

Hutchison Whampoa Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

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AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

HIGHLIGHTS	2005	2004 (As restated)	Changes
	HK\$ millions	HK\$ millions	
Total revenue	241,862	181,797	+33%
EBIT from established businesses (excluding investment properties revaluation profit and profit on disposal of investments)	38,514	33,026	+17%
EBITDA/(LBITDA) of 3 Group before customer acquisition costs	1,825	(7,906)	+123%
Consolidated Group EBIT	32,576	19,060	+71%
Profit attributable to shareholders	14,343	12,978	+11%
Earnings per share	HK\$3.36	HK\$3.04	+11%
Final dividend per share	HK\$1.22	HK\$1.22	-

- Total revenue grew 33% to HK\$241,862 million
- Profit for the year increased 11% to HK\$14,343 million
- Earnings per share increased 11% to HK\$3.36
- All operating established businesses reported EBIT growth
- Recurring EBIT from the established businesses increased 17% to HK\$38,514 million
- 3G customer base currently totals over 11.9 million worldwide
- 3 Group total revenue grew 138% to HK\$37,502 million
- 3 Group achieved full-year positive EBITDA result, before CAC expenses

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

All of the Group's operating established businesses reported higher earnings and healthy growth year on year.

The Group's total revenue grew 33% to HK\$241,862 million, comprising revenue from the established businesses and the 3 Group. Total revenue from the established businesses grew 23% to HK\$204,360 million, and recurring earnings before interest expense and finance costs, taxation and minority interests ("EBIT") from the Group's established businesses, excluding investment properties revaluation profit and profit on disposal of investments, increased 17% to HK\$38,514 million. The Group also benefited from substantial increases in the current market valuations of several of its businesses. As a result, the Group executed several strategic disposals during the year realising significant cash proceeds and non-recurring profits.

The Group's 3G customer base has grown 65.5% from 31 December 2004 to 11,061,000 at 31 December 2005 and currently stands at 11,909,000. The 3 Group total revenue for 2005 more than doubled compared to 2004, to HK\$37,502 million, allowing the 3 Group to achieve a major cashflow milestone, reporting positive earnings before interest expense and finance costs, taxation, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") before all customer acquisition costs ("CACs") of HK\$1,825 million, an improvement of HK\$9,731 million over last year's comparable losses of HK\$7,906 million.

Results

The Group's audited profit attributable to shareholders for the year amounted to HK\$14,343 million, an 11% increase compared to last year's profit of HK\$12,978 million, which has been restated for the adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") recently issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (see Note 1 to the accounts). Earnings per share amounted to HK\$3.36 (2004 - HK\$3.04), an increase of 11%. These results include a profit on revaluation of investment properties of HK\$5,225 million and a profit on disposal of investments totalling HK\$25,117 million, comprising:

- a profit of HK\$7,400 million from the disposal of a 19.3% interest in Hutchison Telecommunications International ("HTIL");
- a profit of HK\$5,500 million realised from the disposal for cash of a 20% interest in Hongkong International Terminals ("HIT") and a 10% interest in COSCO-HIT Terminals (Hong Kong) ("COSCO-HIT");
- a profit of HK\$3,699 million from the partial disposal of the Australian electricity distribution businesses by Cheung Kong Infrastructure ("CKI"), partially offset by provisions of HK\$2,032 million, mainly related to its infrastructure materials and certain infrastructure investments;
- a profit of HK\$9,400 million that arose from the exercise by the Group of its right to re-purchase from the minority shareholders of 3 UK their 35% interest at a substantial discount;

and a dilution profit of HK\$1,150 million from a 5.2% reduction in the Group's interest in HTIL as a result of HTIL issuing its shares to effect the privatisation of its subsidiary Hutchison Global Communications Holdings.

Dividends

Our Directors have today declared a final dividend of HK\$1.22 per share (2004 - HK\$1.22), payable on 19 May 2006 to those persons registered as shareholders on 18 May 2006. The proposed final dividend, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.51 paid on 7 October 2005, gives a total dividend of HK\$1.73 per share (2004 - HK\$1.73) for the year. The share register of members will be closed from 11 May 2006 to 18 May 2006, both days inclusive.

