. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

#### (b) BIL International Limited ("BIL"):

The BIL International Share Option Plan (the "BIL Plan") was approved by the shareholders of BIL in 2001 to allow the grant of options to eligible participants including employees and executive and non-executive directors of BIL and its subsidiaries (the "BIL Group") who are not controlling shareholders of BIL.

There were no outstanding options pursuant to the BIL Plan as at 30 June 2006, and no option has been granted to any eligible participants pursuant to the BIL Plan during the year.

The BIL Value Creation Incentive Share Scheme (the "Scheme") is a share incentive scheme which was approved by the board in 2003 and is administered by its board remuneration committee. Under the Scheme, options over existing shares of BIL are issued to eligible participants.

There were no new options granted during the year.

(i) The terms and conditions of the grants that existed during the year are as follows, whereby all options are settled by physical delivery of shares:

Number of		Contractual life
instruments	Vesting conditions	of options
1,184,000	1 to 3 years from	1 to 3 years
	the date of grant	
166,000	1 to 3 years from	1 to 3 years
	the date of grant	
1,350,000		
	1,184,000 166,000	instruments     Vesting conditions       1,184,000     1 to 3 years from the date of grant       166,000     1 to 3 years from the date of grant

(ii) The number and weighted average exercise prices of share options are as follows:

	2006		
	Weighted	Number	
	average	of	
	exercise price	options	
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	S\$0.47	1,350,000	
Exercised during the year	S\$0.47	(100,000)	
Lapsed during the year	S\$0.47	(1,250,000)	
Outstanding at the end of the year		-	
Exercisable at the end of the year		-	

The weighted average share price at the date of exercise for share options exercised during the year was \$\$1.36.

#### 40. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

#### (b) BIL International Limited ("BIL"): (Cont'd)

(iii) Fair value of share options and assumptions

Fair value at measurement date	S\$0.44
Share price	S\$0.81
Exercise price	S\$0.47
Expected volatility	63.2%
Expected option life	2.1 years
Expected dividend yield	Management's forecast
Risk-free interest rates	2.0%

#### (c) GuocoLand Limited ("GLL"):

The GuocoLand Limited Executives' Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme") was approved by shareholders of GLL at an extraordinary general meeting held on 31 December 1998. The Scheme was further approved by the Company at an extraordinary general meeting held on 1 February 1999.

In October 2004, shareholders of GLL and the Company approved the proposed amendments to the rules of the Scheme (the "Rules") to inter alia alter the structure of the Scheme to allow the grant of options to be satisfied over newly issued ordinary shares of GLL (the "Shares") or the transfer of existing Shares, or a combination of both new Shares and existing Shares, as well as to align the Rules with the requirements under Chapter 17 of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited Listing Rules.

(i) The terms and conditions of the grants that existed during the year, whereby all options are settled by physical delivery of shares:

	Number of instruments	Vesting conditions	Contractual life of options
	listiulients	vesting conditions	
Options granted to directors of GLL:			
– on 1 November 2004	3,250,000	Certain financial and performance	3.75 years
– on 1 November 2004	3,250,000	targets to be met during	4.75 years
		the performance period for FY2005 to 200	7.
Options granted to employees of GLL:		<pre>&gt;</pre>	
– on 1 November 2004	3,000,000		3.75 years
– on 1 November 2004	3,000,000		4.75 years
– on 30 May 2005	2,000,000	Vested	2 years
– on 30 May 2005	2,000,000	Certain financial and performance targets	3.17 years
– on 30 May 2005	2,000,000	to be met during the performance	4.17 years
		period for FY2006 to 2007.	
Total share options	18,500,000		

### 40. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

#### (c) GuocoLand Limited ("GLL"): (Cont'd)

(ii) The number and weighted average exercise prices of share options are as follows:

		2006			-	2005
	Weighted			Weight	ed	
	average	Nu	ımber	avera	ge	Number
	exercise		of	exerci	ise	of
	price	o	otions	pri	ice	options
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	S\$1.23	18,50	00,000	S\$2.	28	3,440,000
Lapsed during the year	N/A		-	S\$2.	28	(3,440,000)
Granted during the year	N/A		-	S\$1.	23	18,500,000
Outstanding at the end of the year	S\$1.23	18,50	0,000	S\$1.	23	18,500,000
Exercisable at the end of the year	S\$1.32	2,00	0,000	Ν	/A	-
				2006		2005
The weighted average exercise price per share						
of the outstanding options				S\$1.23		S\$1.23
The weighted average remaining contractual						
life of the options				2.4 years		3.4 years

#### (iii) Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted are measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the services received is measured based on the Black-Scholes model. The expected life used in the model has been adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioural considerations. The expected volatility is based on 1 year historical volatility.

