

Consolidated cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 December 2000

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	Note	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	26(a)	1,816,516	1,499,575
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		122,519	91,646
Interest paid		(185,048)	(144,117)
Dividends paid		(565,095)	(468,222)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(627,624)	(520,693)
Taxation			
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(90,614)	(179,689)
Investing activities			
Payment for purchase of fixed assets		(970,827)	(545,337)
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		2,913	4,989
Payment for purchase of investment in securities		(6,960)	(125,610)
Proceeds from sale of investment in securities		100,920	28,000
Decrease/(increase) in deposits with banks		103,500	(224,000)
Capital repayment from jointly controlled entity		4,071	5,090
Payment for purchase of subsidiaries	26(c)	(29,952)	(10,399)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(796,335)	(867,267)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		301,943	(68,074)
Financing			
New bank loans	26(d)	1,055,415	1,204,000
Repayment of bank loans	26(d)	(771,036)	(889,407)
Payment for obligations under hire purchase contracts	26(d)	-	(6,401)
Repayment to minority shareholders	26(d)	(2,399)	(390)
Net cash inflow from financing		281,980	307,802
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		583,923	239,728
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		1,485,793	1,246,636
Effect of foreign exchange rates		(111)	(571)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	26(e)	2,069,605	1,485,793

The notes on pages 80 to 100 form part of these accounts.