Established Businesses

Ports and related services

The ports and related services division recorded another year of satisfactory steady growth. Total revenue grew 11% to HK\$29,917 million. The combined throughput increased 8% to 51.8 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). The major contributors to throughput growth were Yantian port, which reported growth of 21%; Europe Container Terminals ("ECT") in Rotterdam, of 12%; Xiamen International Container Terminals, of 49%; Kelang Multi Terminal in Malaysia, of 14%; and Panama ports container terminals ("PPC"), of 54%. EBIT increased 14% to HK\$10,219 million. The major contributors to improved EBIT performance were Yantian with a 22% increase in EBIT, ECT with 34%, Internacional de Contenedores Asociados de Veracruz in Mexico with 31% and PPC with 53%. This division contributed 15% and 17% respectively to the total revenue and EBIT of the Group's established businesses for the year.

The Group continues to expand its existing facilities and to invest in new opportunities to meet demand for container terminal services, which continues to show healthy growth. In addition to the expansion activity reported in our interim result announcement, the Group acquired in August an 80% interest in a project to build and operate a roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) terminal in Laem Chabang Port, Thailand with a 30-year concession period. In October, a 50/50 joint venture was formed to develop and operate Dalian Ore Terminal for a tenure of 50 years. In November, the Group announced the commencement of Yantian port Phase IIIB expansion project, 42.7% owned, which when completed in 2010, will add six berths to the existing nine berths in Yantian port. Also, in November, the Group invested in a joint venture, in which it holds a 65% interest, to operate and develop a greenfield, ten-berth container terminal in the Port of Sohar, Oman for a concession period of 40 years. In December, a conditional agreement was signed to acquire a 70% interest in Terminal Catalunya S.A., a five-berth container terminal with expansion opportunities, in the Port of Barcelona, Spain. Also in December, the Group entered into agreements with certain joint venture partners to establish a joint venture to acquire, develop, operate and manage the Phase II Container Terminal at Yangshan port in Shanghai. The Group has a 32% interest in this project. Currently this division operates in five of the seven busiest container ports in the world, with interests in a total of 42 ports comprising 247 berths in 20 countries. The ports and related services division will continue, on a selective basis, to seek attractive investment and expansion opportunities.

Property and Hotels

The property and hotels division reported total revenue of HK\$10,265 million and EBIT of HK\$3,939 million, 13% and 31% better than last year respectively. This division contributed 5% and 7% to the total revenue and EBIT of the Group's established businesses. Gross rental income of HK\$2,528 million, mainly from properties in Hong Kong, was 6% higher than last year primarily due to increased rental income from investment properties in Hong Kong, reflecting higher lease renewal rates. Development profit came primarily from the sale of residential units of Shanghai Regency Park in the Mainland and also from the release of a provision made in previous years against a Hong Kong development project, reflecting rising residential property prices. In addition, profit was realised from the sale of certain non-core joint venture owned properties to the recently listed Prosperity REIT.

The property and hotels division will continue to focus on actively seeking development opportunities, primarily in the Mainland where it has substantial landbank interests. The Group's attributable share of landbank currently can be developed into 68 million square feet of mainly residential property, of which 94% is situated in the Mainland, 5% in the UK and overseas, and 1% in Hong Kong. The Group's hotel businesses reported EBIT 82% better than last year, reflecting the growth in the Hong Kong tourism industry and profit contribution from its joint venture interest in "The Kowloon Hotel", which was acquired in February 2005.

Retail

Total revenue for the Group's retail division totalled HK\$88,780 million, a 30% increase, mainly due to contributions from Marionnaud Parfumeries ("Marionnaud") and The Perfume Shop, which were acquired in April and August respectively, a full year contribution from the Rossmann retail chain in Germany which was acquired in August 2004, and continued good sales growth in PARKSHOP and Watsons in the Mainland, Watsons in Taiwan, and in the UK retail operations. EBIT from this division totalled HK\$3,261 million, up 2%. This division contributed 44% and 6% respectively to the total revenue and EBIT of the Group's established businesses for the year.

The retail division continues to grow its retail brands and store concepts organically through store additions, by cautious expansion into new markets and also in 2005, through selective strategic acquisitions. During the year and in the first few months of this year, the retail division expanded into new markets in South Korea, Estonia and Slovenia by opening outlets under the "Watsons" brand name. In April, the Group acquired Marionnaud in France, the largest perfumery and cosmetics retailer in Europe with more than 1,200 stores in 14 countries. In August, the Group acquired Merchant Retail Group in the UK, a leading perfumery retailer with 120 stores mainly in the UK and the Republic of Ireland which operates under the brand name "The Perfume Shop". In January this year, the Group announced the acquisition of Spektr Group, an established 24-store health and beauty retail chain in St. Petersburg, Russia. During the year, the total number of retail outlets increased 49% and this division currently operates over 7,100 retail outlets in 36 markets. With its acquisition strategy largely complete, this division is now focusing on the integration of its recently acquired businesses, consolidating its leading market share in its segments, margin improvement, and organic growth through new store openings, particularly in Eastern Europe and the Mainland.