Date of grant of options	1 Nov 2004	30 May 2005
Fair value at measurement date	S\$0.10 to S\$0.11	S\$0.09 to S\$0.10
Share price at grant date	S\$1.22	S\$1.34
Exercise price	S\$1.19	S\$1.32
Expected volatility	21.4%	18.8%
Expected option life	3.2 years to 4.2 years	1.5 years to 3.6 years
Expected dividend yield	6.6%	6.0%
Risk-free interest rate	1.8% to 2.2%	2.1% to 2.3%

### **41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### (a) Effective interest rates and repricing analysis

In respect of income-earning financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities, the following table indicates their effective interest rates at the balance sheet date and the year in which they reprice or the maturity dates, if earlier.

				2006						2005		
	Effective		One			More	Effective		One			More
	interest		year	1-2	2-5	than -	interest	<b>T</b> . 1	year	1-2	2-5	than
The Crown	rate %	Total	or less US\$'000	years	years	5 years	rate %	Total	or less	years	years	5 years
The Group	70	US\$'000	022 000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Repricing dates for assets/												
(liabilities) which reprice												
before maturity												
Trading debt securities	5.87	20,196	20,196	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and other	3.23	(523,813)	(513,923)	(9,890)	-	-	2.92	(253,671)	(253,671)	-	-	-
borrowings	to 8.00						to 5.28					
		(503,617)	(493,727)	(9,890)	-	-		(253,671)	(253,671)	-	-	-
Maturity dates for assets/												
(liabilities) which do												
not reprice before												
maturity												
Deposit with banks	0.60	3,338,232	3,338,232	-	-	-	0.31	2,945,116	2,945,116	-	-	-
	to 7.25						to 5.36					
Trading debt securities	5.20	38,951	-	-	2,896	36,055	5.75	15,074	74	-	15,000	-
	to 5.90						to 8.75					
Bank loans and other	3.23	(729,726)	(79,051)	(23,490)	(129,077)	(498,108)	2.38	(239,088)	(11,870)	(135,203)	(92,015)	-
borrowings	to 10.75						to 5.20					
		2,647,457	3,259,181	(23,490)	(126,181)	(462,053)		2,721,102	2,933,320	(135,203)	(77,015)	-
TOTAL		2,143,840	2,765,454	(33,380)	(126,181)	(462,053)		2,467,431	2,679,649	(135,203)	(77,015)	-
				2006						2005		
	Effective		One			More	Effective		One			More
	interest		year	1-2	2-5	than	interest		year	1-2	2-5	than
	rate	Total	or less	years	years	5 years	rate	Total	or less	years	years	5 years
The Company	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	%	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Maturity dates for assets												
which do not reprice												
before maturity												
Deposit with banks	3.30	3,000,165	3,000,165	-	-	-	1.69	2,687,774	2,687,774	-	-	-
	to 5.42						to 5.36					

#### 41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

#### (b) Fair values

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and liabilities, which are not carried at fair value in the balance sheet are represented in the following table:

	2006			2005
	Carrying		Carrying	
	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Group				
Financial assets:				
Available-for-sale financial assets	15,278	15,278	-	-
Other non-current financial assets	-	-	70,184	92,985
	15,278	15,278	70,184	92,985
Financial liabilities:				
Bank loans and other borrowings	1,253,539	1,254,415	492,759	497,665

The fair value of the financial instruments is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis on the loan principal, including the interest due on the loans, based on current incremental lending rates for similar instruments at the balance sheet date.

It is not practicable to estimate the fair value of the unquoted securities and amounts due from/to subsidiaries, associated companies, related corporations and minority shareholders of subsidiaries because of the inability to estimate fair value without incurring excessive costs. However, management believes that the carrying amounts recorded at balance sheet date reflect their corresponding fair values.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables approximate the fair value due to the relatively short-term maturity of these financial assets and liabilities.

#### 42. COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Operating lease arrangements

#### (i) As lessee

As at 30 June 2006, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating lease are payable as follows:

	The Group		
	2006	2005	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	
Within 1 year	2,066	931	
After 1 year but within 5 years	7,435	516	
After 5 years	65,346	-	
	74,847	1,447	

The Group leases a number of properties under operating leases. The leases typically run for periods of up to thirty years, with an option to renew the lease after expiry date. Regular lease payment reviews are required by the majority of the lease agreements.