Energy, Infrastructure, Finance and Investments

Cheung Kong Infrastructure, a listed subsidiary, announced turnover of HK\$4,750 million, in line with last year, and profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$6,007 million, 71% above last year, including a one-time profit of HK\$3,699 million on partial disposal of the Australian electricity distribution businesses to Spark Infrastructure Group, which was listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in December. Less provisions at the Group's consolidation level totalling HK\$2,032 million mainly for infrastructure materials and certain infrastructure investments. CKI contributed 8% and 11% respectively to the total revenue and EBIT of the Group's established businesses for the year. CKI continues to seek attractive investment opportunities to expand and diversify overseas.

Husky Energy, an associated company listed in Canada, announced impressive results, reporting total revenue of C\$10,245 million and profit attributable to shareholders of C\$2,003 million, 21% and 99% above last year respectively, mainly reflecting higher natural gas and crude oil prices. Husky contributed 11% and 10% respectively to the total revenue and EBIT from the Group's established businesses for the year. During the fourth quarter of 2005, Husky achieved first oil production from the White Rose project off the east coast of Canada, ahead of schedule and on-budget. The Tucker Oil Sands project in Alberta is on

schedule and first oil production is expected to be achieved by the end of this year. Key development approvals for the Sunrise Oil Sands project are also progressing well. It is anticipated that gross production volume will increase in 2006.

The Group's EBIT from its finance and investments operations, which mainly represents interest income earned on the Group's substantial holdings of cash and liquid investments, amounted to HK\$5,491 million, a decrease of 39%, mainly due to lower realised foreign exchange gains on deposits and profits on disposal of certain fixed-income securities. These operations contributed 9% of the Group's EBIT from established businesses. The Group's consolidated cash and liquid investments at 31 December 2005 totalled HK\$110,386 million, consolidated debt was HK\$264,911 million, and the consolidated debt net of cash and liquid investments was HK\$154,525 million.

Hutchison Telecommunications International

Hutchison Telecommunications International, a listed associated company, announced turnover from continued operations of HK\$24,356 million, a 64% increase over last year and a loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$768 million, compared to a loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$30 million in 2004, which included a one-time gain of HK\$1,300 million on disposal of a 26% interest in its then listed subsidiary Hutchison Global Communications Holdings. Excluding the effect of this one-time gain, the comparable loss attributable to shareholders of HTIL improved by 42%, mainly due to the strong growth in its mobile operations in India and reduced losses incurred by its operations in Thailand, partially offset by a loss on disposal of the Paraguay business. At 31 December 2005, HTIL had a consolidated mobile customer base of 16.9 million, representing a 39% increase over the beginning of the year. The Group's share of HTIL's turnover and EBIT amounted to 12% and 5% of the Group's total revenue and EBIT of its established businesses respectively.

HTIL is continuing to grow its customer base and expand its operation, particularly in the rapidly growing Indian market. It is also streamlining and integrating its fixed-line and mobile operations in Hong Kong to realise synergies and building networks in Vietnam and Indonesia.

In December, the Group disposed of a 19.3% interest in HTIL to a strategic partner, Orascom Telecom, for a consideration of HK\$100,100 million, which gave rise to a profit on disposal of HK\$7,400 million. HTIL and Orascom Telecom agreed to cooperate on their respective procurement processes to exploit synergies and to identify and pursue other opportunities. Following the sale, the Group holds a 49.8% interest in HTIL, and as a result, HTIL is treated as an associated company of the Group.

Telecommunications - 3 Group

As the recently reported operating performance of incumbent cellular operators in Europe makes abundantly clear, competition has been fierce throughout 2005 in all of the 3 Group's markets. Unlike most of its competitors, however, the 3 Group is continuing to achieve both improved operating and improved financial performance despite the increasingly competitive environment.

The Group's 3G customer base increased 65.5% from 31 December 2004 to 11,061,000 at 31 December 2005 and currently stands at 11,909,000 customers. Measured by customer numbers, 3 Group's market share of the total mobile telecommunications market is now over 5% in the UK and over 8% in Italy. However, total revenue of the 3 Group for 2005 increased by 138% compared to 2004, to HK\$37,502 million, indicating that on average across its markets, the 3 Group is succeeding in capturing a significantly higher market share when measured by customer value rather than by customer numbers. This positive result has been achieved both by an increased focus during the year on the lower-risk, higher-value contract customer segment in all markets and by above market average non-voice revenue. Postpaid customers as a percentage of total customers increased 24% to 56% in the UK and 90% to 19% in Italy. On a trailing 12-month average basis, non-voice service revenues as a percentage of total revenue increased from 22% to 23% in the UK and from 26% to 30% in Italy. Average revenue per user on a trailing 12-month average active customer basis ("ARPU") for the 3 Group as a whole declined modestly from €43.11 at the time of our interim announcement to €42.20. The decline relates to the ARPU in the first six months of 2005 included in this trailing 12-month average calculation. However, both ARPU and non-voice service revenues as a percentage of ARPU have strengthened in the second half of this year, and are well above cellular market averages.

The 3 Group continued to improve its operating cost structure over the year and was able as a result to achieve the cash flow milestone of reporting positive EBITDA before all CACs for the full year of HK\$1,825 million, a 123% improvement over last year's comparable LBITDA of HK\$7,906 million. 3 Italia and 3 UK have also achieved a second important milestone, reporting positive EBITDA after deducting all CACs on a monthly basis. 3 Italia first achieved this target in August and 3 UK in December 2005 after including the cash benefits of its outsourcing agreements. Encouragingly, this means that the revenues from these operations now cover both operating costs and the costs of continuing to grow their customer and revenue bases. As a whole, the 3 Group's target is to achieve positive EBITDA after all CACs for the full year in 2006.

For the full year, the average cost of acquiring a customer for the year increased nominally to €293 from the level of €274 reported in our interim announcement. This was partially due to manufacturers' delays in delivering lower cost handsets in the second half, as well as the higher mix during the second half of the year of contract versus prepaid customer additions in all of our European markets. The improvement in ARPU in the second half implies that our customer acquisition spending in the second half succeeded in acquiring higher-value customers on average than in the first half. The 3 Group's current and contracted handset costs are significantly lower than 2005 averages. Consequently, I am confident that the cost of acquiring customers relative to the value of the customers acquired by the 3G businesses will decrease through 2006.

Finally, with the network construction phase nearing completion for most 3 Group operations, capital expenditure, which was approximately HK\$14,051 million in 2005 compared to HK\$21,428 million in 2004, will decline significantly in 2006.

As the 3 Group moves to becoming a net cash flow contributor to the Group, improved earnings performance will follow. The 3 Group's operating losses will have significantly less impact on consolidated Group earnings in 2006 than in 2005, and the target is to achieve positive EBIT in 2007.

As announced in February this year, poor equity market sentiment toward incumbent cellular operations in Europe necessitated postponement of the proposed initial public offering ("IPO") of 3 Italia. The private placement underwriting which we announced at the same time provides a more positive indication of expected market valuation for this business. Accordingly, we will revisit 3 Italia's IPO plan when market conditions are appropriate.

Key Business Indicators

Current key business indicators for the 3 Group and HTIL's 3G businesses are:

	Registered 3G Customers at 22 March 2006 ('000)	12-month Average Revenue per User ("ARPU") ⁽¹⁾ in 2005		Mix of Postpaid/Prepaid Customers (ratio) at 31 December 2005	
		Total	Non-voice		
		Local Currency/HK\$	ARPU %		ARPU
Australia ⁽²⁾	854	A\$78.00/463	24%	A\$19.00/110	85/15
Austria	340	€53.92/520	14%	€7.60/73	68/32
Italy	6,005	€34.87/335	30%	€10.31/99	19/81
Sweden & Denmark	502	SEK382.90/398	16%	SEK59.73/62	78/22
UK & Ireland	3,569	£34.51/486	23%	£8.00/113	56/44
3 Group Total/Average	11,270	€42.20/406	25%	€10.47/101	40/60
Hong Kong ⁽³⁾	521				
Israel ⁽⁴⁾	118				
Total	11,909				

- Note 1: ARPU equals total revenue before promotional discounts and excluding handset and connection revenues, divided by the average number of active customers in the period, where an active customer is one that has generated revenue from either an outgoing or incoming call or 3G service in the preceding three months.
- Note 2: Active customers as announced by this listed subsidiary updated from its results announcement date of 7 March for net customer additions to 22 March.
- Note 3: Registered customers as announced by listed subsidiary HTIL updated from its results announcement date of 9 March for net customer additions to 22 March.
- Note 4: Registered customers as announced on 9 March by listed subsidiary HTIL.