#### (ii) As lessor

As at 30 June 2006, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating lease are receivable as follows:

	The Group			
	2006	<b>2006</b> 2005		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Within 1 year	5,561	5,858		
After 1 year but within 5 years	2,135	4,850		
	7,696	10,708		

There were also commitments in respect of foreign currency contracts, interest rate swap and equity swap relating to the normal operations as at 30 June 2006.

#### (b) Capital commitments outstanding not provided for in the final financial report

	At 30 June 2006	At 30 June 2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Authorised and contracted for	91,459	-

### 43. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A subsidiary of the Group, BIL, had contingent liabilities of approximately US\$8.9 million (2005: Nil) in relation to the guarantees of investment performance. In addition, BIL has given a guarantee to the owner of the 28 hotel businesses sold in 2002 that the aggregate Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) of the business will not be less than US\$59.9 million (2005: Nil) per calendar year (or pro-rata amount) thereafter until 4 April 2012. The maximum liability on any one year under the guarantee was US\$59.9 million (2005: Nil) and the maximum aggregate liability under the guarantee was approximately US\$119.9 million (2005: Nil). BIL's expectation is that the future annual EBITDA will be in excess of the guaranteed amount.

#### 44. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Banking transactions

Transactions with companies in the Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad Group ("HLCM").

During the year, the Group entered into a number of transactions in the normal course of business with companies in the HLCM group including deposits and correspondent banking transactions. The transactions were priced based on the relevant market rates at the time of each transaction, and were under the same terms as those available to the independent counterparties and customers.

Information relating to interest income from these transactions during the year and balance outstanding at the balance sheet date is set out below:-

#### (i) Income for the year ended 30 June

	The G	The Group		
	2006	2005		
	US\$'000	US\$'000		
Interest income	470	1,474		

#### (ii) Balance as at 30 June

	The C	Group
	2006	2005
	US\$'000 US\$'000	
Cash and short term funds	629	74,879

#### (b) Management fee

On 21 August 2001, the Company entered into a management services agreement, determinable by either party giving six months' notice, with GOMC Limited ("GOMC"), a subsidiary of HLCM, for provision of general management services to the Group by GOMC. Total management fees paid and payable to GOMC for the year ended 30 June 2006 amounted to US\$22.1 million (2005: US\$13.4 million).

### 44. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

#### (c) Key management personnel information

Remuneration for key management personnel, including amounts paid to the Company's directors as disclosed in note 10 is as follows:

	The G	iroup
	2006	2005
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	6,298	5,992

Total remuneration is included in "staff costs" (see note 8(b)).

#### 45. PARENT AND ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The directors consider the parent company at 30 June 2006 to be GuoLine Overseas Limited, which is incorporated in Bermuda and the ultimate holding company to be Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad, which is incorporated in Malaysia.

### 46. POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the HKICPA has issued the following amendments, new standards and interpretations which are not yet effective for the accounting year ended 30 June 2006 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements:

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
HKFRS – Int 4, Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease	1 January 2006
Amendments to HKAS 19, Employee benefits – Actuarial Gains and Losses, Group Plans and Disclosures	1 January 2006
Amendments to HKAS 39, Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement:	
<ul> <li>Cash flow hedge accounting of forecast intragroup transactions</li> <li>The fair value option</li> <li>Financial guarantee contracts</li> </ul>	1 January 2006 1 January 2006 1 January 2006
Amendments, as a consequence of the Hong Kong Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 2005, to:	
<ul> <li>HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements</li> <li>HKAS 27, Consolidated and separate financial statements</li> <li>HKFRS 3, Business combinations</li> </ul>	1 January 2006 1 January 2006 1 January 2006
HK(IFRIC) – Int 8, Scope of HKFRS 2	1 May 2006
HK(IFRIC) – Int 9, Reassessment of embedded derivatives	1 June 2006
Amendments to HKAS 21, The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates – net investment in a foreign operation	1 January 2006
HKFRS 7, Financial instruments: disclosures	1 January 2007
Amendment to HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements: capital disclosures	1 January 2007

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments, new standards and new interpretations is expected to be in the period of initial application.