The improved key results reported for the 3 Group are:

	2005	2004 (As restated)	% Improvement
	HK\$ millions	HK\$ millions	
EBITDA/(LBITDA) before all CACs	1,825	(7,906)	123%
Reported LBITDA after prepaid CACs	(9,619)	(16,329)	41%
Loss before interest expense and finance costs and taxation	(26,880)	(38,449)	30%
Net loss attributable to shareholders	(25,157)	(28,239)	11%

It should be noted that the 3 Group LBIT of HK\$26,880 million includes a one-time profit of HK\$9,400 million on elimination of minority interests in 3 UK relating to the re-purchase of a 35% interest in 3 UK from NTT DoCoMo and KPN at a deep discount. It should also be noted that in line with the current interpretation of International Accounting Standards, deferred tax assets have not been recorded for 3 Italia and the other 3 Group businesses, except for in the 3 UK where, among other things, taxation losses can be carried forward indefinitely.

OUTLOOK

The world economy generally reported solid growth in 2005, despite rising US dollar interest rates and a high and volatile energy price environment. Looking ahead, in 2006 oil prices are anticipated to remain at prevailing levels, and although US dollar interest rates might continue to rise, any increase should be moderate. Hong Kong continues to benefit from the robust economic growth and enormous opportunity in the Mainland. With these encouraging economic trends, I am confident that our Group's businesses will continue to perform well in 2006.

Mr. George Magnus retired as an Executive Director of the Company during the year. Mr. Magnus will continue to serve the Board as a Non-Executive Director of the Company and also of listed subsidiary Cheung Kong Infrastructure and listed associate Hongkong Electric Holdings. On behalf of all Board members, I wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Magnus for his over 25 years of dedicated service and his many substantial contributions to the Group.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and all employees around the world in all of our businesses for their professionalism, enterprise, hard work, commitment and dedication.

Li Ka-shing

Chairman

Hong Kong, 23 March 2006

GROUP CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

The Group's treasury function sets financial risk management policies in accordance with policies and procedures approved by its Executive Directors, which are also subject to periodic review by the Group's internal audit function. The Group's treasury policies are designed to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rates and to minimise the Group's financial risks. The Group's treasury function operates as a centralised service for managing financial risks including interest rate and foreign exchange risks, and for providing cost efficient funding to the Group and its companies. It manages the majority of the Group's funding needs, interest rate, foreign currency and credit risk exposures. The Group uses derivatives, principally interest rate and foreign currency swaps and forward currency contracts as appropriate for risk management purposes only, for hedging transactions and managing the Group's assets and liabilities. It is the Group's policy not to enter into derivative transaction for speculative purposes.

Cash Management and Funding

The Group operates a central cash management system for all of its unlisted subsidiaries. Except for listed and certain overseas entities, the Group generally obtains long-term financing at the Group level to on-lend or contribute as equity to its subsidiaries and associates to meet their funding requirements and provide more cost-efficient financing. These borrowings include a range of capital market issues and bank borrowings, which change depending upon financial market conditions and projected interest rates. The Group regularly and closely monitors its overall net debt position and reviews its funding costs and maturity profile to facilitate refinancing.

Interest Rate Exposure

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 uses a combination of interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements to manage its long-term interest rate exposure and exposure to short-term interest rate volatility, respectively. The Group's main interest risk exposures relate to US dollar, Euro and HK dollar borrowings.

At 31 December 2005, approximately 53% of the Group's principal amount of borrowings were at floating rates and the remaining 47% were at fixed rates. The Group has entered into various interest rate agreements with major creditworthy financial institutions to swap approximately HK\$96,706 million principal amount of fixed interest rate borrowings to effectively become floating interest rate borrowings. In addition, HK\$7,838 million principal amount of floating interest rate borrowings was swapped to fixed interest rate borrowings. After taking into consideration these interest rate swaps, approximately 86% of the Group's principal amount of borrowings were at floating rates and the remaining 14% were at fixed rates at 31 December 2005.

Foreign Currency Exposure

For overseas subsidiaries and associates and other investments, which consist of non-HK dollar and non-US dollar assets, the Group generally endeavours to establish a natural hedge with an appropriate level of borrowings in those same currencies. For overseas businesses that are in the development phase, or where borrowings in the local currency are not attractive, the Group may not borrow in the local currency and instead monitor the development of the businesses' cashflow and the debt markets and, when appropriate, would expect to refinance these businesses with local currency borrowings. During the year, the HK dollar strengthened against the currencies of most of those countries where the Group has overseas operations. This gave rise to an unrealised charge of HK\$13,904 million (2004 - unrealised gain of HK\$7,983 million) on translation of these operations' net assets to the Group's HK dollar reporting currency, which was reflected as a movement in the Group's reserves. Exposure to movements in exchange rates on individual transactions directly related to the underlying businesses is minimised using forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps where active markets for the relevant currencies exist.

At 31 December 2005, the Group had entered into currency swap arrangements with banks to swap US dollar principal amount of borrowings equivalent to HK\$1,365 million to non-US dollar principal amount of borrowings to match currency exposures of the underlying businesses. The Group's borrowings after taking into consideration of these currency swaps is denominated as to 16% in HK dollars, 35% in US dollars, 3% in British pounds, 32% in Euros and 14% in others currencies.

Credit Exposure

The Group's holdings of cash, managed funds and other liquid investments expose the Group to credit risk of the counterparty. The Group controls its credit risk to non-performance by its counterparties through the setting of approved counterparty credit limits which are regularly reviewed and by monitoring their credit ratings.

Credit Profile

The Group aims to maintain a capital structure that is appropriate for long-term investment gradings of A3 on the Moody's Investor Service scale, A- on the Standard & Poor's Rating Services scale and A- on the Fitch Ratings scale. Actual credit ratings may depart from these levels from time to time due to economic circumstances. At 31 December 2005, our long-term credit ratings were A3 from Moody's, A- from Standard & Poor's and A- from Fitch.

LIQUID ASSETS

The Group continues to have a strong financial position benefiting from both the steady and growing cash flow from its established businesses. Cash, liquid funds and other investments ("total liquid assets") on hand totalled HK\$110,386 million at 31 December 2005 (2004 - HK\$140,301 million). The year-on-year decrease in total liquid assets mainly reflects the repayment of a €2,465 million 3 Italia bank loan. Of the total liquid assets, 11% were denominated in HK dollars, 59% in US dollars, 2% in British pounds, 14% in Euros and 14% in other currencies.

Cash and cash equivalents represented 46% (2004 - 54%) of the total liquid assets, listed fixed income securities 42% (2004 - 36%), listed equity securities 9% (2004 - 7%) and long-term deposits 3% (2004 - 3%).

The listed fixed income securities, including those held under managed funds, comprise US treasury notes (48%), government issued guaranteed notes (23%), supranational notes (15%) and others (14%). More than 83% of the listed fixed income securities are rated at Aaa/AAA, with an average maturity of approximately 3.1 years on the overall portfolio.

CASH FLOW

Consolidated EBITDA before prepaid CACs amounted to HK\$73,292 million in 2005, a 24% increase from 2004, and funds from operations ("FFO"), before capital expenditure, investment in prepaid and postpaid CACs and changes in working capital amounted to HK\$25,293 million, a 54% increase. The increase is attributed to the continued strong financial performance of the Group's established businesses and more significantly, the impressive improvement in the 3 Group which reported a 123% improvement in EBITDA and 52% improvement in FFO. EBITDA and FFO from the Group's established businesses, excluding the 3 Group businesses continued to be strong, totalling HK\$71,467 million (2004 - HK\$66,942 million) and HK\$32,449 million (2004 - HK\$31,292 million) respectively.

In addition to funds from operations, the Group received cash considerations from the disposal of a 19.3% interest in HTIL and also, a 20% interest in HIT and 10% interest in COSCO-HIT, totalling HK\$17,310 million. The Group also received cash proceeds from the listing of the Australian electricity distribution businesses by CKI of approximately A\$2,200 million.