# **Major Development Properties of the Subsidiaries**

Property	Intended Use		Dected Temporary Decupation Permit ("TOP") date	<b>Site</b> area sq. m	Gross floor area sq. m	Group's interest %
Singapore						
Le Crescendo situated at Paya Lebar Road	Residential	TOP obtained on 04/01/2006	N/A	12,323	26,176	64
Leonie Studio situated at Leonie Hill	Residential	Architectural & external works in progress	9/2006	2,850	8,690	64
Nathan Place situated at Nathan Road	Residential	TOP obtained on 20/06/2006 & 21/06/2006	N/A	4,421	6,189	64
Paterson Residence situated at Paterson Road	Residential	Superstructure works in progress	4/2008	7,774	16,327	64
The Stellar Situated at West Coast Road	Residential	Piling works in progress	10/2008	13,245	18,543	64
The Quartz Situated at Sengkang Central	Residential	Piling works in progress	03/2009	21,985	65,956	64
The View @ Meyer situated at Meyer Road	Residential	Planning	*	3,352	7,039	64
Malaysia						
Notting Hill Situated at Mukim of Sg. Buloh, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Residential	Pending application of TOP	11/2006	14,050	10,122	43
		Architectural superstructure works in progress	09/2007	15,074	9,638	43
Site situated at Lot 322 Mukim of Hulu Kelang, District of Gombak, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Residential	Planning	*	44,532	41,822	43
Site situated at Mukim of Rawang, Districts of Gombak and Ulu Selangor, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Residential/ Commercial	Planning	*	189,990	107,412	43
Site situated at Old Klang Road, Mukim of Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur	Commercial	Planning	*	4,634	33,873	43
Site situated at Damansara Town Centre Kuala Lumpur	Residential/ Commercial	Planning	*	34,490	188,180	43

# **Major Development Properties of the Subsidiaries**

		E	xpected Temporary		Gross	
	Intended	Stage of	Occupation Permit	Site	floor	Group's
Property	Use	Completion	("TOP") date	area	area	interest
				sq. m	sq. m	%
The People's Republic of C	nina					
Central Park situated in Luwan District, Shanghai	Residential	Pending application of TOP	08/2006	14,841	63,935	63
West End Point Situated in Xicheng District, Beijing	Residential/ Commercial	Construction in Progress	06/2008	36,501	108,137	63
Hillview Regency situated in Xuanwu District, Nanjing	Residential/ Commercial	Design planning and land resettlement in progress	*	296,002	354,753	63
Ascott Park situated in Qixia District, Nanjing	Residential/ Commercial	Design planning	*	89,709	178,224	61
Changfeng situated in Putuo District, Shanghai	SOHO/ Commercial	Design planning and land resettlement in progress	*	143,845	359,615	64
United States of America						
Denarau Island Resort situated in Western Viti Levu Molokai Island, Hawaii	Residential/ Tourism	Planning	*	N/A	N/A	43

\* Not applicable as construction for these developments have not commenced. N/A – not applicable

# **Major Properties of the Subsidiaries Held for Sale**

		Gross		
	Intended	Site	floor	Group's
Property	Use	<b>area</b> sq. m	<b>area</b> sq. m	interest %
Bishan Point situated at Sin Ming Ave/Bright Hill Drive	Residential	6,800	19,038	64
D'elias situated at Tampines Expressway/Elias Road Junction	Residential	4,429	4,230	64
Sanctuary Green situated at Tanjong Rhu Road	Residential	23,551	66,040	58
The Gardens at Bishan situated at Sin Ming Ave/Sin Ming Walk	Residential	34,949	87,373	58
Malaysia				
3 Kia Peng situated at No. 3 Jalan Kia Peng 50450 Kuala Lumpur	Residential	13,442	77,299	49
Sri Sentosa situated at Jalan Taman Sri Sentosa 58000 Kuala Lumpur	Residential	14,717	40,000	43
Mutiara Kompleks situated at 3 1/2 Jalan Ipoh 51200 Kuala Lumpur	Office	732	732	43

# Major Properties of the Subsidiaries Held for Investment

Location	Existing Use	Tenure of Land
Singapore		
Tung Centre 20 Collyer Quay Singapore 049319	Office building	999 years lease with effect from 5 November 1862
Malaysia		
Bangunan Hong Leong No. 117 Jalan Tun H.S. Lee 50000 Kuala Lumpur	Office building	Freehold
Menara Pandan Persiaran MPAJ Jalan Pandan Utama Pandan Indah 55100 Kuala Lumpur	Office building	99 years lease with effect from 25 March 2002
Hong Kong		
Overseas Trust Bank Building 24th to 27th Floors Penthouse and Car Parking Spaces Nos. 9-14 on 2nd Floor 160 Gloucester Road Hong Kong	Office building	99 years lease with effect from 1 July 1927 renewable for a further term of 99 years
The Center 15th Floor 99 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong	Office building	From 24 November 1995 to 30 June 2047