The Group's capital expenditures, excluding expenditures for properties under development and for sale, totalled HK\$26,968 million (2004 - HK\$34,090 million), of which HK\$14,051 million (2004 - HK\$21,428 million) related to the 3 Group. Capital expenditures for the ports and related services division amounted to HK\$4,951 million (2004 - HK\$4,654 million); for the property and hotels division HK\$226 million (2004 - HK\$794 million); for the retail division HK\$2,454 million (2004 - HK\$2,249 million); HK\$500 million (2004 - HK\$181 million) for the energy, infrastructure, finance & investments and others division; and for HTIL HK\$4,824 million (2004 - HK\$4,876 million). The decrease in the 3 Group capital expenditures by 34% to HK\$14,051 million was mainly due the reduction in expenditures incurred for the build-out of the 3G networks, which are nearing completion.

The investment in customer acquisition costs totalled HK\$23,543 million (2004 - HK\$20,505 million), comprised of the capitalised 3 Group's postpaid CACs of HK\$12,099 million (2004 - HK\$12,082 million), and expensed as incurred the 3 Group's prepaid CACs of HK\$11,444 million (2004 - HK\$8,423 million).

The capital expenditures of the 3 Group businesses in Italy and Australia were primarily funded by financing facilities, whilst the Group's remaining capital expenditures in its other businesses and investments in customer acquisition costs were funded primarily from cash generated from operations, cash on hand and to the extent required, by borrowings.

During the year, the Group also expanded its established businesses through strategic acquisitions including the acquisition of Marionnaud for €534 million and The Perfume Shop for £222 million by the retail division and the purchase of a 40% interest in Northern Gas Networks in the UK by CKI. In addition, the Group also exercised its right to re-purchase from the minority shareholders of 3 UK their 35% interest for £210 million at a substantial discount to its net asset value and to the £2,100 million paid to the Group by the minority shareholders when they acquired these interests in 2000.

Debt Maturity and Currency Profile

The Group's total borrowings at 31 December 2005 were HK\$264,911 million (2004 - HK\$282,993 million). The decrease in borrowings was mainly due to the repayment of a 3 Italia loan of approximately €2,465 million. The Group's weighted average cost of debt during 2005 was 4.7% (2004 - 4.0%).

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The maturity profile of the Group's total borrowings after taking into consideration of foreign currency swaps at 31 December 2005 is set out below:

	HK\$	US\$	£	€	Others	Total
Within 1 year	4%	-	1%	4%	1%	10%
In 2007	3%	2%	-	-	1%	6%
In 2008	5%	-	-	3%	3%	11%
In 2009	2%	1%	-	7%	4%	14%
In 2010	2%	4%	-	5%	4%	15%
In years 6 to 10	-	20%	2%	13%	-	35%
In years 11 to 20	-	1%	-	-	-	1%
Beyond 20 years	-	7%	-	-	1%	8%
Total	16%	35%	3%	32%	14%	100%

The non-HK dollar and non-US dollar denominated loans are either directly related to the Group's businesses in the countries of the currencies concerned, or the loans are balanced by assets in the same currencies. None of the Group's borrowings, as a matter of policy, have credit rating triggers that would accelerate the maturity dates of the debt outstanding.

Changes in Financing

The significant financing activities in 2005 were as follows:

- In March, Partner issued seven-year, CPI linked New Israeli Shekels 2,000 million (approximately HK\$3,354 million) notes which bear an annual interest rate of 4.25% to finance the repurchase of its shares and to repay certain existing debts falling due;
- In May, HTIL secured a three-year, floating rate HK\$6,000 million senior secured credit facility, mainly to refinance existing loans and to fund the Hong Kong mobile operations;
- In June, issued ten-year, fixed rate €1,000 million (approximately HK\$9,360 million) notes to refinance existing indebtedness;
- In June, Hi3G Access AB obtained a five-year, floating rate SEK10,500 million (approximately HK\$10,500 million) term loan, to fund the 3G network operations in Sweden and Denmark;
- In July, obtained a five-year, floating rate HK\$5,000 million syndicated bank loan to refinance existing loans;
- In October, HTIL's Indian operation obtained two three-year syndicated bank loans aggregated to INR19,450 million (approximately HK\$3,432 million), to fund the Indian mobile operations;
- In November, HTIL secured a three-year, floating rate HK\$9,000 million senior secured revolving credit facility, mainly to refinance the existing HK\$8,000 million facility and to fund the existing operation; and
- In December, HTIL's Thailand operation arranged two one-year Baht denominated credit facilities: one THB9,500 million (approximately HK\$1,799 million) term loan facility and one THB8,000 million (approximately HK\$1,515 million) revolving and term loan facility, to refinance the existing loans.

Capital, Debt and Interest Coverage Ratios

The Group's total shareholders' funds decreased 3% to HK\$243,554 million at 31 December 2005 compared to HK\$251,171 million at the end of last year. The decrease in shareholders' funds mainly reflects the negative impact of exchange translation differences arising from the translation of the net assets of overseas businesses to HK dollars as mentioned above. The comparative 2004 amount has been restated to reflect the adoption of HKAS and HKFRS as explained in Note 1 to the accounts.

At 31 December 2005, net debt of the Group was HK\$154,525 million (2004 - HK\$142,692 million) and the net debt to net total capital ratio was 38% (2004 - 34%). The increased ratio mainly reflects the completion of the acquisition of a 40% interest in Northern Gas Networks by CKI and the acquisition of the Marionnaud and The Perfume Shop by the retail division. As a result, the net debt to net total capital ratio attributable to the established businesses rose to approximately 10% (31 December 2004 - 1%). The net debt to net total capital ratio attributable to the 3 Group businesses was 70% (31 December 2004 - 70%).

The Group's consolidated gross interest expense and finance costs before capitalisation for the year, including the 3 Group businesses, totalled HK\$15,984 million, compared to HK\$12,089 million last year. The gross interest expense and finance costs for established businesses increased by 49% to HK\$7,430 million, mainly due to the higher loan balance related to the Group's acquisitions, as well as higher effective interest rates in 2005. The gross interest expense and finance costs for the 3 Group were higher than last year by 21% to HK\$8,554 million, mainly due to higher loan balances as loan facilities were drawn to fund the operations in Italy and Australia and also a new loan of HK\$10,500 million to fund the 3G network operations in Sweden and Denmark.

Consolidated EBITDA and FFO before prepaid CACs, including the 3 Group losses, covered consolidated net interest expense and finance costs 6.5 times and 3.4 times respectively (2004 - 7.9 times and 3.3 times).

Secured Financing

At 31 December 2005, the shares of H3G S.p.A. owned by the Group were pledged as security for its project financing facilities. The assets of H3G S.p.A. amounted to approximately HK\$66,845 million (2004 - HK\$73,781 million). In addition, HK\$8,554 million (2004 - HK\$40,633 million) of the Group's assets were pledged as security for bank and other loans of the Group.

Borrowing Facilities Available

Committed borrowing facilities available to Group companies, but not drawn at 31 December 2005, amounted to the equivalent of HK\$4,007 million (2004 - HK\$33,656 million), of which HK\$2,628 million (2004 - HK\$17,400 million) related to the 3 Group.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2005, the Group provided guarantees for banking and other borrowing facilities granted to associated companies and jointly controlled entities of HK\$15,125 million (2004 - HK\$7,442 million), and provided performance and other guarantees of HK\$6,165 million (2004 - HK\$5,994 million), primarily for the Group's telecommunications businesses.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's ordinary shares. In addition, the Company has not redeemed any of its ordinary shares during the year.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company strives to attain the highest standards of corporate governance. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company, which are modelled upon the provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and adopted by the Company are posted on the website of the Company. Throughout the year, the Company is fully compliant with all code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in the Listing Rules.

In addition, the Board of the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in the Listing Rules and all Directors have confirmed that throughout 2005, they have complied with the provisions of such Model Code.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary companies for the year ended 31 December 2005 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and audited by the Company's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers. The unqualified auditors' report will be included in the Annual Report to shareholders.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 18 May 2006. Notice of the Annual General Meeting will be published and issued to shareholders in due course.

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors of the Company are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Li Ka-shing (*Chairman*)
Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor (*Deputy Chairman*)
Mr. FOK Kin-ning, Canning
Mrs. CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan
Mr. Frank John SIXT
Mr. LAI Kai Ming, Dominic
Mr. KAM Hing Lam

Independent Non-executive Directors:

The Hon. Sir Michael David KADOORIE
Mr. Holger KLUGE
Mr. William Elkin MOCATTA
(*Alternate to The Hon. Sir Michael David Kadoorie*)
Mr. Simon MURRAY
Mr. OR Ching Fai, Raymond
Mr. WONG Chung Hin
(*Also alternate to Mr. Simon Murray*)

Non-executive Directors:

Mr. George Colin MAGNUS
Mr. William SHURNIAK